

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, April 28, 2014

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

INVOCATION BY: Clwn Nancy Marincic

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Roll call please.

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

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Next we'll move on to the reading and disposal of the Minutes of the meeting of Monday, April 14th.

CLMN BURKE: Mr. Chairman, I move that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting from the last meeting as written.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: 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.

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

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Suster, yes, I do. Thank you. Mr. Chairman, Council. First off I want to talk about this coming Saturday, May 3rd, the Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Families Getting Fit, is sponsoring Garfield Heights United 5K Run. This is Saturday, May 3rd at the Garfield Park Reservation in the MetroParks at the Red Oak Shelter. Registration is from 7:30 to 8:30. The race starts at 9:00 a.m. followed by an award ceremony and a community barbecue. This is replacing the International Day that they had last year. It's a very good cause. The Chamber of Commerce puts a lot of work into this and I invite everybody to come and join and you know, Gene Glenn, now that you're working out everyday you should be able to run that 5K Run with no problem. I will be looking forward to you. I'll be at the finish line waiting for the runners to come in. If you have an opportunity, it's something that's going to be really good and it's a community day for the city. They're having a barbecue and it should be very good.

Another program that I wanted to talk about is we are going to start a program and like some of the other cities have done. We are going to do some advertising for the businesses on our city

buses. We have actually on bus number 34 we have a sign put on there that's going to be sort of an advertisement just to show the businesses what it's all about for a couple hundred dollars a month, depending on what size. There's four locations on the bus. For a couple hundred dollars a month businesses can in fact advertise their business on a bus that goes around Garfield Heights four days a week, so we'll be getting into that shortly.

Before I get into my most famous topic—potholes—I have been instructed to mention to Council that last Council Meeting (if you remember) there was a buzzing sound coming from our microphone and they checked it and the only thing that they could think of was make sure I've always been instructing everyone and everyone knows that to talk we bring the microphone down when you talk and when you're finished talking please put it back up because they think because the microphones were all down that was causing the problems. So we'll try that and see how that works out.

Again, briefly, if it's possible, I want to talk about the potholes again. I know Council has been very forceful about the potholes that are in your Wards and I understand that. We have tried, as you know, many different things to get a jump on these potholes. This city, along with other cities has experienced a winter that was unlike anything anybody could remember and that's from all the communities. When I go to the Mayors' Meetings everybody's talking about the same thing: potholes. The residents are very tired of seeing these potholes and believe me, the Mayor and the Administration is very tired of seeing these potholes also. We have put in five additional people. We were going to do six. We had a problem with one of them. They found him another job. We may be putting a sixth one on, but we have five additional guys throwing patch. Tim will probably get into it in his report, but we have already thrown about 160 tons of patch and we have not even scratched the surface of the city. 160 tons. We have these guys out on the street. The new guys are doing an excellent job. The problem is it's not just one street or two streets or 10 streets. It's almost all of the streets have problems with potholes. Some are worse than others and some are just plain horrible and undrivable. We're trying to get to them, but it takes a long time. Again, as I said last week 80 miles of road. We have additional guys out there and we're doing everything we can.

Wednesday night, as Council is aware, we're having a Finance Meeting and part of the discussion is to talk about a new machine that Dave Krock had brought out to the city. They showed us this machine. It's called a Dura Patch Machine that fills the potholes. They demonstrated on one street on 114th Street and everybody in the neighborhood was mad we did not demonstrate on their street but they did a wonderful job. It looks good. They brag or at least they contend that some of the stuff that they do lasts up to five years. They put a percentage of 97% of their holes that they fixed lasted five years. We don't know if it's quite that high. That's something they're saying, but right now when you are talking about cold patch that lasts maybe two days, when you're talking about the possibility of it lasting through a winter, it would be great. In the long run it would save us some money and it would certainly help the residents when you are looking at the position Garfield Heights is in, like other communities, where we can't afford to go out and pave all the streets this is something that can really work and work good. It might be the next best thing.

There's a cost to this. If we go new it's going to cost in the range of \$80,000.00. Ron and Dave will get into that with you on Wednesday, but I think it's something we definitely have to look at. I was sold on it and if you get an opportunity to ride down 114th, North of McCracken you will see what it's done and I think it's done very well. Again, you know, I know I'm getting so much fan mail and so many calls every day about we're not patching any holes and it's a disgrace what we're doing. I just want everybody to know that we have done everything we can do, but we've

got everything against us. I hate to complain and throw excuses out there but here's a perfect example. We got all the guys ready to throw patch and it's going to rain all week. Can't throw patch in the rain. So the person that called me on Monday saying why didn't you patch my street will call me again Friday saying the same thing. That's what we're up against. I understand why the residents are upset. I'm upset, but believe me when I tell you we're doing everything we can do and if we get the machine and we get it in the next couple of months I don't know how much it will be able to do this year, but it will certainly help us next year get through the winter. With that said, there is no legislation tonight. Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mayor. I have one question if I might. Are you going to have a meeting with the business people about that advertising on those buses?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Actually Pat Salemi who does our PR work is going to put some stuff together (flyers) and will bring that bus around any business that's interested and we'll show them what the design looks like.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: Mr. Chairman. Is that the same machine that was advertised with the one driver in there by himself and it blows the stuff out of the hole and puts the filling in it and then laid a patch? Or is it a different machine?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mike, this machine. The truck that came out and did the machine is, I believe, Dave, correct me if I'm wrong, about \$250,000.00 for the entire unit. We're not going to get a truck. If we get it we're going to get the actual machine itself on top of a trailer. On a trailer that will be pulled by one of our pick up trucks. It cleans out, it blows out the hole. Dave, why don't you explain it, if you would?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Sure. As the Mayor mentioned what you are referring to, Mr. Dudley, is a big truck machine. What we're looking at is what most communities have, which is a trailer. It blows out the hole, it sprays in the emulsion, then it puts in the mix of the stone and emulsion and puts a light coating of just stone on top of that. When they're done it can be rolled after that and in place. It's pretty slick the way it works. It works pretty well.

CLMN DUDLEY: So it's similar to the one that was shown on television?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Similar to that.

CLMN DUDLEY: One individual actually operates it? Or do multi individuals operate it?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: You need one person driving the truck. You need one person with especially a wand that they use to spray it out and then you need one person sweeping and rolling, so it's about a three/four person operation. It's not a single person.

CLMN DUDLEY: OK. One more question. On this advertisement, Mayor? I know you are still working out the details, but when you have customers that want to advertise are they going to be limited to say I want to advertise this month, I'm a company, but somebody else needs the space next month? If we going to share fairly with that company doesn't it get like a monopoly on controlling that bus sign for the rest of the year? Versus giving somebody else an opportunity?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: What we did, Mike, is they put together some figures today and we have contacted Tony Lovano to check with RTA and some other buses that do this. We have a one month price. We have a three month price and we have a year price. So depending on what they want that's how long it will be up. Let's say all four areas are used up. The fifth person will be next up for when it opens up and the sixth person and we'll keep it in order. They're not going to monopolize it unless they buy the whole year.

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

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Moving right along we'll go to our Police Chief Robert Sackett.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: Just one thing. Thank you. In regard to that 5K run, the Mayor spoke of this Saturday, the run will take place entirely within Garfield Park so it won't affect any city streets. However, between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. approximately Main Park Drive will be closed to traffic so if you're heading that way, keep that in mind and watch out for the runners. With that you have my report.

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

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll touch on what the Mayor talked about with the hot patch. We have four crews out working with four guys to a crew. We even have a building maintenance guy and a mechanic out working this morning on this crew wherever we can fill in and take from to get more bodies on the road. The weather and we're now going to two asphalt plants not to limit ourselves if one's closed, but basically they all have the same operations. Today they don't even want to open—neither one of them. In the morning we have to call in and guarantee them that we're going to take so much patch. They make all the cities do that now. This morning we got enough into get the morning in till noontime. A couple of the crews were still slinging patch with the rain pouring down, but it doesn't always make for a great patching when there's water running down next to you, but like the Mayor said, in the last couple weeks we put down 160 tons of patch. We've worked some overtime. We tried to work overtime on Saturday. Neither patch company would open so we were out on that. Like he said it shows rain this week every day. That's holding us up too. I have the four crews spread out. They are not all in one area. We still have mains that we have not touched: Antenucci, Transportation, 98th Street, Broadway. There's four or five that have not even been touched yet and there's huge holes on them. We're spread out. I'm trying to touch every area and pull it all together. It's going to be a little while before we get into the side streets, but we're doing the best we can. I have no other answer. I have never seen the streets this bad and like the Mayor said, it's not just one street or a couple streets in a Ward. You can touch just about every street and they are taking two days to get through.

We're still trying to work on Turney Road and get the middle lanes done because when Cleveland starts replacing the water lines they will be blocking off the curb lanes so it will force all the traffic to the middle lane so the crews started on doing the middle lanes on Turney Road from Granger on down. We're doing the best we can. It's just going to take a while and we'll keep working at it.

The other thing I have is to remind you again about the Hazardous Waste Roundup at the Service Garage, 13600 McCracken. It starts on Monday May 5th. It goes that whole week through Friday May 9th and it will be from 7:30 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. The second week, May 12th through the 16th. Same thing. Then on Saturday May 17th we'll be open from 9:00 till 12:00. You can bring hazardous waste there that Saturday and that's also the day we're going to have the paper shredding truck there from 9:00 to 12:00. You can bring up to five bankers boxes, which are pretty large size. They shred them right there in front of you so you see that it's done. This is for the residents of Garfield Heights only. It's not for businesses or people outside Garfield Heights. With that you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of the Service Director?

CLMN BURKE: Tim, I got a few phone calls from some of the residents on Silver. They wanted me to say that since they did not have a problem calling to complain, they also wanted to call and say thank you for patching that road.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: I have to tell you. That street took 25 tons.

CLMN BURKE: I was worried because when you said 160 ton I thought maybe that just went into Silver?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: 25 tons for a street that size is a lot of patch.

CLMN BURKE: Thank you for patching that.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any other questions of the Service Director? 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. Last Monday grass cutting had gotten under way. I'm happy to report that Ward 1 was completed by last Thursday and that's including McCracken Road from the border to Cleveland. Also I believe we finished Ward 7 today including Rockside and Valley Lane. I had a very busy day. I didn't get to look at all the reports that came back. Initially properties were posted the last two weeks of March. While we still dealt with Mother Nature the actual cutting did not start until April 21st. This is five weeks of notification prior to any work being done. I bring this to your attention because although some calls have or are coming in some people are irate because their grass got cut. I just say there was five weeks to notify Building that there may be a situation change. Can't hold everybody by their hands. I'm sorry. You have to take some responsibility. If the circumstances do change, please call the Building Department and things will be instituted. If you are a renter, call the owner to bring it to their attention. That would be the proper procedure. I also remind everybody that even though a property was posted, if you maintain it there's no problems. There's no charge. We don't cut it and you just continue maintaining your property. If you don't we'll be happy to cut it for you.

Last, I would like to bring to your attention and please excuse me because this is some school board business, Mr. President. Many of you know I sit on the school board and in that position I am the liaison to the city. In that capacity I bring both forth to the school board meetings information pertinent to city functions, programming and current legislation to keep our community informed in that venue. I would like tonight, though, in my directive capacity, to bring some great and exciting news to our Council Meeting on some recent school achievements. I have told people that I truly love my position as a board member because our children are

provided a sound education while watching them succeed to graduation. While at the board meeting on Tuesday the 22nd we annually recognized the top 10 students along with Roses for Teachers. This is a special time because we give recognition for all their accomplishments. The top 10 recognition lets all know their obvious GPA, their participation in different activities during the years with the school district, their future goals and where they will be attending college along with scholarship awards.

Roses for Teachers acknowledges the teaching staff for having the efforts as teachers recognized by those students for having a positive influence in the students' lives. That their sensitivity and compassion as teachers truly is appreciated going beyond what we consider a normal teacher's duties. I'm sorry for being long winded but I wanted you to have an idea of what transpires on a given night for those special people and all the students coming into graduation. One of the things I wanted to bring to your attention is not only on my part as a proud board member, but we have with us tonight a very proud parent. One of the top 10 recipients. For the Garfield Heights class of 2014 the class valedictorian and number one in her class is Miss Alexandria Marincic, daughter of Clwn Nancy and her husband Marty Marincic. Allie held a 4.354 GPA. She participated in the Academic Team, Honor Society, marching band, concert band and I believe there was a few others I may have missed. She will move on her education by taking a double major in education and Spanish. I understand that Allie has received a full academic scholarship to the University of Akron and has also considered the possibility of attending Miami University. All that said, congratulations. Nancy, you have to be very proud.

CLWN MARINCIC: Thank you. Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is that it, Mr. Dobies? Nancy.

CLWN MARINCIC: Mr. Chairman. I'd have done it myself but I'm too old now. We're all so proud of her. We really are. She has excelled in ways we never thought she would and she's our shining joy in our house and thank you very much for mentioning it. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Anyone else have any questions of Mr. Dobies?

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Dobies, can we possibly get those 10 people to come here and be recognized?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: We could.

CLMN VAUGHN: We've done the basketball tam. We've done those sports events. I think it's really important that the community see the type of people that we are putting out in our city schools.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: I appreciate that Tom, and I agree with you wholeheartedly because as many times as Council Members bring forth we hear negative things about it but it's an ongoing process and we do have many, many achievers and they're not all in the top 10. These are the shining stars of course in any school district, but on the same token we have others that achieve. One of the greatest things in being a school board member and of course those that aren't can't experience, but it is graduation day. You have such mixed emotions as they walk across the stage from biggest smiles on their faces to perplexed looks to tears to sweaty hands. You name the realm of emotions and you get to see

them all, but everybody is so well deserved of moving on in their lives and careers and future educations. Thank you. I'll contact Mr. O.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Anyone else have anything for Mr. Dobies? Moving on, we'll move to City Engineer, David Krock.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report this evening.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mr. Krock. We'll move on to Finance Director, Ron Tomola.

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to talk a little bit about a handout that I put in front of all the Council people tonight. A couple weeks ago the Mayor, myself, Noreen, our bond counsel Pam Hanover and our investment banker Jeff Rink from Key Bank all had a Annual Moody's Rating Call with Moody's Investment Services and as you may remember, a little over a year ago they didn't downgrade the city but they put a negative impact upon our future outlook. We told you at that time that our goal over that next year's period of time was to put our financial position where we could have maybe that negative outlook removed. The call again was two weeks ago. The rating came out the middle of last week and if you'll see in front of you the negative outlook has been removed. Again, this is another outside entity that's reviewed the financial picture of the city as it exists today and not saying that we're in perfect financial health but we're on the way. We're moving toward where we need to be and it was good enough to have that negative outlook removed from our rating. So I wanted to bring that to Council's attention. With that you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Is there anybody that has any questions for Mr. Tomola? I would just like to say that you probably should get a round of applause because if the rating is changed you and the Administration and the Mayor had a lot to do with it. Why are you shaking your head no? Next we'll move on to our Social Services Director, Kathy Rush-Parssons.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS: Thank you, Mr. President, I have no report this evening.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Next we'll have Economic Development Director, Noreen Kuban.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Thank you, Mr. President, I have one item. I would just like to urge the voters to vote for Issue 14 on the May ballot. This is a proposed zoning change from residential to U-11B, which is office park. This is for Overdrive, which is located on North Granger. They purchased some additional residential properties and they need to change their zoning. I would like to point out that per their tax abatement agreement they were to create 75 jobs over three years (25 jobs per year). When they moved in on December 31, 2012 they brought 130 jobs. They didn't fully move in until a couple months later in February of 2013, but effective December 31, 2013 they had 198 jobs, which is 68 jobs out of the 75 jobs they were required to create in three years and they've almost met that goal in one year so it's really important that we support their efforts because they do plan on expansion. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Is there any questions of Ms. Kuban on her report? There being none we'll move on to Committee Reports.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Absent.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: I have one, if I might. As the Mayor had mentioned in his report that this Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. we'll have a Finance Meeting here in the Caucus Room so if anybody would like to attend, we'll be more than glad to have you there.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mr. Chairman, about the middle of May, the 14th probably, we'll have a Building Committee Meeting.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. Anyone else? OK, we'll move on. I think everybody's aware of the fact tonight we don't have any Ordinances or Resolutions to pass so we will move on to Comments by Citizens. If the Clerk would please read the rules.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

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?

Sherry Wimberly, Program Director for Word of Righteousness Life Center at 13455 Dressler Avenue. I just briefly want to share with you some information about the services that we have available to our residents of Garfield Heights and just make the Council and city aware of what we can offer to the citizens in the city. I was recently promoted to the Director and so we want make sure the information gets out to all the residents of what we have available.

We have several different programs that we offer to our residents, some of them being going throughout the year and some of them being one-time services. First and foremost we have support services available to all our residents in Garfield Heights. Our goal is to make sure we're meeting the needs of the people in our community so we have ongoing services such as financial support, educational support, social services and recreational services for our young people. Throughout the year we offer things and I did leave a overview at your desk. We have things like our Turkey Giveaway, which we have that every November for Thanksgiving. It's available to any family that is in need. They just have to call in and register with us and if they are in need of a turkey or Thanksgiving meal we offer that to them at no charge. We also have our Toys for Tots Program in December for families who may be in need of something for their families for the holidays where they can sign up as well for that program. Children's Clothes for Kids, that also is another program that we offer to families. It is all new clothing for your children. It's ongoing every three months we offer that program and again, families just need to call in and register and let us know what the need is, we gather some basic information and we get them clothing items for the children.

Along with that for our young people we have two ongoing programs throughout the year. We have our Kids Cafe Program which is after school. That's from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and any of our children can come after school and receive a free lunch at no charge to them as well as throughout the summer. We convert to our Summer Feeding Program and that's open to all of our kids again from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. where they can take on a free lunch program. We also

have our Food Pantry Program. That's once a month, every first Saturday of the month where families who are in need of food can come in and register and receive three to five days supply of food.

In order for us to keep these programs going, however, we collaborate with many of our partners throughout Garfield Heights, one of them being the school district as well as the Resource Center in Garfield Heights and CLGC and other community partners that help us keep the programs going.

We are always in need of volunteers so if anyone in the city of Garfield would like to come in and volunteer their time so that we can continue to extend our programs, we look forward to that as well as any type of donations of any sort that you would like to donate. We look for books, money, clothes, food, whatever you would like to give us so that we can make sure that our residents have everything that they need.

The last thing that I want to mention is that we are expanding our Child Care Center. We used to offer child care services to families ages three to 12. We now are taking infants so we take infants, toddlers, pre-school and before and after care.

So those are just a quick overview of the services that we have. I did leave my card and I did leave information for all the Council Members and if anyone wants to get in touch with me, again we are at Dressler Avenue and that number is (216) 365-3336 and I'm at extension 13. Thank you so much.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, if I may? I just wanted to say that I am familiar with the work that you guys are doing there. You do a terrific job and on behalf of the community I want to thank you because you are helping a lot of people that need it very badly. We appreciate everything you do for the entire community. Thank you.

MS. WIMBERLY: Thank you.

CLMN DUDLEY: Mr. Chairman, I did want to mention one thing. I don't want to use the word shakedown, but the Mayor does a good job in shaking up every year and shaking up to get the turkeys out to individuals that he actually contributed, but people don't know it. He contributes quite a few turkeys to the Family Life Center for the holiday season. A lot of people is not aware of that, but he do and that helps plenty of families and I want to just note that right there. It's a great facility. Thank you, Mayor. Thank you Ms. Wimberly.

MS. WIMBERLY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Halan.

Bob Halan, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. I have two statements to make. First of all, this should be addressed to the Service Department. It's been known the last 10 to 12 years there is a filler that's supposed to be temporary and it lasts five to eight years. It's an asphalt with Mylar in it. Mylar is a nylon. The temporary patch is not temporary. It's almost perfect. It costs a little bit more, but should be looked into. It's not too well known about this. I don't know who manufactures this, but it does work in bigger cities than ours and northern. It's up in Minneapolis that they've used this and I'm sure it would do some good here.

The second part is, it's a little difficult because I just lost my memory. The second part was on almost the same vein.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, if I may? Bob, I would like to respond to the second part. I want to thank you for praising the city officials so very nicely. Bob, I want to tell you something, if I could take this opportunity, that it may come as somewhat of a surprise but after the last Council Meeting you came up and you spoke and you talked about the traffic light cameras. You know that you and I have had this conversation and I have been opposed to the traffic light cameras because it came in front of the residents twice and both times it was voted down. The residents had sort of sent us a message. Surprisingly enough, one of our directors came up to me and said you know that Bob Halan gave me a good idea. I want to share the idea with you because some communities are doing it. We're going to talk a little bit about this on Wednesday also, but some of the communities that have. We had voted out the traffic light cameras and Garfield Heights had made a loud statement that they don't want it. In the meantime you are seeing all these other communities trying to get these traffic light cameras.

There is the safety aspect and we know what that safety aspect is because you need to slow people down. But the other aspect, the financial aspect, some of the cities are using that direct money they're getting to do street construction with. It brings in millions of dollars. This is something that in Garfield Heights was turned away. That was valuable money that could have been used for the streets. We're looking back at maybe trying to talk to the people again. I've been thinking about having some town hall meetings to get the people's feelings on it. I know I'm going to raise some ugly flags up and these people out there that fight against it are going to be out hitting the streets again, but I would like to see what the residents think about it again. Because if we did that again we could take the entire money that was made from those red light cameras and put it into a street rehab program and it would certainly help us. But again we're going to do what the residents want and if the residents are still opposed to this we won't go there. We do think we are going to bring it back to the residents one more time to get their opinion before we even put it out for a vote or anything else. I want to let you know that that statement you brought last week was well talked about.

MR. HALAN: Now you brought my mind back to the second part—money. It' on a political issue. I have to stand and say about it because it affects us. Certain people both took away our income from the Internet cafes. We were on our way to a financial stability. That helped a lot. Now as a citizen I'm going to say I would vote (I think it's going to be on our ballot number 15) against the sin tax because the three sports companies are making millions. Why shouldn't they upkeep where they get their winnings from? Modell had an agreement with the city when he had the Browns here. In 10 years time he collected rent from the Indians because he subletted. In that 10 years Modell did not spend one cent on rehabilitating the stadium.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Halan, you have 30 seconds.

MR. HALAN: So I would like to turn that down so these multi-millionaires that took our money away have to put out the money to keep up the stadiums and the arena. I'm sorry I feel that way, but that's how I think we're justified.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: And if I can respond? I know his five minutes is over. Mr. Chairman, if I can respond? You know what? There's a lot of positives. There's a lot of negatives about the issue about the sin tax. I've heard both sides of it. There's a contract in place that if the sin tax does not pass the city of Cleveland, through the tax dollars, will have to pay for the remodeling and the rehab of that stadium. It's not going to go away. It's a matter of the sin tax paying for it

or it coming out of the general fund. When you look at that part of it, and you can't change the contract unless they agreed and I don't know why they would re-negotiate it. My understanding is, besides the fact that people that smoke and drink, which I don't, not that I haven't, I did in the past, but I don't now. Besides I can understand their opposition to this. But when you think about the amount of dollars that comes in every time there's a sporting event there, to the restaurants, to the parking areas, to all the different programs on, the casino, there is some serious dollars there and if you can keep those well the last thing you want is one of those teams to leave. It would be nice to see them win once, but seriously the last thing we want to do is see them leave. Hotels make money, restaurants make money. I'm in favor of the sin tax for that reason. But if the contract had been different I would wish that the Browns and the Cleveland Indians would have been paying more than rent. I wish that would have happened. But since that's not the case and it's a matter of what we need to do right now, I'm in favor of the sin tax, but I understand why you are opposed and I understand why there's opposition out there.

MR. HALAN: OK. Thank you.

CLMN DUDLEY: Mr. Chairman. I want to mention something, you know. Everybody knows you never see me smoke. You never see me drink, but I have family members who do smoke and drink and I have family members who live in the city of Cleveland and what happens, Bob, is I realize that like the Mayor said, if it's not paid through the sin tax it's going to come out of their general fund so Cleveland has to pay it. If they got to pay that money, they going to have to take the money from somewhere and it's probably going to hurt some of their needed programs that they have in the city for the needy individuals and that's my concern. I have grandchildren. I have other people I respect. It would be the same thing if it was here in Garfield. If we depend on that money to keep certain businesses running, to keep certain revenue in programs here, we really would not want nobody to say well it's not in the city of Garfield Heights so because it's sin tax, it should not go forth. It would hurt that city bad.

Like the Mayor said it is a contract and agreement. Either you going to pay it through sin taxes and that's optional. Nobody forces you to pay the sin tax. If you don't smoke and you don't want to drink you don't have to pay it, but it can be devastating to them and we got to remember we do have people in the city that have family members if they don't work there themselves. It's optional. But I would really say that people should give a strong consideration because it can be devastating to that city and when you hurt the city the strength of Cleveland you can hurt some of the surrounding suburbs at the same time, Bob. Give it some thought. You got your choice. Vote your conscience.

MR. HALAN: I'm still bitter what they did to us. They took our Internet cafes. That was money that we had here.

CLMN DUDLEY: I understand what you're saying, Bob. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CLMN GLENN: Bob, Mr. Mayor, I, too, am in favor of this sin tax. It's not a new tax. It's a renewal of that old tax so it's no extra tax money. It's just renewing what has been taking place right along here. It means good Union jobs for the city, construction. We need to go forward to do the right thing to make Cleveland. We get a lot of benefits from Cleveland. Cleveland grows. We grow. So I'm in favor of this renewable tax. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Anybody else have anything?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We'll move on to Miscellaneous Business, beginning with Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: You want to start with the best, huh? I'll make it real quick. I have to congratulate you Nancy on your daughter and tell your husband congratulations. That's an achievement. I know who will do my homework when I'm doing my college courses now. So I ain't too much concerned about that.

Also like I say I understand the patching situation. I used to work for ODOT, etc. and them potholes is bad. My rack and pinion got busted over by Maplerow. Cost me about \$800.00 to get it repaired, etc.

For the 5K run I'll actually be at the 5K run. I do plan to be participating standing next to the Mayor at the finish line to congratulate you all as you come by. I'm going to do it. I probably won't run it, but I'll walk it.

Most of all be safe and be a little patient. The Service Director said this is probably the worst potholes I ever saw and I drive a truck for a living and trust me it ain't just Cuyahoga County. It's in other cities throughout the State of Ohio. I mean it is bad. Every time I hit them with the truck and it rocks my truck and I think I'm busting my truck apart. Like I say we got to be a little patient on that. They don't open these plants when the days is raining, etc. and as a individual trying to get some asphalt you probably can't get it now because the cities and the State is sucking it up so much.

With that I thank Ms. Wimberly for coming out tonight and the Family Life Center is a great place. They do a lot for the community and we have other programs in Garfield and I encourage people to take advantage.

Don't forget our Historical Society. We forget about that building over there and I tell you you got to bring your kids and let them see some of the stuff that is in the building. I know my kids like it but they can keep their hands off things and don't touch them over there. But anyway that's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Mrs. Marincic.

CLWN MARINCIC: I only have a couple things. Mayor, if somebody comes in and wants to demonstrate new asphalt methods in the future could you please let them practice on Edge Park?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I'll certainly mark that down.

CLWN MARINCIC: Please. The last thing I want to do is wish all the mothers out there a Happy Mothers Day. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Nancy, again, congratulations for what your daughter did.

CLWN MARINCIC: Thank you.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Happy Mothers Day. I read something very disturbing in the paper today about our Veterans. Not only did we lose so far 4,105 of them, but this one young man, his first name is Manuel. His last name escapes me right now. He was awarded three Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star from the Viet Nam era. That's a long time to recognize somebody who gave so much. The Veterans are coming home. Let's push our Congressmen to speed up this process with these Purple Hearts, Bronze Stars, CMHs. They put their life on the line. The Congressmen only has to raise his pen—not a rifle. Those guys are raising rifles. He's raising a pen. Let's get after our Congressmen to start speeding up this process. It was very disturbing to read that it took all these years for him to get those Purples Hearts. Three of them. With that you have my best.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll want to remind the residents of Ward 4 all residents are welcome to our Block Watch. One of our speakers this month, the first Tuesday of May, 7 o'clock at the Civic Center is going to be the new Administrator for the jailers and dispatchers. Their reorganization for the regionalizing. We have a new administration. There's a lot of questions to be asked of him to see how this process is going to take place.

I also want to say that our weather not only in the wintertime is not cooperating with the city as far as potholes. Now it's raining. Rain means more grass.

Tim, I sympathize with you. You are in a no-win position so good luck to you during the summer. Same to you, Bobby. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. I'm next so I'll just say congratulations to Nancy and her daughter and also Happy Mothers Day to all the moms whether they are with us or gone. Don't forget them.

Our next meeting will be on May 12th. That will be the only meeting that we have in the month of May. There won't be two meetings in May so I want to remind you of that.

Also, again, I'll say that we're having the Finance Meeting this coming Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. here in the Caucus Room and anybody that would like to attend is more rhan welcome to come. That's all I have so I'll move on to Mr. Burke.

CLMN BURKE: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to also say congratulations to Nancy and your daughter. 4.354 GPA is incredible.

I also want to wish my mother and all the mothers out there a Happy Mothers Day.

We're going to have another Ward 6 Awareness Meeting on May 14th right here at the Civic Center upstairs in room 118. We will have Ruth Pollack and Noreen Kuban as well just to talk about some issues we have in the city. We had a situation this weekend that happened with a fire and I found out that the person was in the house actually we think was trying to commit suicide. When you think about that if somebody had told her maybe about Family Anonymous and some of those programs we have, it could have helped that person and hopefully she'll be all right. I'm told she's in stable condition so they saved her. I want to say thank you to our firefighters for doing that.

I just want remind everybody that as you're driving up and down the roads and you see our guys out there patching these potholes, just be safe around them. Be careful around them. Slow down a little bit. Give them their space that they need to do their job. With that, that's all I have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: If I can, just before we get to Mr. Vaughn. Friday we had a meeting about the resurfacing of Turney Road. If anybody would like a copy of the brochure that was handed out there I have some extra copies here this evening. Mr. Vaughn

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Nancy, congratulations to you and your family. That is just outstanding. You should be very proud.

Mayor, 5 K run? Bob and I are going to run it. No, I'm joking. We have a big event coming up in my family this week and my son Michael is graduating Saturday from Walsh University with a triple major and we're going to be down there celebrating so I won't be able to make the 5 K. Thank you.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Tom, you'd have trouble driving the 5K.

CLMN VAUGHN: You wait, Collova. That was hurtful. That's all right. With the way you take care of the roads. Joking. I will send Bob out for you, OK?

I want to wish all the mothers a Happy Mothers Day and everybody please slow down on the streets. Again this weekend with the weather being better. We saw people flying all over the place. I don't know how people are keeping the front end of their cars together let alone people dashing across the road, etc. and kids playing. Let's please be careful out there. That is all I have at this time, Mr. Chairman.

CLMN DUDLEY: Mr. Chairman. I failed to say Happy Mothers Day to all the moms, especially my moms up there at St. Timothy Manor and St. Timothy Park.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: It's time? I say that we cut this meeting short.

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:53 p.m.

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