

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, April 13, 2015

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

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Thomas Vaughn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Roll call please.

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

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

CLWN MARINCIC: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes from Monday, March 23, 2015 as presented.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Clwn Marincic to accept the Minutes as presented, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none, we'll move on to the Mayor.

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Chairman, at this time I would like to take Resolution 4 out of order and present it on the floor at this time.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion by Mr. Vaughn to take Resolution 4-2015 and put it on the floor at this time, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: It will go on the agenda as of now. Mayor, do you have something that you wanted to say before?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At the last Council Meeting I went over these same remarks, but I wanted to do it again with the Tomola family present. Back in 2009 the City of Garfield Heights as we all know, went into fiscal emergency. At that time we were \$3.5 million in the red. During that time after went into fiscal emergency we fell back another \$1.5 million because of the budget that was put together by Governor Kasich. We were really in serious trouble and everybody, this Council, the Administration and the employees, the

residents of Garfield Heights, really did their part to pull us out. But nobody did more than one guy and that was Ron Tomola. Ron Tomola the Finance Director. Without him we'd still be in fiscal emergency today and there's no doubt in my mind. I'm not just saying that. I'm being very honest. He single handedly pulled this thing out. He made it happen. He certainly steered the ship in the right direction. I can never forget him for that, nor can the residents of Garfield Heights for his accomplishments.

We're going to talk a little bit in the resolution for Ron about some of his accomplishments, about his family, but I wanted to give a couple personal notes. When I became Mayor and we had these fiscal problems and Ron was doing everything he could possibly do to save money and I as a new Mayor was doing everything I could to spend money we sort of had our moments and I could tell you that every time I walked in Ron's office Ron would tell me No. I didn't even ask for the money yet and Barb can attest to it. Ron would say No. It got to a point where I just walked in the door before I even entered his office he would yell No, we got no money. Ron was an asset to the city that will never be replaced. He did a great job. He was a good friend. Ron's dad and mom was very good friends of my wife and I for many years. Ron and I go back a long way. I knew him when he was just a young boy. You can really be proud. I'm sorry for what happened. We are all sorry for the outcome with Ron. We were certainly expecting better things, but I can tell you that the family can certainly be proud and we're going to miss him. With that I want to turn it back over to Joe.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. We'll start with Resolution 4-2015. Would the Clerk please read the title?

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2015

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS HONORING THE MEMORY OF RONALD TOMOLA AND EXTENDING SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Moved by VAUGHN to READ IN ITS ENTIRETY:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Would the Clerk read Resolution 04-2015 in its entirety.

(The Clerk read Resolution 04-2015 in its entirety.)

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, again my sincere sympathies to the Tomola family. I enjoyed working with Ron here at the city as well as at St. Monica's through Cub Scouts. He will truly be missed. With that I vote yes.

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, I'd like to say he's definitely going to be missed and like I said once before he was one of the most honest people who dealt with money that I'd ever known in my life. No matter what question you asked him, like I told the Mayor, he worked at the Mayor's leisure, but he would never ever tell me something wrong and if I was running late from work,

which I usually run late from work, he would wait for me. It would be like 5:25 or something and I'd get to the building and if he said he was going to be here Ron was always here. I loved the guy. He was a good fellow and I know definitely you're all going to miss him, but we are going to miss him too. My deepest condolences to the family. I vote Yes, Mr. Chairman.

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote I'd just like to say that I've been friends with Ron for a long time. I graduated from high school with Ron and I watched him in our community being promoted time and time again because of the person that he was and the hard work he put in. Ron had the hobby that most of you probably don't know about. He drew people to him. He had a flair about him. People wanted to talk to Ron. They wanted to be around him and they wanted his advice. Most of us can pray we have that skill in our life. It came naturally to Ron. It was a God-given talent. I will miss him horribly and what he did for our city was remarkable. My condolences to his children and to his wife. I vote Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Yes, before I vote, I'd like to say that we are going to miss Ron. He always explained. He never questioned you. He never called you what's wrong with you? He explained as if you were asking him to explain mathematics. He'd go into detail. Sometimes you had to tell him to stop. We didn't need that much information. His door was always open and he answered any questions. I'm going to miss him as the family will also. He was an asset to Garfield. I vote Yes.

CLMN GLENN: My condolences to the Tomola family. Cindy, my deepest regrets. Ron was the kind of a guy that could make friends very easily. Anytime I had questions on any financial questions I always called Ron and he would give me an honest, sincere Yes or No. Mostly No. Walk into Ron's office. Door was always open. He would say come on in, Gene. What was on your mind? Sit down for about a half hour and he would explain finances to me. Things of finance I don't always understand, but Ron made it clear to me so I understood what he was talking about. He will be deeply missed. Thank you. I vote Yes.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Before I vote I would just like to offer my condolences again to the Tomola family and I don't think you can actually say how much we're really going to miss Ron because of the amount of time that he put in in the city. He was here early in the morning; stayed late at night and he did one fantastic job as everybody has been saying as far as helping us get out of fiscal emergency. When you went up to talk to him you had to either put up with one of two things. Either he was shuffling cards or he was twirling his pen between his fingers the whole time that you talked to him. That's when you knew he was in a good mood. So again I would just like to offer my condolences to Cindy and the family and I vote Yes.

CLMN BURKE: I would also like to offer my condolences to the family. I only got to know Ron about a year and a half ago and I remember the first time I sat down with him. He was always in a good mood and I would be lost because he'd give me a thick report and I would be sitting there looking at it and trying to make heads or tails of it. No matter what I asked him he always had a good answer, a rational answer for everything. My only regret for me is that I wish I had known the man a little longer or a lot longer than I got to know him. I will tell you that I've never met a man that would sit there and talk about the finances of Garfield Heights and then turn around and talk about how proud he was of his family and his children. I really admired him for that. Again my condolences go out to you, my sympathies and I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 04-2015 passes with 7 Yes votes. Mayor, did you have?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Yes, Mr. Chairman, can I ask the Tomola family to please come up?

(The Tomola family came forward and the Mayor presented a framed copy of the resolution to them.)

Cindy, Mr. Tomola's sister. On behalf of Cindy and the kids and all of our family we want to thank everybody here for everything they did for Ron these last four months. Every time we would go for a session down at UH he would talk nothing but good things about everybody here. How wonderful you all were to him and how he was so lucky to be a part of this. So I just wanted to let you know that. He will be very missed by everybody. He was a wonderful man and I just wanted you to know what he really thought of you guys. He loved all of you. So thank you again.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We'll go into the report of the Mayor and his Directors. Mayor, do you have a report for us this evening?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Yes, Mr. Suster, I do. Thank you. First off I want to talk a little bit about the Walkway of Recognition bricks. This is something that we got into a project last year. The deadline to purchase these bricks is Friday April 17th. This is a great thing. What it's going to add to this is that this year we are asking for donations. We've already received some about the 911 memorial. We're planning on putting a 911 memorial up through donations through businesses at the fire station right next to the memorial that we have up there right now. We have the city flags there. So buying a brick would be great because as many people visit the site and so contact Pat Salemi if you are interested in purchasing a brick. They cost \$40.00 or \$65.00 depending on what you have put on the brick.

The next thing I wanted to talk about is really very exciting. There was a Demolition Fund that the County got involved with. It was offered to all the communities--\$50 million. The most any community can get in the first phase was \$1 million. Out of the 59 communities this was available to 20 communities received demo money and I want to tell you to receive this money it just wasn't a matter of calling up and saying we would like some money sent to us. We had to really work hard at this and I want to congratulate Bill Wervey's department, Noreen Kuban's department because they did this. They put in every house. They put in about 100 houses. They had to do a lot of paperwork. They had to run downtown to the County to meet deadlines. This was a very tedious job, but it was rewarded well and just to give you an idea of some of the communities that received money I'm going to read the list. Bedford received \$425,000.00, Bedford Heights \$405,000.00, Berea \$300,000.00, Brook Park \$380,000.00, the city of Cleveland \$992,000.00, Cleveland Heights \$556,000.00, East Cleveland received \$1 million, Euclid received \$1 million, the city of Garfield Heights \$930,000.00, Lakewood, \$200,000.00, Maple Heights \$908,000.00, Newburgh Heights \$525,000.00, Oakwood \$204,000.00, Olmsted Falls \$25,000.00, Parma \$116,000.00, Richmond Heights \$100,000.00, Rocky River \$304,000.00, Shaker Heights \$885,000.00, South Euclid \$400,000.00 and Warrensville Heights \$389,500.00. We were the 4th largest money grant recipient and this is huge. This is going to bring down some eyesores in the city of Garfield Heights that needed to come down for a long time because of the finances of the city we certainly could have never done this. Thank you to Ed Fitzgerald for starting the program, but certainly for Armand Budish for following through on it. I want you to know that Pernell Jones, the Councilman for Garfield Heights, worked very tedious. There were some doubts whether this was going to happen or not. He worked very

hard on our behalf and I want to thank him for that also. This is great news for the city of Garfield Heights and hopefully we should start seeing some of these homes coming down pretty quickly. Thanks very much for all the effort.

Next I want to talk a little bit about our resurfacing programs and about the famous word potholes. I want to read you an article that was written about the city of Garfield Heights. It says,

Put away the snow shovels, snow blowers, boots and mittens. Spring is here so the weatherman says. City service departments all over the State are mothballing their snow plows and salt bins, but don't think that those men who did combat with the snow all winter have nothing more to do since their enemy has melted away. Now we have to fix all the damage left behind by the cold winter. Director Alex Picarchek of the Service Department is responsible for 84 miles of road plus maintenance of all city-owned property. It gets like a vicious circle. We salt and plow the roads to make them passable in the winter and in the spring they become impassible due to chuckholes and cracks.

This article could have been written today. It was actually written on Thursday, March 30, 1978. Things haven't changed a whole lot and there was an article that was done in the Southeast Sun about Garfield Heights. So I just wanted to bring it up. We all understand potholes. We do it every year, but this year we've got some added features to help with it. Last year we fell behind. We brought some people in late to get this thing going. This year we got a head start and it would be really great if the asphalt plants would cooperate a little bit. Last week they were only opened one day so we got one day out of five. We're at their mercy. We can't get hot patch unless they're open, but we have four crews out there. Today they were on Turney Road and some other places, but I know they're hitting Turney Road very hard before the construction meets up because the construction causes even more problems.

We are looking at, as this was reported by Dave Krock, 11 streets to be resurfaced in the next two years at no cost to the city. This is County money. Right now Assistant Finance Director Barb Biro has been in contact with the bank. We're working on some funding options. We're hoping to be able to do an additional 25 streets to those 11 which would put it at about 36. We've gotten bids on these streets. We're waiting for the answer from the bank. As soon as we get this going we'll have Engineer Dave Krock go out for bids and we're going to do some work in Garfield Heights. That is also thanks to the effort of Ron Tomola who was able to put us in a position where we could go to the banks. I don't want to speak out of turn. If the bank says no, we can't give the money, we are going to do some things. It won't be as many streets but we'll be able to do some things. We're going to get some resurfacing done and I think we're certainly headed in the right direction. I'm glad to report that.

The other thing I wanted to talk about today was in cooperation with Ruth Pollack who is the head of our Resource Center the Police Department and Mr. O and the school board, in May they will be having a Gun Safety Program for all Garfield Heights 3rd Graders. They will be meeting with the 3rd Graders. There's going to be a police officer involved. There's going to be a teacher involved, also Ruth Pollack involved and they are going to talk to these 3rd Graders about the importance of gun safety. Of what to do when these guns are out. This program coincidentally we're reporting it tonight after what happened this week with that one year old, but this has been in the process for a few weeks now. Ruth has been trying to put this together. Mr. O has been very cooperative as he always is so we think that it's important. We want to do what we can to help the kids so that program will be getting together in the very near future in May.

With that said I want to move on to tonight's legislation. In ordinance 12-2015 we are asking that the Chief's assistant who right now is part-time becomes full time. The reason for that is that in the near future we will be having a new Chief and not real soon but in the near future and that job is demanding. It can no longer be done on a part-time basis so we are asking to make her full-time, Ordinance 13 is an ordinance that we want to apply for some fire equipment grant.

Resolution 4 is what we did with the Tomola family. Resolution 5 is a resolution congratulating Cuyahoga Valley Career Center for an investment in the robotics and advanced manufacturing technology education collaborative. Cuyahoga Valley Career Center does a great job and they do it not only for our city but many cities and we really congratulate them on this feat. Then Resolution 6. We are going to withdraw that. I think you are going to see that that one is withdrawn. There was a conflict of interest about the coach and the boys being able to come tonight. We are going to place that back on the next Council Meeting that is coming up on the 27th. We are going to bring them in and we are going to honor them for an unbelievable feat. You know that so often, too often we talk about how bad the youth are in Garfield, but we got a lot of positive things going on in Garfield Heights and we want to recognize these young men and young ladies that do a great job and there is more than that. The 27th we are going to be honoring quite a few young men and women that have done a great job for the city of Garfield Heights, so we are looking forward to that.

Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mayor. Are there any questions of the Mayor on his report? Are there any questions of the Mayor on his report? There being none, we will move on to the Assistant Law Director, Pat Cooney. Do you have a report for us this evening, Pat?

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR PAT COONEY: Mr. Chairman, no report.

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

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: Yes, thank you. Just a few things. Some of you might have heard there was a shooting and a robbery attempt on East 131st Street at the Open Pantry? A clerk was hit. Luckily, he wasn't hurt badly. He was released from the hospital in a day or so. I am happy to say that in spite of that it should have never happened to begin with the detectives made an arrest a few days later. They got on the case very quickly and did a search warrant and they got some evidence that they needed for the case. So that is one bad guy. We know there is no shortage, but we hope that is some sort of deterrent.

The other thing was like the Mayor spoke of, Ordinance 12. I, too, would ask for your support for that. That actually is a restoration of a full-time position. Until a few years ago that position was full-time. We had a couple officers lay off and as part of bringing the guy back from layoff we had to make some compromises and that was one of them. I could take all night and not say what Theresa does for the department as an individual so I certainly ask for your support there.

Last but not least I, too, would offer my condolences to the Tomola family.

With that you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of Chief on his report?

CLMN DUDLEY: I just want to say thank you. Thank you, Jesus, because I know that young man and I watched that young man before he was grown and even able to work in that store and he's one of the nicest kids you should ever meet. Thank you all so much for getting that individual off the street so quick. We appreciate it and you tell them we appreciate it, Chief. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any other questions of Chief on his report? There being none we'll move on to Service Director, Mark Sikon tonight, sitting in for Tim McLaughlin.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT FOREMAN MARK SIKON: Good evening. First we're going to talk about the Household Roundup, the dates. Again this year we're going for two times for two weeks. The first time will be May 4th through May 8th and May 11th to May 15th. The 16th of May we'll also do it from 8 - 12 and from 9 . 12 we'll be doing the Household Shredding. That's been real popular with the residents. We've had quite a few people come down for that. Then August 31st through September 4th we'll be doing it again, 7:30 . 3:00 at the Service Garage on McCracken. The following Monday is September 7th. That's Labor Day. We will not be doing it. We'll be closed. We will do it from the 8th to the 11th and then September 12th same as the other Saturday we'll do it from 8:00 . 12:00 the Round up and then 9:00 . 12:00 for the shredding of the people's personal papers.

Now to get back to what everybody's probably here about: patching of the streets. I know this is a sore subject with a lot of people. We only had five days of hot patch so far. We've been struggling with the weather. We did make some progress. We got Warner Road all the way done. Our part of Canal is done. Granger is done. We were on Turney Road today from Rockside to Maple Leaf. The curb lanes are done. The construction company's going that way. We have the Northbound lanes from Rockside to Maple Heights complete. The Southbound we'll finish tomorrow. Broadway we'll be getting to next. Johnson Parkway's about ¾ of the way done. We need to get through the mains and then we'll break off and we'll get into the secondaries and the side streets. We know it's bad. Everybody knows that. We're moving as fast as we can. The Mayor did hire some part-time people and authorized some overtime. Our regular workers will be working overtime when we can. We are at the mercy of the weather and the patch plants. So just be patient and bear with us. We know the roads are bad and we'll get there as fast as we can.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of Mr. Sikon on his report?

CLWN MARINCIC: When you say Household Roundup items would you inform those present what items fit into that?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT FOREMAN MARK SIKON: Yes that would be chemical, cleaners, solvents, varnishes, gasoline, fertilizers, everything but latex paint. We do not accept latex paint. If you have any questions on how to dispose of latex paint you can call us at the Service Garage and we'll explain how what you can do with your regular trash because that's non-toxic. Pretty much everything else but latex paint we will accept.

CLWN MARINCIC: Thank you. That's all I have.

CLMN DUDLEY: When it rained like Monday through Friday, not every day but I know we got an idea like an old guy for many a years patching this stuff and I know you don't want to be laying there patch wise raining all the time and you say it is a necessity you get overtime to get that done. I realize that. Do we turn around and trade one of those weekdays of using these

temp workers instead of having them come in on Thursday if it's raining and they're not going to be patching anyway? Because I seen them before just sweeping off the sidewalk, etc. and utilize them on a Saturday if it's going to be a sunny day to maybe catch up on the patching? Could we do that?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT FOREMAN MARK SIKON: What we're doing this year is when it rains they do not come in. We tell them not to come in. So they'll only be here when the patch is available. We did change that up a little bit from last year.

CLMN DUDLEY: All right. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any other questions? We'll move on to Parks and Recreation Director Bob Dobies.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Mr. President and Council Members, good evening. Our futsal indoor soccer ended last month. We want to congratulate all the futsal participants for completing another successful season. A big thanks goes out to our players, volunteer coaches, parents and staff along with the school district for letting us use their building to continue to make this a very popular program for the children of our city. The 2015 Divisional Champs were very easy this year: the Blasts in the Peewee Division, the Blasts in the Minor Division and the Blasts in the Major Division.

Our t-ball season began today with team practices at MetroParks. We can still take a few more participants and we'll still take registration if somebody forgot the deadline which was last Wednesday.

Little League has been taking signups. You may obtain applications at the Rec Center or go on their Website at www.ghbl.us. For those of you here that have interest there are some flyers and applications on the table over there.

You may also call Mr. Bob Merrick for any questions or further information at (216) 990-8386.

Second, the Little League, the Little League is having a meeting this evening as we speak. This is a Regular Board Membership Meeting. Tonight they will be deciding if there will be a Little League All Sports Parade this year. It is important to understand that this event is a Little League event. That the city helps the Little League in its endeavor but does not control the event. It is a concern because of the construction that is taking place on Turney Road that directly affects the parade route. This is a safety issue for all concerned. I was told they would be making a decision this evening. Please do not get disappointed if it does not come together this year. Again the decision will be made based on safety.

A reminder as the Recreation Department did the last few years, we will be closing the office during the first three weeks of May from May 1st through May 19th and reopen the office on May 20th so we may prep for the pool season. I want to dispel any rumors which fly every year since I introduced this portion of my department is that the offices of the Rec are open during this period and we handle daily business on a regular basis. We do not close as some think and do nothing. We have the pool, parks, ball field, etc. all to get ready for the season and being a slower period we take advantage of it. It's called productivity. The tentative pool opening date is Saturday June 13th. Girls softball signups continue this month and will run through Friday April 24th. Please call or check the Website for extended evening hours for signups.

A reminder that we will be hosting the 47th Annual Ice Show this weekend. Saturday April 18th at 7 p.m. and Sunday April 19th at 2:30 p.m. for a matinee. This year's theme will be Big Top Extravaganza, which features all of our figure skaters from our tots to advanced soloists displaying their talent and gracefulness that developed during all the hard work they put in this season. We are very fortunate to have this facility and dedicated coaches who spend countless hours developing our children's talents. I ask all to come out and enjoy the evening of our children performing. Tickets are available in advance or the day of the show. It's \$7.00 for adults; \$4.00 for youths and Seniors and two day passes are available also.

Last, as the weather has finally started to become warmer and correct me if I'm wrong, Bill, I don't want to speak for your department, has issued lawn maintenance letters for vacant homes that are within our city and posting of these properties have been done the past week and should be completed tomorrow, Tuesday the 14th. We'll start the grass season with 885 properties, which include vacant and Land Bank properties. If during the course of the season a property is recognized as not being taken care of, the property will be posted, become part of the master list, checked as we move through each Ward and if it's not cut we will cut it. Here's the important part. As we have explained over the last four years, if your house gets posted don't be offended and call to complain. These posted properties were developed off what the Building Department has recognized as vacant. If the status of the property has changed please make a call and one of the their members will take the information and enter it as newly occupied. This should solve the issue. No one wants to answer a call that has somebody yelling about a situation when it can be rectified by supplying new information about the property. Remember even if property gets posted if it is maintained there is not a problem. No grass cut by the city. No fees charged. Also remember if it's not maintained and continually we see it as not, we will be happy to cut it for the property owner and of course charge you for it.

Thank you. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of Mr. Dobies on his report? There being none we will move on to Acting Finance Director, Barb Biro.

ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to comment on Resolution 04-2015 honoring Ron Tomola. I would like to say that it was an honor and a pleasure to work for Ron Tomola. He taught the members of the Finance Department a lot. He shared the history of Garfield Heights, which we are using today to make sure that the finances are exactly where Ron wants them to be and we will honor Ron's memory by maintaining and following the Five Year Forecast. I would like to thank everyone for their patience and understanding during this hard time in our department. We're still mourning Ron's loss. It's hard walking in in the morning and not seeing him sitting at the desk, but no department will miss him more than myself, Laura and Judy who had the pleasure and the honor of working with Ron Tomola. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Does anybody have anything to ask of Barb on her report? There being none we'll move on to Dave Krock the City Engineer.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Thank you, Mr. President. We took bids last Thursday for the Multi-Street Reconstruction Project Phase I. It's for the waterline replacement and repaving of the following streets: York, Maple Leaf, Burleigh, Birchwood, East 85th and East 88th. So we're going to be going through a process here of reviewing and moving towards award of that project and if all goes well we should be under construction by late June. So that's my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of Mr. Krock on his report? There being none wed move on to Social Services Director Kathy Rush-Parssons. Do you have a report for us this evening?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS: I do. Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to report that the Senior Center held a bake sale before Easter and we made a profit of \$606.00 and in speaking about Ron Tomola he always appreciated when the Senior Center made their own money. So we did it for Ron and we baked. I even baked and we sold because when I could tell Ron we made some of our own money he was happy, so that was for Ron.

Also Curves on Turney held a Zumbathon and they raised \$400.00 in monetary donations for our monthly Food Pantry Program.

I also like to announce that the city has received a Harvest for Hunger Grant as of April 1st in the amount of \$301.00 which was money that was raised during the 2014 Harvest for Hunger campaign. So we have an additional \$301.00 that was put into our account at the Cleveland Food Bank. So we are always looking for ways to raise money. Several of the area businesses and organizations have always been very generous with the monthly Food Pantry because of course the cost of food is going up and the number of residents we serve is always increasing so I like to always be sure to thank organizations that contributed and also just to note the grant that we received from the Harvest for Hunger campaign.

That is my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of Kathy on her report? Are there any questions of Kathy on her report? There being none wed move on to Economic Development Director Noreen Kuban.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Just two reminders. I have announced this before but we are having Community Garden organizing meetings April 20th and 29th. Both meetings are at 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Second, this is our Third Annual River Sweep at the Johnson Mill Run. That will be held on Saturday May 9th, 9 a.m.. 12 p.m. Come prepared for all types of weather. The meeting place is at Arthur Johnston Park, which is south of 4478 Johnston Parkway.

I just wanted to make a comment about the Mayor's comments about the Demolition Fund. We did receive the full amount of our grant request. I know 22 communities applied. Only 20 were funded and I know people at other cities who applied for more and did not get their full funding award. So we are very pleased with that because we applied for \$930,000.00 and that's what we got. That is for 92 structures.

We also gotten a couple questions from residents so I passed this out. This is a list of properties that will be demolished, so we made copies for City Council. There are three properties that we own or maybe four that the city owns. So you can pass these out. If residents have questions they will have the information. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Are there any questions of Noreen on her report? There being none wed move on to our Building Commissioner Bill Wervey. Do you have a report for us this evening?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: When you go last and you the Mayor and Bob and Noreen gave all the information that I had, I have nothing.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Moving right along 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 would like to speak tonight on anything on tonight's agenda?

Tom Nellis, 10814 Penfield Avenue. First I have a question for the Mayor.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Excuse me. It has to be on tonight's agenda.

MR. NELLIS: It was. He made a comment and I forgot to put my hand up.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK.

MR. NELLIS: You said 11 streets and 25 more streets possible will get grants for paving? Is there a list of the 11 streets?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Yes.

MR. NELLIS: That's all I want to know. If I can find it on the Website, that's fine.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I have a copy of it here. I could show it to you after the meeting is over. I'm not sure if it's on the Website or not?

MR. NELLIS: OK. Very good. My next question is to the Service Department. I recall the pothole machine. I thought he talked about a pothole machine?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: He did, but that has nothing to do with tonight's legislation. You can come up later at the end of the meeting.

MR. NELLIS: OK. I do have a list of little things to talk about. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone that would like to talk about what's on the agenda this evening?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none we'll move on to Ordinances and Resolutions beginning with Ordinance 12-2015. Would the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2015

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS PLAN OF CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION OF NON-UNION PAY POSITIONS AS DETAILED IN ORDINANCE 45-2014 WITH REGARDS TO MAKING THE POLICE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION FULL-TIME, AND INCLUDING

ALL PREVIOUS AMENDMENTS PASSED BY COUNCIL DURING THE 2014 AND 2015 CALENDAR YEARS.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN NENADOVICH: Before I vote, as you all know anytime you call the Chief's office the Chief doesn't answer the phone. Theresa answers that phone and we got to have her there all the time because she always has answers that if the Chief doesn't, she does. It's another open door policy over the phone line, but it's very valuable to have her there full-time. I vote yes.

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, I wanted to say when people do call your office Chief she's been polite. I've met her and she's one of the most courteous individuals that you can find, you know and several people have made the call that have nice things to say about her, etc. I'm happy that she's there and I hope you all stay until I leave office, but with that, Mr. Chairman, I vote Yes. It's well deserved and people deserve somebody like that. Thank you.

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote, I'd like to say that Theresa definitely will do great in a full-time position. I'm not sure how the Chief has survived this long without having her there eight hours a day. She's not only friendly but she's very capable of doing this job and honestly, Chief, you could miss a lot of time. She'd be fine. I definitely vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 12-2015 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2015

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO MAKE APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S 2014 FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANT TO PURCHASE FIRE PREVENTION INVESTIGATION EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 13-2015 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2015

A RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING CUYAHOGA VALLEY CAREER CENTER FOR ITS INVESTMENT IN THE ROBOTICS AND ADVANCED MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION COLLABORATIVE.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLWN MARINCIC: Congratulations to Cuyahoga County Career Center. I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 05-2015 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?

Tom Nellis, 10814 Penfield Avenue. This is my first time at the meeting so you have to help me on this. I have some generic questions that maybe someone knows the answer to, but I have not submitted them in writing yet so I can't ask the questions? Is that the way it works?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Right. You had to talk to somebody about it.

MR. NELLIS: OK. Then I don't have any questions. I'll just talk and give them all in writing and come back and ask the questions?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: That would be fine.

MR. NELLIS: OK. Thanks.

CLMN GLENN: After the meeting I'll see you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Sluka.

Allen Sluka, 5640 Briarcliff Drive, School Board Treasurer. I am here to talk about our upcoming renewal levy and give Council the opportunity to hear firsthand what exactly the school board is looking for. Before I do that if you would indulge me for a couple minutes, I do want to say a few thank yous to the city? We've been working collaboratively with a bunch of city officials over the years I've been here and I just want to say I've never had the opportunity to thank them and I want to do that at this time. I want to thank Mr. Wervey for working with us closely in our building projects. I want to thank Mr. Sikon for working with us, helping us with some salt and calling in early in the morning checking on road conditions for our students. We really appreciate it. I want to thank Mr. Dobies. We work collaboratively together with the Rec Department to get our fields together for the summer teams, not just our teams. I want to thank the Chief for working together. We're looking to put a new communications system in and the Chief's been helping us out working collaboratively to do that. Mr. Vaughn talked about community and we think school and city is part of that community and working together to make this a better place to live. Growing up here you know that I want that just as much as anybody else.

The other thing I'd be remiss in saying is that I will truly miss Ron Tomola. We worked together for 10 years between the Finance Director and the Treasurer and we did a lot of collaboration together. I also grew up with Ron and I've known him for a long time. He will sorely be missed. My deepest condolences to the Tomola family. He was a great person to work with. Him and I could laugh a lot because we both had that no never vocabulary with no money so we got that together.

Moving forward--I know we're running out of time--the school board is looking for a renewal levy. We're combining two levies. This is a little bit different. We're combining two levies because what was happening is that we were going to have renewal levies for the next three years. This year, next year and the following year. So we wanted to combine this year and the next year. These levies have been renewed from the 1980s and 1990s. That's how long they've been on the roll. We just want to combine them and move forward. We've given you (and I am not going to read them) a talking sheet that we have and a frequently asked questions about these levies. We're looking to stabilize our finances going into the future. The renewal levy, as everyone knows, is no increase in taxes. Once again these levies have been in place since the 1980s and 1990s. What we're looking to do is combine these and then move forward. If we can get these passed this May we have a financial foundation well into the future and this will stabilize it because as we know and the Mayor knows most of our funding comes from the State. Our State budget for even the locals and the schools is only two years so we don't know where that financing is coming in the future. So if we can get this in place and stabilize it for the upcoming years I think this sets well into the fiscal foundation of the school district and that's really what we're asking the community to do is just say yes, let's establish that foundation and then moving forward depending on where funding comes from in the future but we know we have that base and that's what the school is looking for. I come to the City Council just so you have first hand the information and we were coming as a partner in this community to keep it financially stable for the schools but also to keep the community financially stable because we work together to move this city forward. Thank you very much for your time.

CLMN DUDLEY: Since I got you, Mr. Sluka, I want to say thank you because what a lot of people don't know is that when I come to them on short notices like needing a facility for the African-American Heritage Program on a very short notice one year they never hesitated; they never turned me down. When I needed uniforms for a play the coaches never turned me down. They always gave me the uniforms. A lot of people don't know that small things like that go on in the community. So before I don't forget, I thank you and I thank the school for doing that

because you all have made the facility available to us for programs. We thank you for that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CLWN MARINCIC: I have one question, Mr. Sluka. You said these were renewals to the levies that were up. When they came up before, were they always renewed for 10 years?

MR. SLUKA: No, this is a new law. Usually we renewed for five. We're asking for 10 because we want to establish this now and not coming back in the future. The State law just changed. It's allowing now the renewal to go out 10. Before that it was only five. If we can get this in place it not only sets up me, it sets up future generations for having at least that base funding in place for our students.

CLWN MARINCIC: Thank you. That's all I have Mr. Chairman.

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Sluka, what type of campaign will you be having in the community?

MR. SLUKA: We're doing mailers to the community. We're going to do a literature drop the last I think Saturday in April and we're also going to have signs up in the yards. We have a Website going [citizensforGarfieldHeights](#) that gives the facts and we're going to be going out to different organizations and anybody that wants us to come talk to them about this we'll be out in the community.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you.

MR. SLUKA: You're welcome.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anybody else?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, I just wanted to say that when these levies in the past coming from the residents of Garfield Heights the question that was always asked was how is the school doing? There's always been that doubt about how the school is doing. I can tell you I had an opportunity to work with the Administration here under Mr. O and what a transformation I've seen myself. They are doing a great job with the kids. I really think these are great for the community. I'm impressed with how you've advanced in the last few years and this renewal is a great thing for the school. I endorse it 100%. I think especially because it's at no extra cost to the residents. I hope the residents can understand that also. We have young men and young ladies at school that we can really be proud of. The few that get in trouble are no more no less than got in trouble in 1965 when I went to Garfield Heights High School. Believe me, you guys are doing a great job and I'm proud to endorse it. Thank you.

MR. SLUKA: If I could add one more thing, Mr. Vaughn, I would ask that anybody that has any questions on the levy that our door is always open, They can call, e-mail anything to get the answers that they need if they have some questions about it. Thank you.

Terry Olszewski, Superintendent of Garfield Heights Schools. As the Mayor said, we are doing some really good things. We wanted to make sure that people understood that and knew those. We put together something that's called a Quality Profile. You're the first people to be able to see this Quality Profile. I want you to look through it. There are five main topics. One is academics, arts, student activities, fiscal stewardship and community partnership and student services. You could take a look at these. This really highlights the wonderful things that our

young people are doing from the high school and all the way down to our little ones in the elementary schools.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. Moving right along is there anyone else that would like to speak this evening?

Kathryn Campbell, 4964 East 88th Street. I'm not sure if I'm allowed to say this but I have questions about the demolition. I just learned about it yesterday. The house next door to me, thank God, is supposed to be demolished, but it's a unique property. It has a retaining wall that goes the length of 100 foot and it goes the length of our property and that retaining wall goes like this so I'm concerned about who's responsible to take care of it? Like if you demolish the house, who's going to take care of the walls?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: You'd have to check with Mr. Wervey on that.

MS. CAMPBELL: Let me just tell you and then you can get back to me. I'm concerned about that and I imagine there's quite a few critters inside that house because the basement's open. Do they fumigate it? Because I don't want them in mine. Bulldozer comes and it's going to scare the animals/critters and they're going to come next door. I don't really want that. So I don't know how that works? If they don't fumigate it, can I? Because I'd rather pay for it to be fumigated when it's there instead of in my house. Who owns the property then? Once it's demolished?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Let me go backward. The vast majority of these houses we do not own nor does the Land Bank own. There's a few that the city of Garfield Heights or the County Land Bank owns. These houses are going to be demolished under the city's authority and ability to condemn and demand that property owners demolish something. If they don't do it we can abate that nuisance condition. They most likely are not going to do any fumigation. I don't know this house specifically, but in general people have more worry and concern about that than is merited. You don't knock these houses down and 1,000 raccoons come flying out, etc. I don't know this particular house.

Your retaining wall will be addressed at the time of the demolition. If you want to give me a call I could come out and meet you here and give you an idea of what's going to happen, but it would depend on who owns it, whose property the retaining wall is on and there's a lot of compromises. The Land Bank just took down a house I believe in Mr. Nenadovich's Ward where there was a small retaining wall and it basically got assessed while it was being knocked down. We talked amongst ourselves: the property owners, the Land Bank, myself, the Councilman and we came to a compromise. It would be hard to answer right now, but I'd be glad to visit you there.

MS. CAMPBELL: OK. That retaining wall's huge. It's retaining her property and there's part of it have to be 12 feet or higher. My yard goes downhill and her yard is level.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Most likely that will require special attention and it may get tiered or removed and graded out two to one, etc. It will get assessed when the time comes.

MS. CAMPBELL: OK. I'd call you and you can maybe come out and take a look. Not only that. She has like an L-shaped retaining wall so there's the whole length of my property which is 100 feet and then on the back of her property it's already blown out. Like a mess.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: A lot of time retaining walls get to be 75/80 years old and in some cases weren't built very well when they were built.

MS. CAMPBELL: There's parts of it that's in beautiful shape. It's like 20 years old and it's when they poured her driveway.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: You can call me and I'd take a look.

MS. CAMPBELL: Gene, who owns the property then?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: You can go over there when you talk to him about it.

MS. CAMPBELL: OK. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Moving right along is there anyone else that would like to speak this evening?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none, we'll start with Miscellaneous Business beginning with Clmn Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. Mayor, I have a question for you. This is a good time now to ask the question with people from the schools here. I read in the paper last week where Bedford was doing a joint venture between the schools and the community to go out and pick up trash. As you drive along it's nobody's fault, but the severe winter we had. What do you think of us getting a program like that going together the next couple weeks where you get people from the community and kids from the schools, especially students because they are a good labor force and we go out and we pick up some of the trash? Especially along the major roads?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I think it would be a good idea. We do have a plan in place--the Core Community Service. They're going to be working on a lot of the debris that's out there but it doesn't hurt to have more hands.

CLMN VAUGHN: So we can look into it?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I'd touch base with you this week.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you. Again, tonight we paid our respects to Ron Tomola. He will truly be missed. But you know, Barb, I think you're going to be an excellent asset sitting over there. You're better looking than Ron so I'm glad you're here. I think you will do a fine job.

ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO: Thank you, Clmn Vaughn. What I was unable to say earlier, if there's one thing Ron Tomola taught me it is the word No. Please feel free to ask the Directors because some of them have already heard that.

CLMN VAUGHN: OK.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, I know this is a little bit out of line, but I wanted to add to that, piggyback on that, that I can honestly tell you that when I talked to Barb and I talked to

her about funding she's very nice to me, she talks to me so respectful, but at the end of the conversation it's No. So she has learned well.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Vaughn, do you have anything else?

CLMN VAUGHN: Our Block Watch will be the last Thursday of this month. We're still looking for a speaker so go to the community Website, newspaper and St. Monica bulletin. We'll be publishing it there. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: To go back to what you were asking him about using the kids from the school. Mr. Cooney, what would be our liability with that?

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR PAT COONEY: They're students. I don't think there's any control that the city could have over them to direct them for work.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: What I'm trying to get at is say, these kids were out helping us and somebody got hurt? What's our liability?

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR PAT COONEY: If it's a volunteer project I don't think the city would have any liability, but if they're working for the city it would be different.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: First of all, Chief, you know you're not going to retire before I leave city government. We already said that. You're going to stay with us. I say honestly I don't want to hear the Mayor talk about you retiring no more because I tell you you done a great job and you bridge the gap in the city between some of the people in law enforcement like I've never seen before. In all honesty, you have. I don't want to see that lost.

Another thing I wanted to mention, too. It's getting hot out here and like Nellie they say the song's getting hot out here, etc., but people you got to watch curfew. You make your children respect the curfews. No reason for the young kids to be out there late at night and we wasting our resources on policing the children. More so, it's a safety issue. It's about the young lady 13 years old I should never see outside if I happen to be at the corner store at 11:00 having a basketball conversation or something like that. For your children's sakes keep them in and respect the curfew.

The sidewalks are clear. There's no snow on the sidewalks so keep your babies off the street for their safety. Have them walk. Once again we shouldn't waste our law enforcement resources stopping and asking them to move off the street. This is a safety issue. You love your children. Keep your children off the street. I raised nine kids in this community and they never played in the street. They never hung out in front of the stores on the corner. Not everything is loitering. There's nothing wrong with young people going to the store and I like that patronizing the businesses, but you know you don't want to form the habit of blocking the bus stops so the Seniors can't sit down or the people want to ride on the bus. Most of all I tell you sometimes when your children leave home get in the car. Don't be nosy, but take a little ride through the neighborhood to see where your kids are going and see where they're hanging out. You'd be surprised you can police up your kids yourself. I learned that from raising nine kids in this community.

Also I cleared it up quick tonight. I'm not going to go into nothing else because it was Ron's night and I'm going to miss that guy. He did tell me Yes sometimes.

That's going to be it for tonight, Mr. Chairman. Like I said, respect the curfew and keep your children off the street. Take care.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Mrs. Marincic.

CLWN MARINCIC: Thank you. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Noreen Kuban, Bill Wervey, Mayor Collova and anybody who played a part in getting us that fantastic \$900,000.00 and even Ed Fitzgerald and Pernell Jones because I know they played a big part in this.

Lastly regarding Ron, Barb, I'm sure you heard it. Anytime I would walk into the Finance Department and Ron would hear my voice he would say who forgot to lock the door? Marincic's here. I'm going to miss that. Could you practice it once or twice? That was our Ron and that's all I have tonight.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you. Bill, Noreen, thanks for the hard work you guys did. All the people that were involved. Vic, I know you had a lot to do with it, too, so I appreciate the efforts. We see the results in my Ward. I see it a lot and so do my residents now.

Also I'd like to mention that in respect to the Food Bank, Kiwanis is having an Empty Bowl Project April 23rd and the schools are graciously letting us use the cafeteria at the high school at no charge. The schools ceramic--they made the bowls for this project--over 200 bowls. It was part of the admission. You get soup, salad, breadsticks, coffee and water and the money goes to the Food Bank and at the end of the dinner you get to pick out one of these bowls which is in the price. They're handmade, handcrafted. Some of the members of Kiwanis also made them. I believe our First Lady was there and a few other people that are Kiwanis members. They did a little bit of artwork too. Again last year they collected \$6,000.00 for the Food Banks. Kathy, there's what? Five in the city? Four or five Food Banks?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS: Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: That gets divvied up that way. Tickets are \$10.00 and they are available through Kiwanis members, I being one of them.

Also, my last thing is, we're almost there to 4,200 people. Our boys got to come home. There are 4,185 killed in action since this conflict began. I call it a war. Keep them in your prayers. Make sure they come home. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, President. I want to start off saying thank you to everybody involved, the Mayor, Council, Bill Wervey, Noreen Kuban, for getting this grant money.

We had the County Pernell Jones at our Block Watch. We had great attendance there. He gave a good explanation on the process.

The city is going through a renovation. We got construction on Turney. We had construction on Rockside. We are going to have a street going through. It's being held up right now. The future projects: Rockside, Granger Road, Rockside is going to be coming so we have a lot of things to look forward to with new streets being repaved, too.

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. One thing I'd like to mention is that next Monday evening at 6:30 p.m. here in the Caucus Room we will have our first Finance Meeting with Barb and we put this off for a little while for all the things that were going on we didn't have a chance to have a couple Finance Meetings. So we'd get caught up on that. Everybody's invited. Anybody that would like to show up is more than welcome.

That's all I have this evening. Mr. Burke.

CLMN BURKE: Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, would like to say thank you to the Mayor, Noreen and Bill and the whole department that worked on getting that grant money. I'm excited to find out. I do have a question. When can we start expecting some of these houses to come down?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: It's still a couple months.

CLMN BURKE: OK. Because I know somebody's going to ask me.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: There's still a lot to be done. There's follow up letters; warrants for every house so they can do asbestos and lead evaluations. There's still a lot to go.

CLMN BURKE: Got you. I would like to say you know, I witnessed some of that Service workers out there on Turney today actually filling some of the potholes. People, you got to slow down because I almost witnessed one guy. I don't know who you had on Turney and Hathaway, but he almost got hit today. Just got to watch and slow down. Let these guys do their job.

I want to remind the residents of Ward 6 that you don't put your garbage cans out until after 6:00 p.m. Right now's the time where I know it just changed one month to the next and the Daylight Savings changed, but you can get cited for putting your trash can out there. If you're going to put something big out there (I just threw out a couch and I called the number on my trash bin to tell them I was putting out a couch, couldn't get a hold of anybody, just left them a message figuring the next morning because there's usually only one guy in the truck, that I'd get up and help him) well when I got up the couch was already gone and that gentleman hadn't been by yet. It was because they sent somebody out to take away that couch and chair so just call the number on your can.

Then I wanted to remind everybody about my Community Awareness Meetings. They're always the second Wednesday of the month. The reason why I bring this up is because I have been putting these meetings on for about a year and a half or so. We had some incidents in Ward 6 and I was tagged on a Face book post about we should put together a meeting and I thought wow, I've been doing this like a year and a half, a meeting every month just about and this person didn't know about it so after I told her that she's like wow, I'd help you promote it. Then I started to think about it. I said you don't have to be from Ward 6 to come to a Ward 6 Community Awareness Meeting. You could be from Ward 6 and go to Ward 7 or Ward 4 or

Ward 3 community block watch meetings. We talk about the same type things in this meeting. So a lot of people say I can't make it on a Wednesday night because I got to work late. Guess what? You can come on a Thursday night when Mr. Vaughn has his meetings or when Mr. Nenadovich has a meeting or a Tuesday night when Mr. Glenn has a meeting or so. Everybody, the Mayor, the Chief of Police, they make themselves available at these meetings and please attend them. We try to put these things on. We bring speakers in and nothing is more disheartening as when you bring a speaker like Pernell Jones and there's only a few people there. We had a pretty good turnout the last time.

I want to talk about some of the things with the schools. Mr. O I think this is a fabulous thing this Quality Profile. I think this is fabulous. I don't know if you know this, but Coach Sonny Johnson he texts me a lot during the basketball season. We hear about some of the bad things with these kids. We hardly ever hear that we had a winning football team that made it to the playoffs this year. We had a winning basketball team that made it to the final four. I went down and saw that game. It was exciting. I believe Mr. Glenn was down there, too. But I got a text message the other day from Coach Johnson that he got offered a better job at another community. I just read one of the things that he actually said here that just basically I had to pull over because it was emotional. He said,

Nothing is more rewarding than working and giving back the Garfield Heights community.

We need more and more people to say stuff like that. More and more leaders in this community to say that. I believe Ron Tomola was one of those type of people so I'd like to applaud that and say thank you to those folks that give a lot of effort to this community and very rarely do they get any kind of recognition for it. I hear a lot of things sometimes about Sonny Johnson that maybe he probably hears it and maybe they don't like him, but I have to say he's actually done a great job with some of the kids and you can't argue with the results. So having said that, that's all I have.

I would like to make a motion to adjourn.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Before you make your motion, please. The next regular Council Meeting will be Monday April 27th here in the Council Chambers. Now if you would like to make your motion?

CLMN BURKE: I would like to make a motion that we adjourn.

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:25 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Joseph Suster
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council