

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, April 27, 2015

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

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Michael Dudley, Sr.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Roll call please.

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

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

CLMN BURKE: Mr. President, I like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, Monday, April 13, 2015 as written.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Mr. Burke, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

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

CLMN BURKE: Mr. President, I would like to make a motion that we waiver the 72-Hour Rule on Resolution 08-2015.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Mr. Burke to waiver the 72-Hour Rule on Resolution 08-2015, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

CLMN BURKE: Mr. President, I would like to make a motion that we take Resolution 06-2015, Resolution 07-2015 and Resolution 08-2015 and place it at the forefront of the meeting on tonight's agenda at this point.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion by Mr. Burke to take Resolution 06-2015, Resolution 07-2015 and Resolution 08-2015 out of order and place them on the floor right now. Mayor, would you have anything to say before?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Yes, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much. Ladies and gentlemen of Council, it's a pleasure today for me to see this crowd here. It's a pleasure to be able to honor three different groups of young people in Garfield Heights. This is the positive of the youth in Garfield Heights and I'm really pleased to see this. I'm glad that this is going to be televised throughout Garfield Heights because I think all the residents need to see this. I will tell you I am a little disappointed. In the past we've had some problems with youth. There was a fight at a football game as you all know and we had a birthday party bash that didn't go well and we had a couple other things and as soon as the Council Meeting came we had every news channel around down here to televise it and talk about the problems, but here we are today talking about one of the most positive things we can have in the city and we don't have any television crews here. Obviously they didn't think it warranted it, but it certainly does with me in Garfield Heights.

We have three groups that we are honoring here today. I wanted to start in no particular order but how they're listed here and I wanted to talk a little bit about the Garfield Heights Bulldogs basketball team coached by Sonny Johnson. What a great job this team did. They finished at the States in the final four. They played right down to the final buzzer. They were the envy of schools all over the State for the accomplishments they made. It was an outstanding job. We couldn't have been any prouder. Many of the residents, some of this Council was down there to watch the games and guys, you were great. You represented the city of Garfield Heights the way they should be represented and I hope next year you represent us just a touch better. I have to tell you that for the last few years, especially since I've been Mayor, you guys have done a terrific job. You're typical of what the students and the athletes of Garfield Heights are all about and I would like to, if we can, bring you up.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion by Mr. Burke to take Resolution 06-2015, Resolution 07-2015 and Resolution 08-2015 out of order and place them on the floor right now. All those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

CLMN BURKE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we read the resolutions before us in their entirety.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Mr. Burke to read the resolutions in their entirety, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

(The Clerk read Resolution 06-2015 in its entirety.)

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2015

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING THE 2015 GARFIELD HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL BOYS BASKETBALL TEAM FOR AN OUTSTANDING SEASON AND REACHING THE STATE SEMIFINALS.

CLMN BURKE: Mr. President, I'd like to consider as read and written.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Mr. Burke to accept title consideration and read in its entirety all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed.

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

Resolution 06-2015 passes with 7 Yes votes.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We got to back up a little. I'm so enthused for the kids that I skipped half of the things that we had to do. We're going to go back a little bit.

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:

CLMN BURKE: Before I vote I just want to say how proud I am of you guys. I was able to attend the final four game down there and I had a blast. Thank you so much for representing the city of Garfield Heights the way you do and I vote Yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote, I want to say thanks for a great year. I wish you guys a lot of luck in the future for all your new endeavors and with that I vote Yes.

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote I'd like to say congratulations to you all and I'm not worried about the Cavs. Fellows, I'm proud of you all and I'm going to make sure I help you out with some financial support in the year coming up. With that I vote Yes. A great year for you all. I'm proud of each and every one.

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote I'd just like to say that you did the schools proud and the city proud, but most of all you did yourselves and your families proud. You represent the best of the city and I'm so happy for you and I gladly vote Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Yes, I reiterate exactly what my colleagues said. You guys did a great job and brought some fame to the city. Thank you. I vote Yes.

CLMN GLENN: I just want to say that, number one, I think you're the best team in the city. They beat Shaker Heights, they beat you twice before that, but when it came down for the money you were right there, you beat them. Me and the wife was down there at Columbus. Sonny's got a lot of experience now and I want to see some of you guys on TV when you go to college. Thank you. I vote Yes.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: See how excited everybody goes when you see good things happening? I would basically like to say, you hear so much bad about the kids that are around today and here's a good example of the great kids that there are in Garfield Heights. Not only do I feel great for them but I feel great for their parents because they, too, have to give up time as much as they do practice and drive them around, etc. I would like to congratulate each one of their parents and gentlemen, three times is the charm. So next year do us proud again. I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 06-2015 passes with 7 Yes votes.

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

Sonny Johnson, Basketball Coach. I want to tell you all thank you. Everything we do. I'm sorry; my lip is kind of big so I keep hitting the mike. Everything we do is for the community. There's nothing like support and when I say that, these are unbelievable kids. That's how you win. You

win with great kids. I love this group. I love the chemistry. This was one of the best teams we had that went downstate that didn't make it, but when you got chemistry like this great things happen. I'd like to start from the top from the Board members supporting, seeing important people at your basketball games, from the superintendent, Mr. Olszewski, who has been supporting and the principal and Ms. Hager. The support we have from the principal is unbelievable. These kids had experience that they would never have in a lifetime. All this starts from the top.

I just want to introduce some of the kids that's here right now. A lot of them are coming back which is a blessing. One of them is rated one of the top five sophomore point guards in the State of Ohio. He can play a little bit and is a huge part of what we did. Shawn Kushner is a sophomore as well. Charles Jackson is coming on strong. Frankie Hughes is rated the number two shooting guard in the State of Ohio. He just picked up offers from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Dayton and Xavier and a couple more. He's a top 100 in the country so that's a blessing. I don't want to miss Willie Jackson. He's a top 100 recruit as well. He's a junior. Willie has 15 . 20 divisional offers as well, but he's not here today. I guess he's sick. Carl Sturgess is not here. He's going to Alabama University on a full basketball scholarship. He's a senior. Four of our seniors have received basketball scholarships. We've had over 38. In 10 years of being here, that's all I care about. They know that. I won't even be in practice. I'm in my office making tapes to help the kids- college tapes and videos to send out to colleges which is very important. Ray Franklin is a senior. He's going to North Dakota on a full basketball scholarship. I really love this kid. He could play with Sponge Bob and have a good time. I been coaching at Garfield it been 10 years. Every year is how you adjust to a kid. This kid can play with my son. My son's in the 5th Grade. They have a good time. He's a special person. He's going to Alabama State on a full basketball scholarship. His name is Brandon Johnson. We call him Obama. If you read the paper and you say where's Obama at? This is the legendary Obama right here. I tell you from the heart before we leave here, thank you. Come out and support us next year. We going to try to make one more run at it. Thank you all. I'm at the games and I don't know who's all there. To hear so many of you say you were at the games means so much to me. It means a lot to the players. Thank you all for coming out to support us. We going to try to get one hopefully. Thank you all so much.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, can we move on? We're going to go from the big guys to the little guys. Once again we're very honored to have another team represent Garfield Heights and win a championship. This year was the first year that we had an indoor arena football league. Garfield Heights Bulldogs was coached by Greg Fletch, Darrell Copeland, Richard Lewarski and Tim Aughinbaugh. These young men did a great job. I know them personally. They are in all of the athletics in Garfield Heights. They do a great job whether it's baseball, basketball, football, etc. This year they went down to the Arena where the Gladiators play and the same night that the Gladiators played and they beat Brooklyn Heights 27-13 for the championship and I'd like to bring all of these young men up.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We'd go into Resolution 07-2015. Would the Clerk please read the title?

RESOLUTION NO. 07-2015

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND CONGRATULATING THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE 12U TEAM FOR WINNING THE FIRST EVER MIDWEST INDOOR YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE ARENA CHAMPIONSHIP.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mr. Chairman, at this time I'd like to move that we have the resolution read in its entirety.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Mr. Nenadovich to read the resolution in its entirety, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

(The Clerk read Resolution 07-2015 in its entirety.)

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN NENADOVICH: Before I vote, I'd like to congratulate this junior team that's coming up. They did a bang up job. Not to take too much time I have a personal interest in the team. 00- there. I vote Yes.

CLMN GLENN: Yes, we have two winning teams. What a great thing that is for the city of Garfield Heights. I vote Yes.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Before I vote I'd like to say congratulations to the team and also the coaches and again, the parents who again have to put in a lot of time shuffling them around. I vote Yes.

CLMN BURKE: Before I vote I would like to congratulate you guys on your win. I was down there; saw the game. It was very exciting. Very proud of you guys and the way you've represented the city of Garfield Heights. I'm very proud of the way your parents have represented you guys. I vote Yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote I want to say congratulations. In a few years you guys will be playing up at the high school. Playing good ball. 00. Your application the greenway was denied and you know why. Only joking. Good luck to you guys. Next year hope to see you back down there again. I vote Yes.

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote I'd like to congratulate all of you all. Once you won a championship anything less is not acceptable now. I'm proud. You set the example for some other young kids. They have really a span. That's a great program. Get in touch when you're young. Like my colleague said next thing you know you're playing for the high school, etc. up into college. Congratulations to all of you all and the coaches and the families for the time to take them back and forth to the game. With that I vote Yes.

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote I'd like to say if this is what our future's going to be like it is going to be amazing. You're young. You're strong. You're going to shine. I wish you all the best of luck and I expect to see you back here. I proudly vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 08-2015 passes with 7 Yes votes.

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

Lori Nenadovich. I just want to say to the coaches, Dominic, the gentleman over here taking pictures, is the gentleman responsible for getting us into this craziness the week before the games started. Greg called me and said get me a team. I got him a team. I called up our reserves. We got some kids from different cities that came in to help us as well. These gentlemen up here are not only football players, basketball players, wrestlers, they are also excellent students. All of them are held to a very high standard in their grades and everything they do. They don't get to hit our field until they make the grades with their parents and everybody's acceptable with that after school. School comes first with these gentlemen.

The coaches. We have coaches that are doing 10,000 other things. Coach Tim coaches travel baseball team, Coach Lou has his own photography, Coach Greg plays semi-pro as well so we have a lot of talent up here and I feel very honored that they let me be a part of it. I wouldn't trust my kid with anybody else but these gentlemen to do what they do with my kid so not only are they making my kids great, they are making all these gentlemen up here great so thank you for letting us come out tonight and supporting our kids. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We'll move on to Resolution 08-2015. Would the Clerk please read the title?

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2015

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS HONORING AND COMMENDING THE TOP TEN STUDENTS OF THE 2015 GARFIELD HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS.

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Chairman, can we have this read in its entirety please?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Yes, we can. On the motion made by Mr. Vaughn to have this in its entirety, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

(The Clerk read Resolution 08-2015 in its entirety.)

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Under title consideration, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote, you guys are the stars of Garfield Heights today. The world awaits you. You are going to learn so many things as you go off to college. Enjoy. Study hard. Come back here. Straighten us out. Help us out. Always remember where you came from. I wish you all nothing but the best of luck in the future. With that I vote Yes.

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, I got to say I am proud of you all. I am looking forward now for you to set a goal so I got to make my nine children follow some of your goals. No, but even in my

family education is everything. Once you get the education nobody can hold you back. The only good is to allow yourself it's not about the school that you attend. It's about you as an individual. You are capable of achieving that goal. I don't care where you go you going to have distractions but be able to overcome the distraction. Some of the stuff that you all go through as teens today that I didn't have to even in my lifetime coming up. I know your families are so proud of you all. I'm proud of you all. You all set a great example and I wish to you all the best in whatever endeavors that life holds for you all. Congratulations to you all and also to the educators who taught you while you went to school. They deserve some of the credit also, but you done the most work. Congratulations to you all. With that I vote Yes, Mr. Chairman.

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote I'd like to say wow. Look at you. You're the future. You're going to represent Garfield Heights and it's only just begun. You're going off to college for a brand new adventure and I have faith in every one of you that you're going to excel. Keep up the good work. You are amazing. I happily vote Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Before I vote, we had the rest of the teams standing up here. I'd like to bring this academic team up here. Again, before I vote, we got the best of the best. We got basketball scholarships, basketball players. We've got young academic students who can't be on a team and now we have the best of the best from the schools. Again, this is Garfield. These are the leaders. These are the people that will one day hopefully be sitting up here making decisions also. I'd like to congratulate you for your endeavors and with that I gladly vote Yes.

CLMN GLENN: There's an old saying, cream rises to the top. You are the cream of the crop of Garfield High School. Take advantage of your knowledge, work ethic. It's just as easy to eat bologna as it is to eat steaks. So get your education, get a good job, pay Social Security for people like me. I vote Yes.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Before I vote, I'd just like to say congratulations to each and every one of you. There's a lot of times people say that the Garfield Heights school system isn't that great. I had four children that had gone through the Garfield Heights school system and they've all been very successful. I'd like to say to each and every one of you when you go to college do the best you can and you'll shine just like you did in high school. I vote Yes.

CLMN BURKE: Before I vote, I would like to say congratulations to all of you for your accomplishments, especially this one young gentleman right here, Mr. Nathan Boufford, who happens to be a good friend of my sons and I have to tell you that you've rubbed off on them guys a little bit. They hold themselves to high standards, but now I see what they were up against. I recognize the dedication that Mr. Boufford's parents have put out there for him. I know that the rest of you your parents have done the same thing. You guys thank them and honor them with these grade point averages so you need to be very proud of yourselves. You need to be very proud of the way you carry yourselves and the educators too put a lot of time into you. They deserve a little bit of credit as well. With that, I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 08-2015 passes with 7 Yes votes.

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

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, if I may? Since you skipped me? The reason that I did want to talk. I certainly agree with all my colleagues here that the accomplishments you guys did was great. We had the brawn up here and now the brain. We're really proud of you. The entire city's proud of you and I'm sure the entire school is proud of you. But I do have a question for the principal and Mr. O. You know I graduated from Garfield Heights in 1965 and they must have changed the way they do this grade point average? Because you have 4.2, 4.3. Mine started with a point so obviously they changed it. All kidding aside, congratulations and let us get you a resolution. We'll have it signed.

Tammy Hager, Principal of Garfield Heights High School. As you said, there's so many times that we hear the negatives about the students but we don't often get to celebrate the positives and every single one of these students here are absolutely amazing. There's no way that I can tell you about every single one of their accomplishments because we'd be here all night. But I just wanted to give you a little bit of information about each one of them--even some of the students that weren't able to be here tonight.

Number 10 is Alycia Bardwell. As you mentioned she has a 3.941 GPA. She's part of our Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program in science excelling in academics. She was on the varsity basketball team 9th . 11th Grade, the yearbook staff in 11th Grade, National Honor Society in 11th and 12th Grade, the Glass Ceiling Roundtable in junior and senior year. Alycia also played tuba for our band all four years of high school. She plans to study forensic science at Bowling Green State University and she's already been awarded a \$4,000.00/year academic mixed scholarship to Bowling Green. She's not here.

Alyssa Lubrano is number 9 with a 3.972 GPA. Alyssa's also participated in the PSEO program by attending Tri-C. She's participated in National Honor Society, the Glass Ceiling Roundtable, marching band and Spanish Club. Athletically Alyssa was a football manager and played both softball and volleyball. She's chosen to attend Bowling Green State University and she's also been awarded a \$4,000.00/year scholarship.

A 4.0 GPA is impressive and puts Paige Ross in the number 8 position. This honor roll student is a member of the National Honor Society and the Glass Ceiling Roundtable. She participated in theater, a capella choir and Music Express. Although still undecided as to her field of study, Paige has narrowed down her college choices to Cleveland State University or Kent State University.

With a 4.043 GPA Floyd Samidan is 7th in his class of 2015. He was a member of National Honor Society and is president this year and he wrestled his freshman through junior years making All Conference his junior year. Floyd will be a buckeye next year attending the Ohio State University majoring in chemical engineering.

Jemima Ukwela is in a class of 327 students with a 4.090 GPA. She participated in our PSEO program at Tri-C, was a member of the Glass Ceiling Roundtable for two years and on the Academic Challenge team for three years. She was also the NHS secretary this year. She also played the clarinet (and if you have not heard her she is absolutely amazing) for all four years of high school. Jemima has an interest in the medical field and plans to major in biology. She will accept a \$5,000.00 scholarship from Cleveland State University.

Benjamin Gutzky has the 5th spot this year with a 4.216 GPA. He plays left tackle and was awarded Offensive Lineman of the Year both junior and senior year. Earning the respect of the

players and the coaches Ben had the honor of being team captain this year. He has decided to attend Heidelberg on a presidential scholarship at \$15,500.00.

Hard work and a 4.228 GPA earned Mike Vekas number 4 spot for 2015. He's a member of the National Honor Society and SOS. He's also athletic, playing both baseball and football and he will be attending the University of Akron in the fall.

Third in the class of 2015 is Rachel Novak with a 4.245 GPA. She's been in the National Honor Society for two years, the Glass Ceiling Roundtable for two years and teacher's assistant for two years. Rachel's been in theater for two years and the Music Express for four years. She will be majoring in biology at Cleveland State University where she will receive a \$5,000.00 merit scholarship.

The salutatorian for the class of 2015 is an outstanding young woman with a 4.330 GPA. Ms. Emily Gallagher. She's been a member of the National Honor Society for two years and the Glass Ceiling Roundtable for two years, theater for four years, a capella for four years and Music Express for three years. Earning the respect of her peers, Emily was voted the Most Likely to Succeed for the Senior Superlatives. She's going to double major in anthropology and art history and will be attending Columbia College of Chicago with a \$12,000.00 scholarship.

Our valedictorian for the year 2015 has a very impressive 4.340 GPA. Nathan Boufford was inducted into the National Honor Society as a sophomore and is the 2015 Cleveland Phi Beta Kappa award winner. He played on the football team for four years and was offensive lineman of the year and second team all NOC the past two years. To top all of this off Nate was team captain this year also. He will be majoring in chemical engineering at the Ohio State University and receiving their trustee alumni scholarship and a Scarlet and Gray Grant.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to present all of the wonderful things we have here at Garfield.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mayor, do you have a report for us this evening?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Yes I do, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to talk about May 2nd, this coming Saturday we have three great events. As everyone knows it's Kentucky Derby Saturday, which is always a great day in the entire country. We also have the greatest fight ever in history on Saturday between Mayweather and Pacquiao and thirdly another great event right here in Garfield Heights. We have the 5K Run put on by the Chamber of Commerce. Saturday on May 2nd the Chamber of Commerce is presenting a community picnic along with the 5K Run. It's going to be held in Garfield Park. Registration is from 7:30 to 8:30. The race begins at 9:00 and the community picnic follows at 11:00. This is the 3rd or 4th year in a row they've had it. Each year it's been very successful. It's a great time for all. I have flyers here. If anybody's interested after the meeting you could stop up and get these flyers.

Next I want to talk a little bit about a Veterans Benefit Workshop. I'm going to read this addressed to myself.

Veterans of Ohio Non-profit Service Organization, a 501c3 advocacy group, cordially invites you, the member of Garfield Heights City Council, and the city Veterans to join us at our free Veterans Benefit Workshop Friday May 8, 2015 from 10:30 . 2:30 at the

Warrensville Heights Civic & Senior Center, 4567 Green Road, Warrensville Heights, Ohio. The workshop will provide men and women Veterans from throughout Northeast Ohio with information on how to file for Veterans Compensation, pensions, bonuses and medical health services. In addition, we want attendees to learn how to apply for myhealthvet. The Cleveland region VA benefit office and Louis Stokes VA Medical Center will provide information, technical assistance and take home sources pertaining to all benefits.+

Folks, if you are a Veteran or you know a Veteran there are so many benefits out there that we don't know about and this is an opportunity to learn about them. We're probably entitled to things that we're not getting so if you have an opportunity, please stop by.

Next I want to talk a little bit about--it's a medication, a new thing coming out called Naloxone. Now Naloxone as you know everybody has a family member or a friend or an acquaintance that has had a problem with drugs. Garfield Heights is no different than the other communities. This is a time where drugs is really taken hold and the overdoses throughout the country have been alarming. It's absolutely crazy. They have this medication that is free of charge. They give it to parents, friends, anybody eligible. You have to be 21 or older. This is medication if somebody goes into an overdose and they go out, you squirt this into their nose and within five seconds they snap out of it and will stay alive. It takes that long. What it does is it knocks the entire drug out of the system. It's a shame that we have to talk about this kind of thing because nobody wants to say we have a drug problem, but we know we do. If you have a family member, if you have somebody you know that's hooked on drugs or you may be suspicious of it get one of these free kits. The whole program is going to be Monday June 1st right here at the Garfield Heights Civic Center. Members of the Garfield Heights chapter of Families Anonymous will be available along with our Ruth Pollack from the Garfield Heights Family Resource Center. Folks, this isn't a joke. This saves lives. I had a very good friend of mine a young man that I wish we would have had this when he overdosed to save his life so if you have an opportunity; this is something you don't want to miss on June 1st.

I want to announce that every year for as long as I can remember we've had two parades in Garfield Heights. We've had the Little League parade and the Memorial Day parade and they're a week apart. This year because of the construction on Turney Road there's been some changes and it's been done that way because we don't want somebody getting hurt. So the Little League we don't run the Little League. The Little League is a separate entity. It runs by itself. They have decided to cancel the Little League parade for this year. So the Little League parade will be canceled.

The Memorial Day parade's going to be a little bit different. Instead of marching down Turney Road as we have in the past we are going to meet here at our memorial right as we enter into the Civic Center and we are going to have a ceremony for the Memorial Day and following that we're going to come inside to the dining room for light refreshments. This is going to be a really big event and I'd tell you why. One of the top Veterans speakers in the city, a Judge by the name of Michael Jackson who is a decorated Marine, is going to be here to talk. I'm sure he had offers from all over the community to talk and he chose Garfield Heights because of the different things we do with the Viet Nam Vets and other Veterans. He's going to be here to talk. This guy is a great speaker. He tells stories. He can make you laugh right up to the time you want to cry. This is an event you want to see. Please join us here for Memorial Day. I think it's going to be quite an event.

Lastly, on this report, I wanted to talk a little bit about the road resurfacing and some of the potholes. I want to thank all my friends who constantly communicate with me through e-mail, letters, phone calls telling me that they have a pothole on their street. I do appreciate that. I will let you know that we have some plans in place. I'm going to discuss them a little bit. I do want you to know that it may be hard to believe, but I know that there are potholes out there. The Service Department knows. There's so many of them we can't get to 250 streets in a week. It's going to take time. We are moving rapidly.

As you know, Council, we brought on six additional bodies. They are working every time the plant is open. They're out there working constantly on putting patch down. We also have been bringing in some of our guys overtime. We're working Saturdays. They've been working evenings. We're doing everything we can to keep this patching up. I think they're doing a good job, but it takes time. Two of the worst winters back to back in recent history and that's what we're fighting with. That's what destroyed the streets. As hard as this is to believe for so many of my friends that write to me Garfield Heights isn't the only city that has potholes. Every city is experiencing the same thing. I go to the Mayor's Meetings. All the Mayors are talking about the same thing. I want you to know we really are working hard at it. If you need to call me and tell me that your street has a pothole, please do. I welcome the calls but I want you to know that I do know. This has gotten me in trouble in the past and I don't want to have to have a news reporter at my desk tomorrow, but I also know that you pay taxes. I know because you pay them taxes you're entitled to services and we're trying to do the best we can with the resources that we have.

We're also in the process of having a Special Council Meeting. You will be notified next Monday. We will have a Special Council Meeting. We are going to put up legislation to borrow a certain amount of money that will enable us to do 25 - 30 streets this year. We are going to put a resurfacing program together. It's a chip seal program. When you talk about resurfacing programs you can go from a Chevy product that lasts 5 - 8 years or you can go from one that lasts 12 -20 years- a Cadillac program. The difference is if we do the Cadillac program we can do about 3 streets. If we do the Chevy program we are going to do about 25 or 30 streets. So we know that this isn't the best job that can be done. We know that there's not going to be curbs done, aprons done. It's just going to be the resurfacing the streets. Making them smooth. I've looked at this chip seal in other cities. It's a great job. If you have any questions Dave Krock has had personal experience with it. We're going to do this and it's going to be good. Very nice for the people that are on those 25/30 streets. I know the other people aren't going to be real happy, but what we're trying to do is that if we can do this every year, it won't be long before about 250 streets are done. Now we're looking at different ways of funding this. We were on the phone with the bank today. Barb and I, Law Director Riley were all talking with the bank trying to figure out how to do this. We did come up with an idea.

Council has turned in some streets. The Service Department has turned in some streets. Dave Krock is going to go over these streets and he will be the one that selects them. If he doesn't select your street, it's Dave Krock and I wanted your street done but Dave Krock did not. All kidding aside I want you to know that we are trying as hard as we could. Seriously if we could pave every street tomorrow, we'd all be heroes. We would do it tomorrow. We could spend \$100 million if we had it to get all the streets done. We'd be heroes. The reason that we can't get them all done is it's a matter of economics and it's costing millions of dollars to do this so we don't have it so we're going to do the best we could do. This is the first time we're going to end up with the County streets we're going to end up with 35/36 streets done this year and I think that's pretty great. That's not counting Turney Road which will be completed next year.

So with that said Mr. Chairman, I move on to tonight's legislation. Ordinance 14. It's about cleanup and landscaping projects. We're going to enter into a new agreement with Court Community Service. Right now we have Court Community Service working on a part-time basis when we need them to clean up. We're entering into a contract where we're going to bring them in four days/week to do nothing but clean the neighborhood, clean under the bridges, clean the streets, clean the vacant houses up. We're going to take on these expenses to try to make the community a better place. We're looking forward to that. Ordinance 15 is authorizing us the use of the \$930,000.00 that was awarded to us in the Demo Fund and if you have any questions Noreen can respond. Ordinance 16. We're approving our accounting firm to perform the audit for 2013 -2014. Ordinance 17. Approval to upgrade the Court's present office equipment. They are upgrading their equipment. This is at no cost to the city. It's picked up entirely by the Courts. The other resolutions we've already taken care of.

Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mayor. Where did you say they can get the Naloxone?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: June 1st right here in Garfield Heights. What you have to be is you have to be here by 7 p.m. If you come in later they don't let you in. I don't know why. This is a medical thing and a doctor is there. That's what they're telling us so please be here before 7:00. If you don't get here for any reason. If you can't make it there there's information on where you can go to get one of these free kits.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Are there any other questions of the Mayor on his report? Are there any other questions of the Mayor on his report? Next we'll go on to the Law Director, Tim Riley. Do you have a report for us this evening?

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

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: Absent.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. We'll move on to Service Director Tim McLaughlin. Do you have a report for us this evening?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Yes I do, Mr. President. About the patching, actually we've only had 13 working days in the month of April because of the weather and the plants opening, etc. I think we've gotten pretty far. We've gotten most of the main streets done. There's a couple that are still outstanding, but we are in the side streets. We're working in Ward 1 and Ward 7 and we'll continue street to street in these Wards until they're complete and then move on to the next Ward. Like the Mayor said we have worked some overtime here and there trying to fill in wherever we could and get the patch whenever it was available. The two winters in a row, almost seven years of not repaving, even on an average that's 50 streets that were not repaved in the last 6/7 years. So it all adds up. We have to start somewhere to start rebuilding the infrastructure on the streets. I think we're going in the right direction. It's going to take a little while. The streets that don't get repaved I'm sure they'll be on the next list going through. We're going to try to patch them as well as we can to make them passable and safe. We're doing the best we can. There are four crews out. That's everybody that I have. A few worked overtime. I'm pulling the mechanics etc. on to the streets. We're doing the best we can. I ask that you're patient.

Also the Spring Household Hazardous Waste Roundup will be at the Service Garage located at 13600 McCracken, starting Monday May 4th to Friday May 8th from 7:30 to 3:00 p.m. Then again on Monday May 11th to Friday May 15th from 7:30 to 3:00 p.m. and on Saturday May 16th from 8 a.m. . Noon. If you have any questions about that you can call Jen in the Service Department 475-3373.

We will also be having on Saturday May 16th our Springtime Community Shredding event as a way to prevent identity theft we are offering a personal shredding service for our residents that Saturday May 16th from 9:00 a.m. . 12:00 p.m. at the Service Garage. Any Garfield Heights residents will have the opportunity to dispose of any old financial statements, tax forms, bills, medical records, etc. without worrying about an identity theft and also for keeping from dumping the paper into the environment. The All Ohio shred truck will provide quick confidential destruction and recycling for up to four banker's boxes, files or bags. Staples and paper clips are acceptable. This program is for Garfield Heights residents only. The program will proceed rain or shine. We also have another one in the fall. We do it twice/year. We'll be doing it again in October. Again if you have any questions with that you can call my office at 475-3373. With that you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Are there any questions of Mr. McLaughlin on his report? 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. A little redundant the last meeting, but Garfield Heights Little League takes signups and you can go to the Rec Center for their application or their Website www.ghbl.us.

A reminder again that the Recreation Department will be closing from May 1st to May 19th. That's in a mild sense. We are still there to take care of any citizens' needs or calls, but we do this in preparation of the pool. The tentative pool opening is Saturday June 13th. We'll be taking registration for summer programming on May 19th.

Anyone interested in becoming a lifeguard, please stop by the Rec and pick up an application or you can go to the Website. So there aren't any questions or confusion, I will only accept Red Cross certified lifeguards or those in the process of obtaining that so if you're not certified it would not be of interest to you to apply.

Girls' softball signups ended this past Saturday the 25th. We will continue to take interested participants and put you on a waiting list.

Last weekend we hosted the 47th Annual Ice Show. This year's theme was the Big Top Extravaganza and we had a crowd of over 600 people for the weekend, which featured all of our figure skaters from our tots to our best soloists who displayed the talents and gracefulness developed during all the hard work they put in during the season. We were very fortunate to have this facility and dedicated coaches who spent countless hours developing our children's talents.

Being that we recognized many of our children this evening I wanted to take the time and thank Ms. Emily Garrett, she is our high school art teacher) and her students for bringing our theme to life. The Big Top Extravaganza was a carnival. They brought the theme to life by providing the wonderful decorations through their hard work. Too many times today we hear what's wrong with our youth today as everybody said this evening. Here are youths who gave their time and talent to help the city and our children who possibly they may not have even known to perform

in a show venue that other programs cannot rival. They truly helped make it the best it can be. They even created a papier mache lion that was jumping through a fire ring this year. It was phenomenal what they made. I just wanted to thank you, but if you'd allow me I'd like to recognize those students this evening. Michael Payton, Paul Nerones, Sharday Scott, Dominic Monacos, Zack Humpfl, Sabrina Saad, DeShonay Robinson, Alicia Haney, Violet Pucio, Victor Smith, Tyler Long, Dominic Roberts, Brianna Hasinski, Paige Peck, Shannon Letski, Frankie Love, Sabion King, Devon Jennings and Tiara Wangford and of course Ms. Garrett, our art teacher.

One of the things in this evening's congratulations my congratulations goes out to our basketball team and our 12 and under football team and of course our Top Tens. One of the things you may have recognized is that the achievements of the Top Ten are there. They're the best of the best as many of you stated tonight, but during the last school board meeting every one of those students recognized a teacher and made comments about recognizing their parents for their help, but they do take the time to recognize a teacher for their efforts. It might have been a high school teacher, it might have been somebody from the middle school and even in some instances they'd gone back to elementary school to recognize somebody that impacted them through their academic careers and I think that's special and those teachers are very special because a lot of times they get congratulated year after year.

With that, that concludes my report. I wanted to bring that to your attention because they do recognize those that have helped. Thank you. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Are there any questions of Mr. Dobies on his report?

CLMN NENADOVICH: Bob, thank you for the ice show. Another fantastic job. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Any other questions?

CLWN MARINCIC: I have a comment. Looking good, Mr. Dobies.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: I'm glad you brought that up, Clmn Marincic, because when I was in Marymount Hospital they didn't feed me. Nobody knows this but I was on the second floor and who was right across from me? Helping me out? Nancy Marincic. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any other comments on Mr. Dobies' report? There being none we will move on to Dave Krock, City Engineer.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You have my written report which outlines where the construction is. Beyond that if there's any questions about what's on the report or the upcoming paving I'd be happy to answer it.

That's my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of Mr. Krock?

CLMN NENADOVICH: Dave, that bus that leaves in 10 minutes. Get on the street.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Next we have Acting Finance Director, Barb Biro.

ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO: Thank you, Mr. President. I have nothing to report at this time.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Social Services Director Kathy Rush-Parssons. Do you have a report for us this evening?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS: I just have a quick announcement, Mr. President. The Senior Center will be hosting a trip to the Cleveland Metro Parks Zoo on Monday May 11th. The cost for the trip is \$4.00. It includes transportation and a box lunch. Signups are currently going on but they do end on May 6th. If you are interested or you need more information, call the Senior Center.

That is all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Are there any questions of Kathy on her report? There being none we will move on to Economic Development Director Noreen Kuban. Do you have a report for us this evening?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I would like to urge Council to pass Ordinance 15-2015. This is allowing us to enter into an agreement for the \$930,000.00 Demolition Grant. We will be able to start by June 1st.

That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Are there any questions of Ms. Kuban on her report?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Absent.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none we will move on to Comments by Citizens. 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 comment on tonight's agenda?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none we will move on to Ordinances and Resolutions. Would the Clerk please read the title of Ordinance 14-2015?

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2015

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A NEW AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS WITH COURT COMMUNITY SERVICE.

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 Mr. Nenadovich.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote I'd like to say the Court Community Service is an excellent program and a real asset to our community and I happily vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 14-2015 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2015

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPENDING THE \$930,000.00 GRANT RECEIVED TO DEMOLISH BLIGHTED PROPERTIES THROUGH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY PROPERTY DEMOLITION PROGRAM.

Moved by GLENN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLWN MARINCIC: Can't wait to get rid of some of these homes and I vote Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: A lot of hard work went into this and I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 15-2015 passes with 7 Yes votes

ORDINANCE NO. 16-2015

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR, TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE AND CIUNI & PANICHI, INC, AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING THE CITY WITH AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND DECEMBER 31, 2014, PURSUANT TO THE MODIFICATION/EXTENSION AGREEMENT AND COST PROPOSAL ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 16-2015 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2015

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 OF NEW OFFICE EQUIPMENT FOR THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL COURT SYSTEM, PER THE ATTACHED COST ANALYSIS IDENTIFIED AS EXHIBIT A.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 17-2015 passes with 7 Yes votes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT SUSTER: That completes Resolutions and Ordinances. Next 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 anyone that would like to speak this evening?

David Mays, 8250 Green Drive. I was a little bit disappointed with the last Council Meeting, which I wasn't at. But in the past citizens in Garfield have been told that they cannot get up and say anything about a school issue- good or against it. Yet Council allowed the school board to come in and campaign for an issue that they have on the ballot this year. I think you owe the citizens of Garfield an apology for changing the rules, but again, I was told a couple years ago that Council changes the rules to suit themselves. I told them they were wrong, but they were right. I was wrong once again. That's all I have. One more thing. I really have to think about it if I'll be back for another Council Meeting or not. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, if I may respond? The reason that we wanted the school board to talk about the levy that was up was basically because when you are trying to

market a community where you are bringing new families in, the first thing they ask is what kind of a school system do you have and they want to know that as far as a positive. As a positive to the city and it's very important for the city to be able to explain that we have good school system. So when they come up and they talk about having a levy and the importance to the community, I think, personally, that it was warranted and that's why I certainly had no problem even though it was not my call, I certainly had no problem with the community talking about it.

Some of the issues that were coming up that we stop people talking about is if they come up here and they say why is the school board spending money? Why is the school board doing this? We can't answer those questions because many people think the city runs the school. We don't run the school. The school board runs the school. So when somebody comes here to ask us about why the school isn't doing this, we have no reason to respond because whatever we respond to doesn't matter because it's their program. They are a separate entity and many people don't know that and this isn't like Cleveland where the Mayor runs the school. This is different. Just basically I just wanted (and I'm sorry Dave walked out) but I wanted you to know that. That's why I thought it was important for them. We're trying to do everything we can to make this community survive and help the community and that's why we do what we do.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you.

CLWN MARINCIC: Mr. Chairman, I would also like to say something regarding what Mr. Mays said. I want to echo the Mayor's comments that if somebody comes up with a school issue that needs to be handled within the school system of course I can see why our City Council President would stop them from speaking because we can't actually do anything with the issue. Regarding school levies in the past 25/26 years since I have been attending City Council Meetings I have not only seen school board members and school officials and the school superintendent come up and speak on the levy, I've actually seen City Council pass legislation supporting some of these issues so I know they have brought it up on Council floor before. That's all I have to say.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Sir.

James Fruits, 13600 York Blvd. I talked with Mr. Krock about my street. I want to say thank you guys. I know you guys receive lots of complaints about things that often you guys have no control over as to how many potholes are made by our streets being cleared from snow, which is a service to the community as well. I wanted to say to the Mayor and to all the Members of Council thank you guys for the hard work that you guys put in for our city and thank you guys for the things that you go out of your way to try to help make sure we get things like resurfacing 20-30 streets in Garfield Heights, demolition. I'm going to check to make sure my house is not on that list. I wanted to say thank you guys very much for all that you guys do for our community. I'm a proud resident of Garfield Heights and proud to be part of this community.

I wanted to say thank you for honoring all the students, all the young people that you did tonight. I think it's a great testament to how we support our kids. I also thank you guys for the comments of support in support of our school system. I have three kids in our school system and I encourage everyone to continue to support our kids by voting yes for the levies that are on the upcoming ballots.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: You can't do that. That one you can't do.

MR. FRUITS: Sure. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: You're welcome. Is there anyone else that would like to make any comments this evening?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

CLMN DUDLEY: First of all, he left, but I can understand where Mr. Mays is coming from in all honesty. Just like when we had a gentleman come from the Democratic Club once before and he had a lot to say from the Democratic Club. You didn't have a fellow come from the Republican or Independent Club the same night. If you're going to have individuals address an issue you should have both sides and allow them to be heard. I have no problem with listening to people if you want to take the floor, you make it. I can understand he feels bad if there's one side that shows the support. You have to listen to all people and you got some who's for something and you got some who's against it. I do understand what Mr. Mays said and he probably was disappointed. I wish he would have made the meeting and he could have voiced his opinion also, but we have to be careful.

Same thing, Mr. Fruits, when you came up here we just had a conversation and I told you directly to a gentleman who comes up to have a conversation we just had. But you go and throw that in the mike when you get up here and get a chance with the mike. Once again that makes people kind of feel that they are kind of discontented as far as what's going on here.

But what I wanted to say is congratulations to our teams that came up, especially the individuals, not just the basketball and the football teams but those who got them outstanding grade averages because education is everything. I'm happy to say I know several of my grown children--there are four that go to college; three of them chose technical schools instead. Education means the whole world to everybody.

Also I like to tell people when you have to keep some of these cities in prayer. I'm actually from Baltimore and I will be making a trip down to Baltimore shortly. That's my home town. It just goes to show it's not even some time about law enforcement. I'm blessed because I have a great relationship with Chief and every incident we had, every complaint I had he always addressed it. We sat down and the residents always left that they were satisfied. I never had one of them come to me and say I wasn't happy--I come between you and Chief or whatever. Chief discussed with them with the officer discussed it that it may be a problem. But when we look at the governments today, and I got to say honestly like an elected official, some governments is kind of discontent with the people. Someone just forgot not their job, but the purpose of who they have elected to serve. You're just kind of fading away. I'm saying this as an official. We got two ears and one mouth but sometimes leaders are getting to a point that they are saying more, twice as much as they listen. They should be listening twice as much as they are saying. People are just getting to the point they are getting fed up. Just because you don't have no uprising in your city and because you don't have protests, it's not a Black and White issue. It's the people thing right now. If you talk to people in different cities, even in your own city we have to be attentive to what's going on in our own community, in our own city of Garfield Heights, right here, people. We have to pay close attention to some of the things that go on. I am disappointed in some things sometimes. Even as an official I don't feel comfortable being able to go to an individual and have certain discussions with individuals in this city. I'm saying that as an elected official. You can talk to me and you know I will speak up for you and I will piss some people off in the process of speaking up for you. We have to start listening, people. We

have to pay closer attention to the people. Just because people don't agree with you you don't need to alienate them. When you in a position of authority and you're in a position that people trust, when they come to you you have that power. Don't abuse that power. Don't shove people to the side. I was getting a little disappointed also on certain issues, etc. like that.

But most of all like I say, not to take away from our children, tonight I'm proud and being a father I'm proud of my children. I only have a 14 and a 15 year old at home: Isaiah and Elijah. Even when I mention Isaiah and Elijah they overheard a conversation when I brought them up to city hall this year that they should never have heard and they went back and told our pastor what they heard from this meeting. I was actually able to identify the voice that made little comments that they should not have made. You got bigots and you got bigotry everywhere. The majority is just like the majority of leaders are good people like the majority of residents are good people, the children are good people so the good parts and not so much of the bad parts.

Continue to keep our city in your prayers. I hope to find a solution because I don't want to see nobody hurting. I love my hometown. I love my city of Garfield Heights too. Thank you. That's all, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mrs. Marincic.

CLWN MARINCIC: Mr. McLaughlin, I would like to throw a lunch for the Service Garage again this year because I know everything that they went through during the winter and it would just be pizza and wings so if you could let me know what day would be the best and see if it works into my work schedule and if any of my fellow Council Members want to join me in this they should let me know and I'd let them know the date.

The last thing I have is Mr. Krock could you stick around for a couple minutes so we could chat after the meeting?

That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As always, remember our Veterans. They're fighting every day so you can come here and express your opinion and get the education and play the sports that our kids do. They're the ones that you got to thank the most.

I want to welcome everybody now that the grass is growing back, to Ireland, now that the streets are all green again. We know where that's coming from. Then we call the Service Department to say my sewer's blocked up. Give you a guess what it's from. Rake it up. It doesn't take that much.

Seeing as how our next meeting is May 11th, May 10th is Mother's Day. Happy Mother's Day.

With that, I'm done.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, President. I'd like to mention that our Block Watch will be Tuesday, May 5th, 7 o'clock. Also I want to mention that I attended a showing and Mayor Vic, if you could

comment on something that we had at the fire station about the Cleveland Clinic EMS? Would you say something about that?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: What Clmn Glenn is talking about is the Stroke Unit that has been supplied at the city of Garfield Heights through the Cleveland Clinic. It's a \$1 million unit. It's actually an ambulance that I believe and the Council people that were there believe without a doubt this is going to save hundreds of lives and many of them right here in the city of Garfield Heights. The Stroke Unit does what the hospital used to do. If in the past our guys would pick up a stroke victim, someone they thought was suffering from a stroke, they would take them back to Marymount Hospital. Marymount Hospital would assess them. They would run them through a machine to see if it was a stroke and then they would ship them to Cleveland Clinic. At that time Cleveland Clinic would give them this medication to break up the stroke if it was a clot in the head.

What's going to happen now? That would take anywhere from an hour to an hour and a half before the patient was given that medication. In this unit what is going to happen is when our guys get a call about somebody that's sick what they believe either from the phone call or their own observation that it is a possible stroke, they're going to reach out to this unit. This unit will be five to 10 minutes behind our guys. When they get there our guys will keep the person, prepare them. Once the unit gets there they will be put in the unit and what happens is Cleveland Clinic will happen right in that unit. It will save at least an hour to an hour and a half of being able to get this medication. Many people have died from not getting that soon enough. One of the technicians had told me that they had picked up a gentleman that was incoherent. They knew it was a stroke problem. He couldn't lift his arms, he couldn't lift his head and within six minutes after they applied this medication he was sitting up on the cot, talking to the doctor because they have a doctor at the hospital that's actually talking to them on one of those monitors. So this is going to be great and I'm really happy with the Cleveland Clinic for allowing Garfield Heights to be a part of this. I believe it's the only unit in the country like this. It was donated by a donor and I understand that they've donated enough money to make a second unit. So it's going to be great for the city, Gene.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, Mayor. That's all, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: I have one question on it, if I might? How many different cities? Is this going to be for the whole County?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Yeah, but actually the communities around here. There's only about four or five communities right now that are actively on this is my understanding. I'm sure that they're going to keep building up until they get them all.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. That would probably be if they got a second unit?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Exactly right.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. First of all I was really disappointed that Mr. Mays left because the thing we did here tonight with these kids that were here and I mean for all of them that we honored them for being here. We have to remember that those are also the kids that attend our schools and as I had mentioned, my four kids went to school here and all four have been very successful. Here again, as I said it when I said it after each resolution, you still have to congratulate the parents for the amount of time that they have to make sure that their kids are doing the studies, they're attending basketball practice or attending football. It takes a lot out of

their time. Also that we just have to watch these kids and make sure that they are successful and that's what the school teachers are doing, not that I want to get on a big bandwagon for this but like I say it was an honor to be among those kids here tonight.

I would also like to wish all the ladies a Happy Mother's Day.

Also on May 12th Garfield Heights CERT will be having a meeting where they will be honoring the five and 10 year members. I believe that's going to be at the fire station. So if anybody would like to attend that, we'd be more than glad to have you.

With that, that's all I have. Mr. Burke.

CLMN BURKE: Thank you, Mr. President. I also would like to say that I'm a little disappointed that Mr. Mays left. I can understand what he was trying to say. I think though when you look at a community that's strong, a community that tries to be strong, you have to have all parties involved. Now, having said that, I don't think that Council floor is the place to run for office or push a political agenda. So I can see Mr. Mays' point, but I do think that what we did here tonight by honoring these children, honoring the fine young men and women, that that's a good thing and that shouldn't be overshadowed by allowing people to come up and make comments in the case that Mr. Mays made. I don't want to take anything away from the youth. I think that they did a great thing and they deserve to be honored for it.

I would ask that everybody be patient with the Service Department. I see these guys out there in Wards 2, 3 and 7, 4. Still waiting for them to get to Ward 6, but I know they'd get there.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Did you forget one?

CLMN BURKE: Ward 5. Just have not got there yet, but I know they'd get there. I know with only 13 days of real time to work on these streets it's been tough for them. We got a short list of people that can work on these streets. It's not like we have a lot of people at our disposal to do it.

As a matter of fact, Clmn Vaughn and myself have decided also that we're going to do a luncheon for the Service Department as well, Tim, so we'd coordinate that with you as well.

I would also like to challenge anybody else on Council here. I am getting involved in the Community Garden program and I'm going to grow some flowers and vegetables I think. I have not decided yet but I think that's something that we all need to get involved in.

Also I would like to wish all the mothers out there a Happy Mother's Day seeing as how that is the day before our next meeting.

I would want also to remind everybody that on May 13th I will be having my Community Awareness Meeting and this month we have Judge Nicastro. She will be talking about some of the youth programs that we have going on.

That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Clmn Burke, you know lqn really glad to hear that youqe going to be involved in Community Gardens. Why donq you come on over and start with mine? It could use some tilling, weeding.

On a serious note, on the Naloxone program that the Mayor talked about, please letq fill that auditorium upstairs. This is something. Every one of our families, friends, loved ones, weqe all affected by this. It would really be a great thing to have in the house. Itq just as important to have as that syrup of lpecac that we all have in case of poisoning. You should have this as well, so please letq try and all be there.

My Block Watch will be this Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. at St. Monicaq School. Come on up and join us as we begin to plan our summer activities.

Tim, I want to say thanks to the Service Department. Theyqe out there trying. The other day I just sat to the side and I was watching as people went by and gave them dirty looks and shook their fists at them and itq not their fault. It really isnq, folks. lqn sorry that the trafficq slowed down again. We got to get them fixed so please be patient.

Tonight was a great night to see the basketball team and the youth football team. My great thing tonight was to see those Top Ten come in here. What an impressive list of universities and colleges those kids are going to be attending. Every one of them is going to a top notch school. I wish them luck. I wish their families luck and I hope to see you back here soon. I really want to see us continue, Mr. Dobies, to bring the Top Ten in every year. I know the past few years we have asked and thereq been scheduling conflicts, etc. so if we can continue that, lq like to see that.

I would like to say Happy Motherq Day to everybody. Enjoy. Hopefully it will be nice and warm. Again, Mr. Burkeq available to clean out your gardens for Motherq Day. Thatq about all I have for tonight.

Mr. Chairman, I suggest we close this meeting.

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:42 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Joseph Suster
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council