

# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

## CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, April 25, 2016

**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 LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn

**EXCUSED:** Dudley

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Mr. Chairman, at this time I would like to excuse Clmn Dudley.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On the motion made by Clmn Vaughn to excuse Clmn Dudley this evening, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

**ABSENT:** Dudley

That passes with 6 Yes votes.

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** The reading and disposal of the Minutes of Monday, April 11, 2016.

**CLMN BURKE:** Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the City of Garfield Heights for Monday, April 11, 2016 as written.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On the motion made by Clmn Burke to accept the Minutes of April 11, 2016, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

**ABSENT:** Dudley

That passes with 6 Yes votes.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:** None.

**LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:**

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

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, thank you. I do have a report. Before I get into my report tonight, I wanted to talk a little bit about a meeting that took place in my office last week. We had a gentleman come in by the name of Greg Taylor from Southwest Landscape Management, whose home station is in Columbia Station and he is putting a satellite office in Garfield Heights. They are expanding from the West side to the East side and he gave me an offer that I could not refuse. He offered to do a spring cleanup for the Civic Center to donate to the city. He knows that we've fallen on hard times financially. He tries to help the communities whenever he can. He offered to come in and do this work for us. A couple of days later Friday and again on Saturday he brought a crew in and if you haven't seen the landscaping outside I would urge you to look at it because they did a fabulous job. I couldn't be happier. I can't believe it because this kind of stuff does not happen. Every time somebody walks in my office, it usually costs me money. This was really great. They're going to be a great asset to the community. We really appreciate it.

At this time, Mr. Chairman, I have a proclamation for Mr. Taylor that I'd like to read if that's OK?

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** It's fine, Mayor.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Greg, can I get you to come up here please?  
*(Mayor Collova read the proclamation aloud at this time.)*

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** That really is great when somebody extends like that. We certainly do appreciate it.

The next thing I want to talk about briefly was our Court Community Service guys were out there again that we talked about this in the past; we've brought them in for four days/week. Tuesday through Friday. For the most part, they're doing an outstanding job cleaning up the area. They're picking up litter every day, bags and bags of litter. They're sweeping sidewalks. If you have something in your Ward that you need cleaned up contact me or Vince Liotta who runs that. They really are doing a great job and we're getting our money's worth on that.

The next thing I wanted to bring up is that the lawn crew has started and I believe Mr. Dobies is going to get into a little bit of that in his report, but we've got them out there. They're cutting grass. They're doing a great job. Be patient because it takes a while to get through the entire city. All we can see right now is dandelions, but they will be gone shortly.

Next thing I wanted to talk about was once again the Garfield Heights 12U Arena football team won its second consecutive championship against the Maple Heights Saints. By a score of 32-6. Once again, we got these young men and is it ladies or just men?

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Just men.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Just young men doing a great job representing Garfield Heights. This is the second year in a row they won the championship. This is arena football. It's something new. It's going to grow and get bigger and bigger. Garfield right now is at the top of the heap and we certainly do appreciate that.

am going to get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 19 is an ordinance allowing us to buy one Ford F-250 pickup truck. We're buying this new truck. This truck is going to go to the Rec Department. The older truck, which is only a couple years old at 10,000 miles will go down to the Service Garage and that will be for the Dog Warden. Bonnie will finally be getting a truck that actually has a floor where you can see the cement when you ride by. She had an old one so I know Bonnie's happy and we're all happy to be able to do that. Ordinance 20-2016. Barb, the Finance Director, is going to get into that in her report. She will explain that repaving and improving and reconstruction project. With that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Mayor. Does anybody have any questions of the Mayor on his report? Mr. Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Mayor, where on Rockside Road is that landscaping firm located?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** I just asked him that same question and I didn't get the exact answer.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** OK. Thank you.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** But they are on Rockside Road.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** OK. Thank you.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Right now it's a mailing address but they are going to have a satellite office there.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Does anybody else have any questions of the Mayor? There being none, we'll move on to Law Director Tim Riley. Do you have anything this evening?

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Thank you. We'll move on to Police Chief Bob Byrne. Do you have a report for us this evening?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE:** Yes, I do, Sir, thank you. I just wanted to warn the residents that this is the time of year where the thieves seem to come out at night and we just had about six vehicle break-ins overnight, this last night. If you go to the Block Watch meetings, you know I always tell you to take your valuables out of your cars and make sure you lock them up. So please do that.

I would just like to thank Southwest Landscape for cleaning up the Police Officer and Firefighter Memorial out there. That was very generous. With that, you have my report.

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** Absent.

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

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Yes, I do. Mr. President, Council Members, good evening. This is just a reminder as we have over the last three/four years now our Recreation Department will be closing its office during the first three weeks of May from May

2<sup>nd</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup> and we will reopen the office on May 23<sup>rd</sup> so we may prep for the pool season. Just so there's no confusion because I even get it from the employees here, we are there. We are working. We will answer any and all calls.

The tentative pool opening is Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup>. We will begin taking registrations for this summer on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. If anybody is interested in becoming a lifeguard, please stop by the Rec and pickup an application or go on to the Web. So there is no question--only certified lifeguards will be hired.

Girls Softball signups will end April 30<sup>th</sup>. this Saturday. This is the last week to sign up. Office hours this week are 8:30 . 4:15 each day. Saturday will be extended hours from 10 a.m. till 3:30.

Also, if you are interested we are helping again with Little League signups this year. You are welcome to pick up an application and sign up at the Rec. You can make payment there or call Mr. Bob Merrick at (216) 990-8386.

Our figure skaters finished the annual ice show on April 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. If you didn't attend the 48<sup>th</sup> Municipal Ice show, you missed out on a wonderful experience. The city is very proud of the fact that we continue 48 years again a longstanding tradition within the community. What an outstanding performance by our troupe of skaters. This year's theme was "The Best of Broadway" and I know it ignited the packed audience of over 500 this year for the two-day event. Our municipal program emerged from the efforts of Ms. Betty Bosell who we continue to recognize. Everybody knew her as Ms. Betty and coach for over 40 years. Her legacy remains strong and will continue well into the future with the competition always being exceptional. Mayor Collova presented the 2016 Mayor's Trophy to Ms. Rachel Suder this year.

Last, as the Mayor mentioned, we are all aware the grass crews are out and cutting properties. We posted the properties the first week of April and by Tuesday we were done completely. Mr. Wervey developed an updated list for this season. We are starting with about 200 properties--less than we normally start with over the previous years. Basically he developed the list supposedly just off vacant properties with finding some that are occupied and I'd go into that in a little bit. What I'd like for all to know, and I've brought this to all's attention throughout the years, if you are maintaining your property or you have a service maintaining it and your property got posted--a friendly- let me repeat- a friendly call to the Building Department will rectify the situation. We had a situation where a resident came up and was pounding on the desk up there. We cannot have that. I mean, understandably she became upset because she maintained her property. It was a mistake, OK? We corrected it. Over and done with. Sometimes a property status has changed and no one notifies the Building Department and we are just expected to know. You or the owner also have that responsibility of notifying any changes. As I reported at the end of last year, over 100 parties contacted the Building Department last year and those things were rectified in a timely manner. Remind: even if you get posted. I know it might be a little bit upsetting per se. Why are they posting me? If you cut your property there is no issues. You don't get billed. We won't bother you. But if you do get posted, a friendly call with the Building Department will rectify that.

We sent out an e-mail today. We got through Ward 1. As of last Friday, they're working in Ward 2 and will continue in a progressive manner. Thank you. That concludes my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Are there any questions of Mr. Dobies on his report? Are there any questions of Mr. Dobies on his report? There being none, we will move on to City Engineer, Dave Krock. Do you have a report for us this evening?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** I do. Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to report on a couple things on Warner Road. First of all, Dominion Gas is going to be replacing a 20 inch and an eight inch gas line between Garfield Blvd. and Grand Division. They intend to start later this week. It will take about 30 days to complete the work.

Secondly, the Board of Control tonight approved the repaving of Warner Road from Garfield Blvd. on down to Canal. So that will all be repaved this spring. We do have to coordinate a little bit with the schedule of the trail that is being constructed there so I don't have an exact date, but we will keep you up to date. That is my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Does anybody have any questions of Mr. Krock on his report? Are there any questions of Mr. Krock on his report? There being none, we will move on to Finance Director, Barb Biro.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to report on Ordinance 20 in regards to the issuance of a \$2.5 million note. Of that, \$2 million is for the refinancing of the note that we did last year for the resurfacing of various streets throughout Garfield Heights. At this time, we put in an order of not to exceed of \$2.5 million. The \$500,000.00, if needed, will be used for the additional projects such as Warner Road resurfacing and the repair of the East 135<sup>th</sup> storm and sewers.

We are asking Council to place this on First Reading. We are beginning the process. The notes will be sold in the early part of June so we are asking that Council put it on First Reading. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Is that the end? Thank you. Are there any questions of Barb on her report? Are there any questions of Barb on her report? 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. Suster. Just a real quick announcement. Clmn Matt Burke will be performing some songs from his country music group, The Tabloid Twangers, tomorrow at the Senior Center at 10:45 a.m. if anyone is interested in hearing him show off some of his musical talents. We thank Mr. Burke for that.

The Seniors always enjoy bonding with their Council representatives so if any other Council people have any special talents you would like to share, we would welcome you as well. I also encourage anyone in the audience and any of Matt's fellow Council Members to come see him play. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Are there any questions of Kathy on her report, other than Matt?

**CLMN BURKE:** I do not have any questions at this time.

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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Yes, I do, Mr. President. This is just a reminder. The Annual Riversweep for Johnston Mill Run will be held on Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-12:00 p.m. The meeting place is at the Arthur Johnston Park, which is south of 4478 Johnston Parkway. If you need more information, you can call Pat Salemi at 475-1100 extension 2425.

Second for our local businesses, NOPEC has a PACE loan for energy efficiency. It's offered twice/year and the funds are available now. It allows commercial property owners to get upfront financing for energy efficient projects. Again the PACE loan is available and the person to contact is Norma Fox-Horwitz at nfhorwitz@nopecinfo.org. That concludes my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you. Do you have any questions of Noreen on her report? Any questions of Noreen on her report?

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** Absent.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** There being none, we'll move on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's agenda. Would the Clerk please read the rules?

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Is there anyone who has any questions on tonight's agenda? Does anyone have any questions on tonight's agenda?

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** There being none, we'll move on to Ordinances and Resolutions beginning with Ordinance 19-2016. Would the Clerk please read the title?

**ORDINANCE NO. 19-2016**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE ONE (1) FORD F-250 PICKUP TRUCK AT A TOTAL COST OF TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED AND SIXTEEN DOLLARS (\$28,216.00), THROUGH MARK THOMAS FORD, PER THE ATTACHED PRICING QUOTATION.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 19-2016 passes with 6 Yes votes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-2016**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF INCOME TAX REVENUE BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVING STREETS AND ROADS IN THE CITY BY RESURFACING, GRADING, DRAINING, CURBING, PAVING, AND IMPROVING, RE-CONSTRUCTING AND CONSTRUCTING CATCH BASINS, AND MAKING OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Mr. Chairman, point of order. You will probably want to waive Rule 24 at some point.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. We could do that now. We go to do the suspension first, then we can waive Rule 24, OK?

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** To pass on the Second Reading, all those in favor signify by saying Yea.

**CLMN BURKE:** Excuse me, Mr. Chairman, did you say pass on the Second Reading or pass for a second reading?

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** For a Second Reading.

**CLMN BURKE:** OK. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. All those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed.

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** We will hold off on the Adoption. That will be brought up at the next Meeting.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** That concludes the Ordinances and we will 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 anybody in the audience that has a comment this evening?

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** There being none, we will move on to Miscellaneous Business beginning with Clmn Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The only thing I have tonight is to announce that our Block Watch will be Thursday evening at 7 o'clock in the St. Augustine Room at St. Benedict School on the campus of St. Monica. Our guest speaker will be Mayor Vic Collova. Please come join us. He will take questions and answers also. So please come and enjoy the evening with your neighbors. Anybody in the city is always invited to the Block Watch. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Clmn Vaughn. Joe.

**CLMN LAMALFA:** I just have one thing. Kathy, do you think they want to see a wing-eating contest?

**SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS:** If you bring the wings.

**CLMN LAMALFA:** I don't have anything. Thank you. Have a nice night.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Clmn Nenadovich, do you have anything this evening?

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Yes, I do. Number one I'd like to thank Southwest Landscaping for the service they provided to the city and to thank the Mayor for mentioning the 12U team. Thank you for recognizing them.

I'd like you all to remember our Vets in your prayers.

I'd like to wish all the moms out there Happy Mothers Day on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you. Clmn Glenn.

**CLMN GLENN:** Thank you, Mr. President. We're going to have our Ward 4 Block Watch the first Tuesday in May, 7 o'clock at the Civic Center. We're going to have our Spring Cookout. Bring a side dish. All are welcome. Got questions? Get answers.

Our next Block Watch will be in September. Hopefully the Mayor and the Police Chief have an open invitation to come and bring your appetite. Thank you, Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. I only have a few things. I, myself would like to welcome Greg Taylor and his company to the city of Garfield Heights and also thank him for the work that he's doing throughout the Civic Center, the police station and the fire department.

I would like to honestly thank the Mayor and his Directors. It seems every time we need something it materializes. I know that we still have the crew that we had before to redo all the

flower beds, etc. and he again, has found another way of getting it done, which helps out. I mean if you walked into the Civic Center this evening and didn't notice that the beds were all done, etc. and it really looks nice. And the places with the memorials that you know if you go back a couple years that we didn't take care of them and they really got looking very, very bad and like I say, Mayor, I'd like to thank you personally very much for getting this done.

Happy Mothers Day to all the moms. Mr. Burke.

**CLMN BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I don't have too much tonight. I just want to say first of all thank you to Southwest Landscape as well and welcome them to the city of Garfield Heights.

My Community Awareness Meeting is scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. right here at the Civic Center.

I want to say Happy Mothers Day to all the mothers out there.

Last, but not least I am looking forward and I'm honored to be performing for the Seniors tomorrow. I notice that they usually put me before lunch. That way I don't ruin their lunch. With that, that's all I have.

So I would like to make a motion at this time to adjourn.

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

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

ABSENT: Dudley

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:28 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Joseph Suster  
President of Council

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Barbara Molin  
Clerk of Council