

# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

## CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, April 14, 2014

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

**INVOCATION BY:** Clmn Michael Dudley, Sr.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Roll call please.

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

**EXCUSED:** Glenn

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion to excuse Clmn Glenn.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** There is a motion on the floor to excuse Clmn Glenn. All in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

ABSENT: Glenn

It passes with 6 Yes votes.

### **READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** The reading and disposal of the Minutes of March 24th.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes from March 24, 2014 as submitted.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On the motion by Mrs. Marincic, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

ABSENT: Glenn

That passes with 6 Yes votes.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:** None.

**LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE:** None.

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

### **REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:**

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I do. Thank you. First off I want to get started on the most popular subject in the city of Garfield Heights for the last couple weeks: potholes. I want to thank all my fans that have sent me letters about the potholes on our streets and thank you for the wonderful phone messages that you have left me. I have certainly listened to each

and every one of them and I understand what your concerns are. Let me explain to you what's happening. First off, we are taking an aggressive approach to the potholes. On tonight's legislation Council will be voting on we're going to add six people part-time laborers to do nothing but throw patch. We are renting two pieces of equipment and we're going to hit the streets hard with five and six crews every day as long as weather is permitting and of course that's the key. The original plan was to start tomorrow. That was prior to us knowing that it was going to snow again tomorrow. The weather has really been hampering us. You can't put patch out when it's raining and you certainly can't put it out when it's snowing. You can't even get the patch. I think Timmy McLaughlin told me earlier today that they have been able to patch five days so far since the plant opened because of the weather. We have 80 miles of road in Garfield Heights and most of those roads are very bad. They are very bad. We know that. I know Thraves is bad. I know York is bad and I know every street you name it, it's bad so when you call me and tell me you have a pothole on your street I know it's bad and I do really. We have 80 miles. Right now we're working on the mains. Once we get these extra crews in we're going to hit the streets as hard as we can. We're going to try to get the worst streets first but it's hard to pick what street is the worst because they are all bad. I know it's asking a lot and you have to have patience because 80 miles of road. You know how long 80 miles is? Think about stopping every five feet and putting patch in a hole and how long that would take? It's going to take 60 to 90 days at least to get through the whole city so if we start on your street next week you're going to be the happiest resident around. If you're the guy that we're getting to last you're going to hate us even worse, but we have to start somewhere and finish somewhere so I ask you to please bear with us and if you would like to call and say hello to me and talk to me about your pothole I'm more than happy to talk to you, but I am well aware that we have potholes in Garfield Heights, like all the other communities. I talk with the Mayors at the Mayors' Meetings. They are all having the same problems. They are all fighting to keep these roads together and so we're doing the best we can.

Next I want to talk a little bit about the Boys and Girls Club. We had a meeting today to finalize much of the Boys and Girls Club that is coming up. Let me give you some of the criteria for it. The Boys and Girls Club is going to start. It's a summer program that's going to start on June 9<sup>th</sup> and it's going to go until July 31<sup>st</sup>. It's going to be going Monday through Friday from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. There will be one meal served. This is going to be free of charge. It's for middle school kids 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. You have to be going to the 6<sup>th</sup> and going to the 8<sup>th</sup>. If you are in the 8<sup>th</sup> going to the 9<sup>th</sup> in summertime you are not eligible. So it's 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. The applications for this will be available May 1<sup>st</sup> and they will have to be turned in by May 15<sup>th</sup> so the Boys and Girls Club could do their due diligence in getting this thing going. I want you to know that this is a program that is sponsored by the city, the Court and the school board. It's a joint effort by all three of us. All three entities are putting in a lot of effort and we're looking forward to this being a very successful program and hopefully we can continue it after the summer's over and have our own year round Boys and Girls Club.

With that, I will get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 2 is an ordinance allowing us to enter into a second amendment to the agreement with the Craig Realty Group Cleveland LLC. This has to do with the Bridge View Project and I think Tim Riley or Dave Krock can add to that in their report. Ordinance 23. In a cost savings measure we are switching health care providers. I have spoken about this with all our employees. We've had numerous meetings throughout the last week. Because of the extra cost or the heavy cost of healthcare today the city was getting hit very hard. We took another direction that could save the city substantial dollars. It's a very good program. It's equal to what we have now. In some cases it's better. The program we have now it was Cleveland Clinic only. This one is actually Cleveland Clinic and University so we think it's a positive and I urge Council to pass that. Ordinance 24. This allows us to purchase

salt for next season. God, the thought of purchasing salt for next season. I hope we got enough for tomorrow, but that's Ordinance 24. Ordinance 25 talks about what I said earlier. It's hiring six part-time laborers to work filling the patch on a temporary laborer's basis. Ordinance 26 is an ordinance to enter into a four year governmental lease purchase agreement with Meritech Inc. for the replacement and addition of new office equipment for the Garfield Heights Municipal Court System. Ron can get into that during his report. Ordinance 27. An ordinance entered into purchase agreement for the replacement of the video arraignment equipment utilized in the Garfield Heights Municipal Court and once again Ron can get into that in his report.

Resolution 5 and Resolution 6. We are adding US Bank to our list of banks to handle the new health care provider and Ron Tomola will cover that in his report also. With that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Mayor. Are there any questions of the Mayor on his report?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Mayor, the one for the pothole repair which I'm thrilled about. Is that any kind of a problem with our Unions?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** No, what we did is we sat down with the Unions and asked them if it would be all right. They understand the problem. They realize that their backs are up against the wall trying to fill these holes. They actually got many of the applicants to fill the temporary posts.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Wonderful. Good to hear, Thank you. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Mr. Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I like the way you say it. Mayor, on the applications for the Boys and Girls Club for the 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> Graders where are they going to get the application forms? Here?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** The Garfield Heights schools will pass them out at school. The children from Garfield Heights that go to Cleveland schools will get something directly mailed to their house along with the parochial schools. That's Holy Spirit, St. Benedict's and St. John Paul. So the three parochial schools and the Cleveland kids will get something sent to their house.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I appreciate it.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Anyone else have any questions for the Mayor on his report? There being none we'll move on to our Law Director, Tim Riley.

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

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

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** Just briefly. One thing. The Heroin in the Suburbs was held at the library on April 2<sup>nd</sup> as we talked about previously. We attended it. It was very well attended by the citizens. There was some emotional moments. A lot of people there had some direct involvement with heroin and still going through it. Two things we learned was that we're certainly not alone in this problem. It's nationwide but from the perspective that the assembly

was put on, it is Countywide for sure and there's no easy answers to this thing. You know money solves everything, but there's not nearly enough of that anywhere and if there were easy answers we would have them already. The people that put this on are from the County. They go to a lot of places and do this. They talk to everybody Countywide. They somewhat felt that we were ahead of the curve with what we been doing. They were happy to see what we been doing. So I suppose that's a good thing.

The thing that will help, that you probably read about in the paper, that with the prosecution of the drug dealers for serious crimes up to and including murder when a drug user dies and they started that already and that's something only the County could have instituted. That thought has been out there for a long time and now with the problem they see the need so that's a good thing. That's a positive. I don't know what the plans are for that but we have our plans as far as heroin to keep moving forward and doing what we can as far as prevention and offering options where people can go for help when we get the call. So that's my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Chief. Does anyone have any questions? Mrs. Marincic.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Chief, it was an excellent program and I learned quite a bit and I was impressed with the turnout.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** The turnout surprised me. It was very good. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Are there any other questions of the Police Chief on his report? There being none we'll move on to Service Director Tim McLaughlin.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. As the Mayor mentioned about the patch we're still trying to work on the main streets. In the three weeks that the patch plant has been open there's probably only been six or seven times that we've been out because of the weather. They start out in the morning rain and won't open if they are half a day shut and bring everybody in and open up. Hopefully after the snow tomorrow things will start to get better. The six employees that we are in the process of hiring are all Garfield Heights residents. We gave preference to Garfield Heights residents in the interviews, etc. Hopefully I can get them in some time this week and get them going with the crews

Last meeting Clwn Marincic asked about the water breaks. There's been 90 of them since October. We had them cleared off the books and billed to Cleveland at the end of September so the 90 have been since that time.

The Hazardous Waste Roundup is May 5<sup>th</sup> to May 9<sup>th</sup>, Monday through Thursday and it's also Monday May 12<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the Service Garage, 13600 McCracken. Also on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 also at the Service Garage we will be having the paper shredding again. That was a very popular event and we been getting a lot of calls so that's when we're having it. That will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00. It's residents only and you will be limited to four banker size boxes a person, but we didn't have a problem with that last time. You know how big the banker box is. We're trying to limit to four a person so everybody gets a shot at getting rid of some of their papers.

I'd also like to talk about rubbish. Now it's after April 1<sup>st</sup>. You cannot put your rubbish out till after 6:00 p.m. It should be out before 7:00 the morning of pick up, but the night before it was 4:00 through the winter, but now it's 6:00 p.m. the way that was written.

We are also starting to have problems in the last week. The police have been notified. Right now it's happening in Ward 1. We had six houses on different streets that somebody's pulling up and dumping stuff on their lawns during the night and taking off. Sometimes a whole lawn full of concrete and mattresses. We've had every different kind of thing. If somebody sees anything like that suspicious please call the Police Department. We have to clean it up. It's not the residents' fault, but it does take time and we have to send people off patch to go pick up the stuff and put it in the dumpster so that it could get taken away. The rubbish company they did come back for a couple of the mattresses, but they have a route to take care of during the day and it's our responsibility to get those tree lawns cleared off. The areas that have been the dumping going on has been on Maplerow and the other one 126th. I'm thinking that's the same people that are taking their shot at dumping it, but if you see anything place a call to the Police Department. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Are there any questions of Mr. McLaughlin on his report? Mr. Nenadovich.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** What were the dates on that shredding again, Tim?

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Thanks, Tim.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Anyone else? Mr. Burke.

**CLMN BURKE:** Tim, can I just ask that you to make Silver a priority when you guys start patching that part of Ward 6? I drove down that road just before coming here today and it is pretty bad.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** I had a paving company come to see me to tell me some of the things because we looked at going in that direction too about bringing in a paving company to help us, but it was kind of expensive but the guy's comment when we went over was we said we want to show you this street and when he looked at Silver he thought there was not much of a street left. That's what the problem is there. There is no base. There's nothing. We're going to patch it and do the best we can, but that one and York there's a few streets that patching it it's the best we can do, but they need major work to them. I have it on the list. Like the Mayor said, I didn't know I had so many different names sometimes when I get a telephone call but I do know about the streets. I do know about what's the worst ones and that one there is high on the list.

**CLMN BURKE:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Any other questions? There being none, we'll move on to Parks and Recreation Director Bob Dobies.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Mr. President and Council Members, good evening. I don't want to be redundant at each meeting, but a reminder that the Recreation Department (as we did last year) we will be closing the office during the first three weeks of May, May 1<sup>st</sup> through May 18<sup>th</sup> to reopen Monday May 19<sup>th</sup> so we may prepare the pool this season. The tentative pool opening date is Saturday June 14<sup>th</sup>.

I do have some more work going on in there so we want to make sure we get the work done. Each year that I have been there we've done exclusive work from resurfacing the deck to work in the filter house, redoing the gazebo, redoing the playground and the work goes on so we try to get it to a point where we can relax for a few years and I think we're gaining ground on that.

Another reminder that Girls Softball signups will end April 26<sup>th</sup>. This will be the last two weeks to sign up. We need girls. Extended office hours are available this week. We're here till 9:00 p.m. tonight, Tuesday till 8:00 p.m., Wednesday till 8:30 p.m., Thursday till 8:30 p.m. The office will close 4:30 p.m. on Good Friday and will be closed Saturday and Sunday of this weekend. The rink officially closes this Thursday.

Our figure skaters finished with our Annual Ice Show the past weekend. If you didn't attend the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Municipal Ice Show you missed out on a wonderful experience. What an outstanding performance by our troupe of skaters. The year's theme was Skate a Dream and I know it ignited our packed audience. Our two day total was well over 600 this year for the two day event as our skaters performed those routines.

Our municipal program emerged from the efforts of Ms. Betty Bissell (known as Ms. Betty) who coached here for over 40 years. Her legacy remains strong and will continue on well into the future.

With the competition always being exceptional, Mayor Collova along with Ms. Pam Iglio, who graces us every year with her attendance, and that is Betty Bissell's daughter, presented the 2014 trophy to Ms. Taylor Walesko. Taylor began skating at three years old in our Community Program and now at the ripe age of 10 she has earned the prestigious Mayor's Trophy. There's a little déjà vu there because Taylor's mom, Pat Walesko (maiden name Wochowski) who is one of our staff pros and also began her career in our program at the age of three. In 1968 she too won the Mayor's trophy at the age of 12, so her daughter's a little bit ahead of her.

I'd like to personally thank Mayor Collova and Clmn Nenadovich for attending. I would also like to thank Ms. Holley Grey, our ex-skating pro, for choreographing and coordinating the performances along with the talented skating pros. Ms. Cheryl Dobson, our Booster Club President and the Boosters for their help and support, the multitude of untiring volunteers to put this show together and getting the stage set, so to speak and to my assistant, Ms. Mary Nichols, and my staff for not missing a beat. Please check the Web Cable TV for any more information that you need. That concludes my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Are there any questions of Mr. Dobies on his report? There being none, we'll move on to City Engineer, David Krock.

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** Thank you, Council President. I want to make mention of two items: 1. in regards to Ordinance 22. That is the ordinance having to do with the Granger/Transportation Project, I recommend approval on that. That's part of the agreement to allow the additional funding to come through the purchase of right of way and, 2. the Turney Road Waterline Project. We have a public meeting coming up on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. here at City Hall. I know there's letters that are going to be going out to the businesses and the residences along Turney Road, but anyone else who'd like to attend, that's the date and time. There will be a lot of details about how that will occur. That's my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Mr. Krock. Does anyone have any questions of Mr. Krock on his report? There being none we'll move on to Finance Director, Ron Tomola.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to make a couple of comments about the upgrades in the Court system for your information. Ordinance 26 upgrading the office equipment. Due to recent technological changes in the Court systems some of the older printers and type machinery won't work as well with the new upgrades so what the Court is doing is moving into a three year process where they are going to replace portions of your office equipment each year and this has been a phase of that.

The other one is Ordinance 27, which is an upgrade of the video system in the Courts. The video system utilized in the Court began around 2006. The videos of the Court proceedings are the official record of the Court today. The old equipment they utilized it's no longer manufactured so there are no parts; it can't be repaired any longer. It is currently working but who knows for how long? It's so bad that they can't even get a video company to write them a maintenance agreement on the equipment so it's time for them to upgrade that equipment. The new system that's going in will be state-of-the-art and all the funds for both 26 and 27 will be paid out of the Municipal Court Special Projects Fund. Those are funds generated by the Court for projects in the Court to upgrade these types of units. So it won't have any effect on the city's finances. It comes strictly out of monies that they generate.

Resolutions 5 and 6. I want to say a few things about that. When the city redid their interim depositories back in 2011 US Bank, who had been on our depository list in past years for some reason was not included. With the change to the Jefferson Health plan a new bank account will be set up at US Bank in the name of Jefferson Health Plan/City of Garfield Heights Health Plan. In order to have that account set up the city needs to add them to our active interim depositories. That's what those two pieces do. If you have any additional questions please free to ask. With that you have my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Mr. Tomola. Does anyone have any questions of Mr. Tomola on his report? There being none we'll move on to Social Services Director, Kathy Rush-Parssons. Kathy, do you have a report for us this evening?

**SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS:** I do, thank you, Mr. Suster. The city and the Senior Center had another successful tax preparation season. We did finish with tax filing a week ago Friday. At the end of the season there were 265 individuals who were serviced through that program. Their taxes were completed through the AARP Volunteer Program and they were e-filed as well. There was an additional 30 Seniors who came to have their taxes checked by their volunteers as to whether or not they actually had to file or not so that was almost 300 people that were served by that volunteer program. We do it every year and it's been growing every year so it's a very successful program, but it is over because tomorrow's tax day. So we're done.

I also want to publicly thank Curves in Garfield Heights. Curves traditionally and religiously donates either money or food to the Garfield Heights Food Bank. You know we have the Food Pantry here twice every month and Curves has been a huge supporter along with many other businesses in the city, but we recently had a rather substantial donation. They held a Zumbathon and they collected money for the city so the donation was in the amount of about \$700.00. So that goes a long way to feeding the families in Garfield Heights. The money that we get from the Cleveland Food Bank in our grants. We get about \$250.00 a month and that does not go very far when you are trying to feed all the people that we feed through the food pantry so I wanted to publicly thank Curves for their continued support. That's my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Are there any questions of Mrs. Parsons on her report? There being none we'll move on to Economic Development Director, Noreen Kuban.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Thank you, Mr. President, I have a couple of items I'd like to discuss. First and foremost, I want to announce that the foreclosure assistance program called Save the Dream is ending on April 30<sup>th</sup>. There is always foreclosure counseling available, but the monetary component of this program is ending so people need to have their applications in and they have to be registered by the 30<sup>th</sup>. The program began in 2008 and the phone number for the Ohio program is 1-888-404-4674. Several housing counseling agencies in Northeast Ohio also manage the funds. We have Neighborhood Housing Services that comes to our office a couple times a month and their phone number is (216) 458-4663.

I just want to go through a couple of comments about the program. They have several. One is the Rescue Payment, a lump sum payment up to \$25,000.00 to the mortgage servicer for the first mortgage to bring it up current. There's Mortgage Payment Assistance up to \$22,000.00 or 18 months for unemployed or underemployed homeowners, the Mortgage Balance Modification, a lump sum payment of \$25,000.00 to reduce the principal, the Lien Elimination Assistance, a lump sum payment of \$25,000.00 to eliminate a first lien, Homeowner Retention, a payment of up to \$25,000.00 to eliminate or reduce a second lien, and finally the Transition Assistance, a payment up to \$7,500.00 for a relocation if there is a short sale or a deed in lieu of foreclosure. I will keep these flyers at the reception desk and I have a little PD article that was recently in the paper. I gave all Members of City Council a copy of this so you can also contact your Councilperson.

Second, we are having our Second Annual Johnson Mill Run River Sweep and that's on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The meeting place is the Arthur Johnson Park or Miles Heights Park and it's just South of 4478 Johnson Parkway. This is a watershed program that runs from the city of Cleveland through Garfield Heights so I encourage residents to participate.

We're having our Community Garden Meetings on April 21<sup>st</sup> and April 23<sup>rd</sup>, next Monday and Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. here at the Civic Center. If you are unable to make the meeting you can contact Karyn Andel at (216) 475-3373 and you can reserve a garden plot.

Finally, I am sure that many people noticed that there is a plant sale going on right now with the Green Up Project. Chris and Ellen over there will be available on Tuesday and Wednesday from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. selling plants in the lobby of the Civic Center. Although they anticipate selling out so if you are interested I would suggest you attend Tuesday before they sell out. That concludes my report.

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

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** Good evening, Mr. President. Out of the initial Detec Funding (the \$200,000.00) we are coming to the end of that. We have I think 22 out of 25 houses that were originally targeted are down. There's a couple left to go. Noreen's working on making our case to the County so we get as much in the second round of funding as we can. That will be going on over the next few weeks.

Although we see things like Mr. Hero and the Dunkin' Donuts going up, there's a number of projects going on there indoors that we don't see. The bank and the General Nutrition and Pet Supplies Plus at Rockside Mall are under extensive interior renovations. The Pizza Hut across from the Police Department is being renovated and up at NEO Park, Expedient, they are a telecommunications company, is expanding I believe 20,000 more square feet into one of the buildings up there. It's a big enough project that I believe Eloise said the permit fee on the thing is \$24,000.00. That's all I have this evening.

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

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON TONIGHT'S 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:** Is there anyone in the audience that has a question on tonight's agenda? Or wanted to make a comment?

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** There being none we'll move on to legislation. Would the Clerk please read the title of Ordinance 22-2014.

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-2014**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CRAIG REALTY GROUP – CLEVELAND LLC, (APPROVED UNDER ORDINANCE 67-2013, AMENDED UNDER ORDINANCE 03-2014) TO PROVIDE A FUNDING MECHANISM FOR THE INITIAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH GRANGER ROAD / TRANSPORTATION BLVD. IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On its adoption, beginning with Councilperson Marincic.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 22-2014 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE JEFFERSON HEALTH PLAN TO PROVIDE MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 23-2014 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASING PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A, WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM CHLORIDE (ROCK SALT) FOR THE 2014-2015 SEASON.

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Tim, I hope you don't use one grain of that salt next year and I vote Yes.

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

ABSENT: Glenn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 24-2014 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 39-2013 OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On its adoption, beginning with Councilperson Marincic.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Before I vote, I want to say when this passes I want a round of applause for our Mayor and everybody who had a hand in this and I vote Yes.

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

ABSENT: Glenn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 25-2014 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A 4 YEAR GOVERNMENTAL LEASE/PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH MERITECH INC. FOR THE REPLACEMENT AND ADDITION OF NEW OFFICE EQUIPMENT FOR THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL COURT SYSTEM, PER THE ATTACHED PRICING/LEASE AGREEMENT IDENTIFIED AS EXHIBIT A.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 26-2014 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF

THE VIDEO ARRAIGNMENT EQUIPMENT UTILIZED IN THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL COURT SYSTEM, THROUGH JEFFERSON AUDIO VIDEO SYSTEMS, AN APPROVED VENDOR UNDER THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, COOPERATIVE PURCHASING TERM SCHEDULE INDEX NUMBER STS066, SCHEDULE NUMBER 7706600109, PER THE STATE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND PRICING QUOTATIONS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 27-2014 passes with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2014

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO DO WHAT IS NECESSARY TO ADD US BANK TO THE CURRENT LIST OF AUTHORIZED DEPOSITORIES FOR THE CITY'S ACTIVE FUNDS THROUGH AUGUST 22, 2016.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Resolution 05-2014 passes with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2014

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO DO WHAT IS NECESSARY TO ADD US BANK TO THE CURRENT LIST OF AUTHORIZED DEPOSITORIES FOR THE CITY'S INTERIM FUNDS THROUGH AUGUST 22, 2016.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Resolution 06-2014 passes with 6 Yes votes.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Comments By Citizens. If the Clerk would 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 would like to speak this evening?

Bob Halan, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. I have two comments to make. One is a very serious one. I was at that meeting on the heroin and I would like to see a Federal, State, County and City resolution in effect so anybody that's selling heroin since they are providing death I think the same should happen to them. Death by selling heroin on the streets.

Now for another serious statement to make. Everybody was complaining about the traffic cameras that we had tried to get in the city. That was supposed to be a deterrent for speed. I have a better solution. More economical. Don't fix the streets. Leave it become a pothole heaven. I traveled down this morning on Turney Road and I crawled at 15 mph. Turney Road basically is a thoroughfare of school zones and this is a good deterrent for having safety for the children by not having the street fixed. I'm very serious about it, although it's funny, this is one of the best solutions I've seen.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** If I can respond, Bob, the second issue, first. It's like putting the speed bumps on the road. We do the same thing with potholes. I understand.

But when you talked about heroin and you have a problem with the people who are selling heroin, I believe that there was just some legislation passed that allows these people to get tried for murder if somebody dies from what they sold them. I just heard that from one of the County Prosecutors who was talking about it at one of our meetings. They are taking some really strong measures and that's a good thing.

**MR. HALAN:** Thank you on both parts.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you for your comment, Mr. Halan.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Is there anyone else that would like to make a comment this evening? There being none we will move on to Miscellaneous Business, and we'll start with Clmn Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** All right. First of all I want to let you all know that the Service Director has not forgotten about us in Ward 1. He knows all about Maplerow, Thornhurst, Osborne, etc. so I have all the confidence they're going to be taken care of too. No problem.

But when Noreen mentioned foreclosure, foreclosure is still a real issue in our communities, people. It is bad. But what she had put out here and you really should get a hold of it and read this information because even if you walk away you might know somebody. I serve on the Board of Directors for an organization called ESOP and they can be contacted at 361-0718. Them and Neighborhood Housing is two of the greatest organizations you can depend on. Don't walk away empty handed. Try to get some of that up to \$7,500.00 to help you relocate to another area or find another home for you and your family. With this money they giving away now, up to \$25,000.00 some people got \$12,000.00 and their mortgage has been brought up to date, etc. there's so many options you got to retain to live in your home. So just don't walk away empty handed. Your home is an investment. So if you leave it get something out of that investment. I tell you it's hard to sell a home today so I would nine out of ten try to stay in it or at least get a part of that \$7,500.00 if I had to depart from the home.

I also know nobody had talked about it, but she gave us a copy from the Garfield Heights Municipal Court it's allowing individuals who were ticketed drivers to get a chance to kind of get themselves straight as far as the money that they owe. I'm going to post these in the Ward 1 community and you really want to look at it. I know some people who say they have a problem with tickets. This is a chance to get your life together, etc. and get it straight.

Also we really have to kind of do something to help educate our youth. Some of them men in the community like I say you have to stand up to the plate some time and be like a big brother or father to some of these young men out there because we got quite a few homes with no fathers and these younger people there are getting off the hook. But like I say we can't fault them all because we got to step up to the plate and try to do something to fill in that gap. Like I say be a big brother or father to that young man not just be an individual to his mother. So understand the difference. Try to be there for that fellow, not to try to be there for the woman who's in that house if you're not a part of the household.

We have a problem like I said with the youth when they send the youth out to kill each other and they killing each other without regards. They are not even thinking a second thought when they are pulling the trigger. It's becoming sad. I have never, ever seen anything like this in my life. I raised nine kids. Seven of them is grown and I have a 13 and 14 year old at home. I take them with me and I educate them when I talk to some of the youth in my community and I talk to them straight. I don't bullcrap. OK? I be straightforward. But speak to some of these young men. Don't be afraid of them or edgy because they pants is hanging down. It's just a fad or a style. Some of them really need to pull them up regardless. Like I say you don't wear them around my wife, you don't wear them around your mother, but some of them do wear them around their mother, so I had to take that part back, but as a matter of respect. We have to do something. I think the Boys and Girls Club is going to be nice for the middle aged individuals Grades 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> or something like that. Get a little more involved. You got a young man living next door to you, reach out to him. Try to touch him. Try to communicate with him by extending your hand to him. Try to be a big brother to him. A lot of them is looking for that. A lot of them don't have it in their household, so try to kind of fill in the gap and help them out there.

With that I say keep the families in Kansas City, Kansas, in your prayers at the Jewish Center, etc. that was shot and killed over the last week here. Also keep the individual that we lost in our city and our youth that was shot in our streets, even at the Family Life Center on 131<sup>st</sup> and I believe a young man a couple years ago was on McCracken and Turney Road. With that, just keep our community in your prayers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Mrs. Marincic.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** I just would like to wish everybody a most blessed and peaceful Happy Easter and that's all I have.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Mr. Nenadovich.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** I'd like to wish everybody a Happy Easter and again, say a little extra prayer for the Vets that can't be home this Easter. They're fighting so that you could celebrate it. That's it.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. I have one thing and I think I said this wrong in Caucus. On April 28<sup>th</sup> we are going to have a presentation from Mr. Eric Schaeffer. He's with the Watercreek Conservancy. He's going to give us a presentation on the Mill Creek Watershed Action Plan. So what we're going to do on the 28<sup>th</sup> is we're going to start Caucus 15 minutes early so that he can do his presentation.

Our next meeting will be on April 28<sup>th</sup> so I, too, would like to wish everybody a very Happy Easter. Enjoy yourself if you are traveling. Come back to us safe. That's all I have. Clmn Burke.

**CLMN BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to say thank you to all the residents that showed up to my Community Awareness Meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup>. I would also like to say thank you to Chief Sackett, Chief Nemetz and Mayor Collova for being available for me there to answer questions. I have gotten a lot of feedback from the meeting. It was all positive. In fact there's quite a few people that can't wait till the next meeting. I will be posting some notes from the meeting on my own Website. Our next meeting will be May 14<sup>th</sup> for the Ward 6 Community Awareness.

I also attended that Heroin in the Suburbs and I'll tell you. That did affect me because I do have a good friend of mine that their child (27 years old) overdosed on heroin last summer and it was only the second time that that person had tried it. I see the hurt that it actually caused to that family and I think anything that we can do is helpful whether it's just basically being educated about it ourselves so that we can see the warning signs. In my case I have two young children (not young—I mean they're 18 and going on 20) I guess we always consider them to be young. But I look for the signs because I know there's a lot of pressure on our youth today and they turn to those things or they get peer pressure so I look for those signs.

Last but not least, I also would like to wish everybody a very Happy Easter and be safe out there.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Mr. Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Why, thank you. I'd like to invite everybody to our Block Watch the last Thursday of this month. You don't have to be a member of Ward 7 to attend. This month's

speaker is going to be the new director of our call center. So he's going to be explaining to us all that's going to be involved with this. So if you have questions, now would be a really good time to come and attend.

I ask everybody to slow down. As I was out this weekend the weather was great. A lot of kids out playing on the streets and playing on the sidewalks and in the yards and they're not used to the traffic again so everyone please slow down so nobody gets hurt.

I'd like to wish everybody an enjoyable holiday and I hope the Easter Bunny is good to everybody and you enjoy being with your family. With that I have nothing else. Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Mr. Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I would like to say that we should wrap this meeting up.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** All those in favor of adjourning, signify by saying Yea. All opposed.  
Meeting adjourned.

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

ABSENT: Glenn

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:56 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Joseph M. Suster  
President of Council

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Barbara Molin  
Clerk of Council