

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, August 10, 2015

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

INVOCATION BY: Council President Joseph Suster

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Roll call please.

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

EXCUSED: Vaughn

CLMN BURKE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion that we excuse Mr. Vaughn tonight. He had to work.

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

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

ABSENT: Vaughn

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the reading and disposal of the Minutes of the Meeting of July 13, 2015.

CLMN BURKE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the City of Garfield Heights from Monday July 13th, 2015 as written.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Mr. Burke to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Garfield Heights City Council of Monday, July 13, 2015, all in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

ABSENT: Vaughn

That passes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

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

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I do. Thank you. I want to start off by inviting everyone to join us next Sunday at the gazebo near the tennis courts for another Summer Concert Program. It goes from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This coming Sunday we're featuring the Billy Kaye Band. Come enjoy yourself. Have a good time. We have hotdogs, ice cream and other light refreshments served so it's a great time. Last night was very well attended. It was an excellent band. Everybody had a good time. Bring your chairs, get out and enjoy the evening.

The next thing I wanted to talk about was I want everybody to remember that August 23rd is our Summerfest right here at the Civic Center, It go from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. This is a family oriented event featuring food, prizes, music and games. This is going to be great. It's a great family oriented festival. We had it last year. It worked out great. We expect it even bigger and better this year. We've added some things. Some of the highlights: pony rides, ice cream social, face painting, a dunk tank (actually the dunk tank is going to be featuring some of our favorite Councilmen will be in the dunk tank- Matt Burke and Mike Nenadovich. So bring a lot of quarters because I'd like to see those guys dunked for a little bit. We also have plenty of kid games. We have an adult Hole in One Contest and we have a special prize for that Hole in One winner. It's a good prize so we intend to have a great time.

Along with that fest this year we're having a Safety Fair which will be held in the library parking lot and part of that Safety Fair are Police and Fire will be there. We're going to have the Life Flight helicopter, the Mobile Stroke Unit, the Fire Tower Truck, the Bomb Squad, the S.W.A.T. Truck. We will have demonstrations from the K-9 dogs that we have and their handlers. This is going to be a really great event. We're looking for everybody to come.

We're going to have shuttle buses parking at the tennis courts, at the gazebo area at the tennis courts, also at St. John's. We will have two shuttle buses driving continuously throughout the day picking people up, bringing them in. It going to be a great time. We have an unbelievable band coming in that will be playing outside. They're the Sight & Sound Band and they did Motown better than the Righteous Brothers, the Tops, etc. So if you like Motown this is the place to be. It's going to be a great event. We're looking for everyone to come.

So with that said I wanted to talk a little bit about our new recycling program that is going to start here in Garfield Heights very shortly. It's actually on the agenda today. Mr. Chairman, if you would allow me I would like to bring up Mr. Bill Wilk to talk a little bit about this recycling program.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Wilk.

Mr. Bill Wilk, Simple Recycling. We are a recycling company located in Solon, Ohio. That's where our headquarters are. I work out of the warehouse facility we have in Warrensville Heights, Ohio. Basically what we do. We pick up household items such as any type of clothing or textile item and when I say any textile item I mean any textile item. Clothing, whether in good condition, fair condition, bad condition, ripped, torn. We'd take one sock with a hole in it. We'd take old towels, drapery, any type of textile item. We also take small appliances and household items. We maintain our own fleet of trucks. We have our own drivers and we pick up on the same day as the residents trash pick up so for residents whose trash pick up day is on a Tuesday, that's when our trucks come out. We make it as simple as possible. They don't have

to look at any schedule, etc. When it's their day for trash pick up that's the day our trucks will pick up. It's a very smooth running operation.

We started in Summit County and now we're expanding into Cuyahoga County and every city municipality that we deal with they are extremely happy with our services. It's actually pretty flawless and also the city gets a rebate of one penny per pound for every item that we pick up. The way we notify the residents of this? Approximately two weeks before the first pickup every resident in Garfield Heights will receive a postcard and it explains the whole program, what we take, how we take it, when we take it and a little bit about our company. Then about one week before the actual first pickup they will receive a large envelope and it will contain another large brochure which again in very good detail explains the entire program. With the envelope each resident will receive two bags. These bags again have pretty much the entire program spelled out on there. What we do take and it does have a drawstring bag. It's very easy to use. Each resident will receive two of these as well as a sticker like this. These are if the resident has say maybe a box of old tools, household items, etc. There's something that won't fit in the bag, they just put it in the box and put one of these stickers to identify it and pick it up. Then when the drivers pick up the bag or two bags they will replace one bag; if they took two bags they will replace two bags. They will tie them on to the handle of that trash receptacle. If the resident already took his trash cans in, our drivers are instructed to put them on the front so that we don't have trash bags floating all over Garfield Heights. It's a program that works very well. Pat has contacted several of the cities we deal with and everyone is very happy about the program. It's very smooth going. Our main objective is to keep stuff out of the landfill and one of the big objections we always get. People always say aren't you hurting the Good Wills, Veterans Association, Salvation Army, Purple Hearts, etc. and our answer is absolutely not. That is not the business we're after. We tell people if they give to those organizations, please continue. We have facts and figures from the EPA and unfortunately even with all these organizations 85% of all used clothing still ends up in the landfill. That's the market we're after. We feel our only competition is the landfill. So we encourage residents if you give to the Salvation Army, Goodwill, continue. We don't want your business. You are not the market we're after. We're after the people who throw it in the trash. That's pretty much our program. Does anyone have any questions?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mrs. Marincic.

CLWN MARINCIC: What if we usually donate and we write it off on our taxes? Can we still do that and how do we go about it?

MR. WILK: No. We are not a charitable organization. We are a recycling organization and so we can not give out tax receipts.

CLWN MARINCIC: What happens to the product? Is it sold to those in need? Or donated?

MR. WILK: Say for example our truck picks up in Garfield Heights. Our driver will contact dispatch. Dispatch will tell him which store to go to. We partner with a thrift store operating in the Cleveland area. Our truck goes to whichever store he's instructed to. The truck is unloaded. Every bag is counted and weighed and they have a team of workers that goes through every single bag. The very best items are taken out. They are sorted, priced and they go right out to the selling floor. The material that's in fairly good condition, maybe really worn or torn a little bit or something we wouldn't wear, all that material's baled like in huge cotton bales. It's taken to our warehouse facility in Warrensville Heights. We have a tractor trailer sitting there and at least once a week a company from Canada comes and they pick that up and they purchase it from us

and they take it to Ontario, Canada where it's resold on the international market. What they do is they break it down again. The stuff that's wearable is sold to third world countries in the Middle East, Africa, Eastern European countries, countries like that. So if you ever watch TV and you see some little kid running around in the Middle East or Africa with a Lebron James shirt on you know where it came from.

CLWN MARINCIC: You said you take it to the thrift store, but are you compensated for those?

MR. WILK: Yes we sell them. Yes.

CLWN MARINCIC: By the pound? Can you give me a figure?

MR. WILK: We partner with an operation in Cleveland. It's called Value World. Everything that's sold I really don't know the exact amount that we get, but it's sold to them. As a matter of fact they are part of our parent company so they work it out somehow where you know as far as the profit is concerned.

CLWN MARINCIC: You don't know what you make?

MR. WILK: Enough to make my paycheck. That's all I'm worried about. I really don't know. All the material that's sold in these thrift stores, like I say these thrift stores are a part of our parent company so they are sold at retail and I guess when you take away all the expenses incurred whatever's left over that's sold in the stores eats into the profit for us. Then the stuff that's completely unusable that material is sold to recycling companies where it's recycled into rags that are sold to car companies for polishing, stuffing for car seats, stuffing for furniture, backing for carpeting. So over 95% of everything we pick up is either resold or reused or recycled. Very little of it goes into the landfills. That's pretty much our main objective.

CLMN DUDLEY: I wanted to mention that you had already covered that when you see it coming in the boxes. One thing you're right about is part of that stuff they sort through at the thrift places because a lot of clothes if they just have a hole in the knee sometime they won't take it and then the response that the person would do is they throw it in the garbage can and they end up in a landfill where they don't dissolve like some of the other stuff over a short period of time. I think that's a great idea on keeping landfills kind of clear at the same time as you can be recycled and you're right about the same places when they send it to the third world countries so it serves some purpose. I think that's a good idea keep the landfills clear as much as possible. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Anybody else?

MR. WILK: Thank you.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you. Just to follow up a little bit. We had about six or eight different communities contacted to find out how the operation went. They were very pleased with it. They gave us information. Every one of them was very pleased. Every one of them was positive report back. We also talked to our rubbish hauler, Kimble. Kimble is working with them in communities and are more than happy to work with them. Everything that we checked on them, like I said was very positive. People have good clothes. They want to continue to give to Goodwill I think that's great. We do it ourselves. Purple Heart, whatever it may be, but this is basically when you have all those old clothes, torn up clothes, clothes that were thrown away that kind of material has ended up in the landfill. This is another avenue for it. There's an

amount of money that comes into the city. It's always great to bring money into the city. I don't think it's going to be enough to turn any heads very much but anything we can do is great. I am certainly positively in favor of it.

With that said I want to get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 31 is the new recycling program we just talked about. I urge Council to pass it. Ordinance 32 is about special assessments for the year. Barb can certainly answer any questions you have on that.

Resolution 15-2015 is a resolution appointing Dave Mays to the Garfield Heights Tax Incentive Review and Council. We have a Tax Incentive Review Council that is headed up by Noreen and I think in Noreen's report she could tell you a little bit more about it. It's an interesting committee. They don't meet too often. Sometimes there are some interesting topics. We're sure Dave Mays would do a great job dissecting every one of them interesting topics as he always does. So we sort of picked straws to see who would get it and Dave got the short straw. That's how we worked it out. Dave volunteers for this stuff. We have to thank you for volunteering. With that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mayor. Does anyone have any questions of the Mayor on his report? Next we'll go to Law Director Tim Riley.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: With no report from the Law Director, we'll move on to Acting Police Chief Bob Byrne.

ACTING POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to mention that next Monday school is back in session and we would just ask folks to be mindful of that when driving in the early morning- mid- afternoon. There will be an increase in pedestrian traffic. I also want to mention that one of our officers, Heather DiPenti, last Monday she entered into disability retirement after 19 years with our Department. I could probably spend the next 45 minutes talking about the commendations that she has in her file, but suffice it to say that she was an excellent Police officer and she'll be hard to replace and we wish her the best. Heather was instrumental in starting the H.Y.P.E. Program (**H**eroine **Y**outh **P**revention Education) that is still going on in the high school. She had a big part in that. She was always quick if there was ever anybody in need she'd be one of the first to have her fellow officers pitch in. She'd purchase toys or anything for kids like that that were going through hard times so we'd definitely miss her and we wish her well. With that you have my report.

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

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to start out with the Hazardous Waste Roundup which will be starting on Monday August 31st. It will be for two weeks so it will go Monday August 31st to Friday September 4th and then again on Monday September 7th through Saturday September 12th. Daily it will be 7:30 to 3:00. You can drop off all the stuff at the garage--13600 McCracken Road. We are also on that Saturday September 12th we'll have a shred event and that will be from 9:00 until 12:00. You can bring all your boxes and bags of paper, etc. to be shredded down there.

Also what we've been working on the last month. We've been repairing the water breaks from Cleveland. The street repairs. We have over 120. In the last month we've repaired 45 of them

and we turn those in and we get reimbursed for doing them. I've doubled up the crews on it to try to finish it out because sometimes if it takes too long Cleveland don't have any money left in the fund to reimburse you and you have to wait till the next financial year.

Also we're working on tree tickets. The tree crews out. Catch basins. We've done work tickets on the catch basins. We'll try to get on Turney Road now that the water line replacement is done. We're going to start getting on Turney Road. We did some sections already in Cleveland on all those catch basins because construction debris even though they had the covers on them there's still quite a bit in some of those catch basins. Just everyday day to day things. Whatever comes up. We're trying to move around and get completed. That's the end of my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. 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, Council Members, good evening.

A lot has been happening at the Rec since my last report and my absence last month. I would like to give you an update,

First I would like to personally thank those that had a concern about my wife. She had complications from a recent surgery, but is doing very, very well, and I thank all of you for your concern.

With the warm weather we are experiencing as we end July and now into August, we are entertaining very strong turnouts for pool participation.

We had various groups use our pool this year in doing something different in family gatherings and for those who work or provide programs for children they work with or oversee. We have three different pre-schools now coming into the pool weekly. We have Garfield Heights City School groups, National Honor Society visited us, the Dance Line and Flag Line visited us and tomorrow our Varsity Football team will enjoy a day at the pool for an hour in between practice. The Recreation Center is always willing to partner with different groups to provide opportunities for our children. If anybody is interested in using the facilities (at a nominal fee) please don't hesitate to call.

We ended the T-ball season with our annual pool party on June 27th. All teams participated and received their awards for their accomplishments. I would like to thank all the players, parents, my coaches, umpires, fans and backers for another exciting and successful season. Congratulations go out to Division Champs - National League the Marlins and Rockies were Co-champs and in the American League the Tigers took it.

The Girls Softball Season concluded July 29th with the Championship playoffs and our Annual Softball Swim this past Saturday. Bedford hosted the All-Star games at Ellenwood Field on July 25th. Again, the decision to partner with Bedford the last three years allows our program to benefit by providing additional competition that a lone city program would not realize today, but most importantly growing a program that encompasses the availability to reach each city's children with a commitment to make it a great program. Congratulations goes out to our

players, coaches, parents, Boosters, umpires and staff for another successful season and of course to Randy Lewis and Jeff Fiala and the Bedford staff. It is a pleasure to work with them.

Our 2015 Divisional and Playoff Champions were in A Division was the Athletics, B Division was the Tigers and C Division were the Indians. All Garfield teams. Bedford was in two playoff situations in B and C Divisions.

We had Christmas in July. I would like to thank everyone who participated and came to our 5th Annual Christmas in July event on Saturday, July 25th. We couldn't have asked for better weather which brought a great crowd of about 200! Thanks to Slider, the Cleveland Indians mascot, who was able to come on his busy weekend of his 25th Birthday! We had a chance to celebrate his birthday here at the pool with everybody singing "Happy Birthday" and dancing on the pool deck with one of our lifeguards, Anthony Shuba. He's got a lot of energy that kid. All the kids enjoyed Slider. They really did. Leading the way to the Chicken Dance, Electric Slide, etc. Thanks to Giant Eagle of City View for their donation of the birthday cake. We asked and they gave. Everybody enjoyed a piece of cake for Slider's birthday. Live entertainment was provided by Smooth Moves.

Once again Santa arrived on his surfboard and participated with Slider on the pool deck with all the children, and then we even had Dunkin' Donuts Coffee Cup show up (their mascot) and joined in. All in attendance had an awesome time! Kids participated in swim races, hula hoop contest, and limbo contests. All winners received prizes due to our generous donations from: Mayor and Mrs. Collova, Pepsi, Giant Eagle, Dunkin' Donuts, the Garfield Heights Police Department who always gives us their bicycles to give away. These bicycles were unbelievable. If anybody was there and saw them, they were like brand new. You can't imagine these kids when they walk in, they pull out a ticket (it's free) and they get a bike to take home. Everybody's happy. I'd like to thank Mike Nenadovich for taking over for my emcee duties because I was in Pittsburgh that day. My youngest son and his wife will be having a baby in October. Mrs. Nenadovich, Pat Dovak, Joe LaMalfa, Rec Center employees, and some residents who wish to remain anonymous who donated to our event. Without their help and generosity, our event would not have been so successful and have so many happy winners going home with their prizes. Some of the prize winners were the Sparks Family (Indians basket raffle), the Umanzor Family (they won the basket by Mike and Bernie). The bike winners were Jamaya Turner, Dylan Klimavicius, Tonesha Clark, Zaire Levert, Tristan Cotter, and Chris Wiggins.

Thanks to Mary Nichols, who coordinates my events, and all her hard work and all of my volunteers who helped out in one way or another to make this such a great event! Pat Dovak, Mary Garrett, Vi Kolenich, Terry Lasik, Nikki Majka (she's usually Santa's Elf. She's one of my employees but she always dresses up as an elf), Dan Nichols, Bernie Nenadovich, Allie Olson, Ms. Emily Garrett and the lifeguard staff. Thanks to everyone for a wonderful Christmas in July!

Registration for Fall and Winter Activities is in progress: Co-ed Soccer, Learn to Skate--both Figure and Hockey Skating, In-house Hockey and Travel Hockey along with Fall Fitness Classes. All programs require a Rec ID.

Soccer coaches are always in demand and if you have any interest please call the Rec or Commissioner Kevin Koelliker at (216) 244-6077.

Now, the ice rink is set to open Sept 12th. As always, we will have Celebrate Skate Day, Sunday, September 13th. This is a free event to our rink whether you are experienced or a

beginner. All skating information will be available to you. Come meet our instructors and coaches.

Travel hockey will have special signup days on Saturdays August 15th (this weekend) and August 22nd 12:30 . 4:00 P.M. If you are interested, the Hockey Booster Club along with Commissioner Doug Cimperman will be on hand to answer any questions.

Extended office hours and weekend hours will be available through Aug 22nd for all programming, so come in and sign up early. If there are any questions please on sign up hours please call the Recreation Center at (216) 475-7272.

We will officially close the pool Saturday August 22nd. We closed last year a week earlier due to the installation of a new playground area at the pool. With the kids going back to school, as the Chief mentioned, August 17th, this plays on the number of guards I have available. Regular hours will be maintained this week. During the week Monday through Friday (8/17- 8/21) pool hours will be 4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. If there's a crowd we'll stay open a little bit longer. This depends on the participation level. And then on Saturday the 22nd, normal hours 1 P.M. to 7 P.M. Please make note of this so there is no confusion and nobody gets angry at me.

On Sunday August 2nd, we had our Annual Kids & Dog Show. This marks the 39th year for the dog show. That's amazing. This is a free event to our residents and everyone goes home a winner. Our afternoon was again a huge success with our entrants and families along with Councilman Nenadovich and Dick Goddard in attendance.

A big thank you goes to our master of ceremonies, our own Dick Goddard, Cleveland's Own weatherman for his commitment to the city for the last 28 years. You know people joke about this gentleman, but at 84 I hope I'm as spry and as sharp as this guy is because he controls the crowd every year, year in and year out. I want all to know that Dick Goddard also brought FOX 8 TV. We got some positive TV time because of the event and he does this year in and year out when he's able to.

Dr. Richard Thompson of the Family Pet Clinic was on hand. He is our number 1 benefactor. Dr. Thompson donates the money to provide that program. I want all to know of his continuing generosity. He, his family and staff give tirelessly every year to make this event special without reservation. Along with trophies and ribbons going to our winners, gift bags are given to each participant so you don't have to be a number 1 or number 2 or number 3. Everybody goes home with something and if anybody knows about these gift bags they probably have anywhere from \$50 to \$100 worth of stuff in them. Those are all donations that Mary garners through her hard work for months before we even have the show. All the winners were published in the Neighborhood News and visit our Website for pictures of the event.

I want to thank Joe Rody and Baxter. Joe comes every year and provides invaluable service by providing advice and instruction on Basic First Aid for pets.

This year we had our own Bulldog mascot there. He was on hand and entertained the crowd with some high octane dance performances. He was great. He was Anthony Shuba, one of my lifeguards, and he was right in step with the music. He actually got me to dance a little bit. I tested out my new hip. I want to say thank you to my staff and all those who volunteer.

Last, I want to report, that we partnered with the school districts last year to upgrade some baseball and softball fields within the city which we both use. It worked out very well. With the weather we encompassed this season and the work performed last season it allowed us to complete many more games this year even with the rain we had.

As the season ends I've had talks with the Mayor. We will be taking on upgrading the fields at Donovan Park this year probably around September. These fields are in need of a lot of work I'm thankful to the Little League for doing some work over the years. They've had some people come and go so to speak, but they've maintained those fields in conjunction with the city and I thank them wholeheartedly. I have contacted Lewis Landscaping who did the other fields for us who will upgrade the three fields there and my hopes are to upgrade (I had them give me an estimate) for the Cranwood Park fields. I had to weigh the situation from a money standpoint as to what we were going to do and Cranwood is in the eyesight for next year to upgrade those fields.

I just want to thank the Neighborhood News. They do a great job. I know it's their job to report the good and the bad news, but I can tell you this. Everything that we do at the Rec Center I don't know how many times they've put us on the front page to get that positive image of the city out and I just want to say thank you. I know everybody works hard there and it's really appreciated. Thank you. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Does anybody have any questions of Mr. Dobies on his report? Does anybody have any questions of Mr. Dobies on his report? There being none we'll move on to City Engineer Dave Krock. Do you have a report for us this evening?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I do, Mr. President, thank you. I do want to report on a couple things. First of all with the Turney Road Waterline Project winding down now and just a few remaining things to do, we do intend to have that entire section of the street restriped. It's currently getting scheduled with the contractor. So that will help redefine where the lanes are again after all that work.

Secondly, I want to report on the paving program that's going on. By the end of this week we should actually have all of the paving work completed on the streets that will be chip sealed. The chip seal work is going to start on Friday, weather permitting. We're going to go back through the city in the same order as we did the first time so we'll start on Donovan again. That will be the first place we'll start with the chip seal. That work should go relatively quickly, much more quickly than the paving did. That will be followed again by the fog seal. When that work's complete we're going to jump back and pick up East 98th, Edge Park and Orchard, which were getting a little different pavement work done. Then we'll get into the catch basins after that. But the big work is moving along and I think it's going quite well at this point. That's my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of Mr. Krock on his report? Mrs. Marincic.

CLWN MARINCIC: Regarding the street resurfacing in your report, I have had so many residents say to me what exactly are they doing on Transportation. Can you fill us all in?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: The intersection of Transportation and Granger it seems to be a very slow project, but there's actually things getting done. Anytime you're working in the intersection like that with all the traffic it seems to take lot longer so there are also things going on there. There's a new traffic signal up there. I don't know if anybody noticed or not? There's

widening of the roads so it's all part of safety improvement for additional traffic lanes there at the intersection.

CLWN MARINCIC: Are they near completion?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: We are winding down. Yes. I expect towards the end of September we should see the end of the project.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: I ain't been over today so I didn't get a chance, but up around Rexwood area, stuff like that, around Cranwood Boulevard and stuff when will we be seeing that?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: They are finishing up in Ward 7 right now. They tell me in the next day or two you will see them in Ward 1.

CLMN DUDLEY: Sounds good.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is that all you have, Mr. Dudley?

CLMN DUDLEY: Yeah, that's all.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. Anybody else have any questions of Mr. Krock? There being none we'll move on to Finance Director, Barb Biro.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to discuss Ordinance 32. It is an assessment ordinance. It's similar to the one that was passed at the same time this time last year. Because of property devaluations it has been estimated that in 2016 there will not be enough money collected off the City View Tax Increment Financing (which is a TIF) to service the note that the Port Authority put out for the City View project back in 2004. Therefore, built into the legislation that you approved in 2004 was a mechanism to collect the extra money needed to service the debt. It's being done in this form of special assessment. It's a special assessment will be sent out to the property owners involved in three parcels in the TIF and if the assessment is not paid. If the invoice is not paid the assessment will be placed on their property taxes in September 2015 and it will show up on their tax bill in January of 2016.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is that all you have, Barb?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO: That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of Barb on her report? There being none we'll move on to Social Services Director Kathy Rush-Parssons. Do you have a report for us this evening?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS: Yes, I do, a very brief one. Thank you, Mr. Suster. Just two announcements. The Senior Center will be having a Polish Boy Fundraiser on Wednesday, August 26th behind the Civic Center back by the solarium from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 and the lunch does include a Polish Boy, chips, water or pop, and some kind of pastry for dessert. We will also be having our raffle drawing at the event.

Tickets are still available if anybody would like to purchase one. The prize is \$1,000.00 cash and you can purchase a ticket for \$5.00 in the lobby of the Civic Center.

Also just a reminder. Any residents who graciously put items in the recycle bin in the parking lot which benefits the Family Resource Center, please remember to break down the boxes if you're throwing boxes in there. If you leave them put together they tend to take up more space and unfortunately the bin does fill up rather quickly. So just a reminder to break down any boxes or big items that you're throwing in the recycle bin. That's all I have.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Thank you, Mr. President. The Mayor referenced Resolution 15. We would like to add Mr. Dave Mays to our committee that's the Tax Incentive Review Council. He joins Wayne Williams and Debbie Samowski. Mr. Williams is here tonight. We annually review tax abatement agreements that are in effect.

Second I would like to mention that we are going to be having the CDBG Public Hearings some time in September. We will notify everyone of the date. We are accepting ideas although it is likely that we will be applying for street repairs or street paving. They're only allowed to apply for one project per year.

Third, the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas is going to have an event in Garfield Heights. We're still working on the date. It will probably be the second or third week in September. The name of the event is By The People. They had an event down at the Court in I believe it was July and at this event they want to address housing issues, foreclosure, homelessness, landlord/tenant interactions, discrimination and utility or tax problems. When we do have a date and time I will notify everyone.

At the Summerfest on the 23rd the Community Gardens will have a table and will be selling some fresh produce so if you're going to be at the event, drop by.

Finally the Mill Creek Watershed Partnership is still working together and we recently were able to get some grant funding for education and signage. We'll be putting up signs as you enter Watershed areas or the geographic areas included and we'll still be looking for additional funds for the project. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of Noreen on her report? Clwn Marincic.

CLWN MARINCIC: Regarding the CDBG application, in the past we were told that they no longer allow applications for street resurfacing. Has the outline of what qualified change?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: What we used to apply for was a full street resurfacing including curbs and sewers. What we would like to do is work with our City Engineer and identify areas that either are in critical condition or address the argument that it needs to be done because it's in such poor condition. So we're going to argue our case because we have not done streets in so many years.

CLWN MARINCIC: Go get them.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is that all you have, Mrs. Marincic?

CLWN MARINCIC: That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Does anybody else have any questions of Noreen? OK. There being none we'll move on. Our Building Commissioner is not here this evening so we'll move on to Comments By Citizens on Tonight's Agenda.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Absent.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: 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: Do we have anyone that would like to comment on tonight's agenda?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none we'll move on to Ordinances and Resolutions. We'll begin with Ordinance 31-2015. Would the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCE NO. 31-2015

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A NEW AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS WITH GREAT LAKES RECYCLING, INC. DBA SIMPLE RECYCLING.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Vaughn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Vaughn

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLWN MARINCIC: It's a great idea. I vote Yes.

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

ABSENT: Vaughn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 31-2015 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 32-2015

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO CERTIFY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER, AS IDENTIFIED IN ATTACHMENT A, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED ON THE NEXT TAX COLLECTION, PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ORDINANCE 46-2004, RESOLUTION 48-2004, AND THE PETITION ATTACHED THERETO.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Vaughn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:
AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Dudley
ABSENT: Vaughn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Councilperson Marincic.
VOTE ON ADOPTION:
AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Dudley
ABSENT: Vaughn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 32-2015 passes with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2015

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION APPOINTING DAVID MAYS TO THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:
AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Dudley, Marincic
ABSENT: Vaughn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:
AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Dudley, Marincic
ABSENT: Vaughn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Nenadovich.
VOTE ON ADOPTION:
CLMN DUDLEY: This is going to be tough. Let's flip a coin. He's a good guy. He's going to do a good job. I vote yes.
CLWN MARINCIC: I don't know. Alright. Yeah.
AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Dudley, Marincic
ABSENT: Vaughn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 15-2015 passes with 6 Yes votes. Congratulations, Mr. Mays.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT SUSTER: 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?

Bob Halan, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. I spoke to the Mayor some time ago about this and Clmn Dudley. About Turney Road. Now that the water situation has been eliminated are we going to have it start tearing up to do the final surfacing of Turney Road before the end of this year?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: No, that's scheduled for next year. They want to do it during a full construction season. If we started it this year we'd never get through it. Then we'd really have a problem with it so we'd start next year.

MR. HALAN: Time is of essence. You'd be elected next year.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I will tell the engineers that and we'd see if we can get started for you, Bob, but I don't think they're going to do it. But vote for me anyways. I appreciate it. I'm not running, but throw a vote in.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone else that would like to make any comments this evening?

Alice King, 13614 Rexwood Avenue. I just would like to say thank you to Tim, Bill for getting the work done so I could get my gutters up. I don't want to always come over here and complain so I just want to give them kudos for getting that done so fast.

I just have one other thing. Can I say one other thing?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Go right ahead.

MRS. KING: OK. There was someone out Saturday to those where you were- Ms. Green's house I call it still- and they said that the house is slated to be torn down. He said I guess he was the demolition guys it was two guys there, but they knocked that door open but I had my son come over and they propped it back up to lock it, but in the meantime he said it was a lot of junk left in the house so they probably won't be able to tear it down when they was supposed to because there's stuff all over the floor?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Noreen, you know a little bit about that.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes. What is that address again, please?

MRS. KING: 13016 on Rexwood Avenue.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Typically the contents of a house don't have to be removed before demolition. So I will speak to our Building Commissioner tomorrow and find out.

MRS. KING: OK. He mentioned something about the tree people? Do they go in the back yard and cut down? Because I saw the Illuminating Company and they said the wires is not on their line. To contact either the city of Garfield Heights or the cable company because behind my garage some wires done fell down and I don't know.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Yeah, I'd check into that but Mr. Chairman.

MRS. KING: It's from a tree and he said the tree people should take care of that.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Yeah well they're going to tell you whatever they can tell you. My guys do not cut around wires. That's always been that way and we always call for them to come and take the wires down, remove them if we're going to cut something. I'd check into that.

MRS. KING: Thank you.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mr. Chairman? Tim, just for your information Davey Tree through CEI is right now on my Ward and every day they're doing a different street and they're chipping like crazy.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Yeah but that's a program that's separate from what she's talking about. They're going street to street. Anywhere they have problems with the wires getting knocked down from the trees, etc. They've been here for couple months now.

CLMN NENADOVICH: OK.

CLMN DUDLEY: I wanted to mention the same thing. I talked to the area manager and like he said they are in fact in the city and they are going to be coming into the ward. Also going up in Ward 1 and go between the streets and removing all the trees that interfere with their wires so we got quite a few that is touching them top wires so I was notified after I called and complained about it that they are coming. They are a couple years past day according to her. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone else that would like to come up this evening?

CLMN DUDLEY: Mr. Chairman? You had something you wanted to mention, Ms. Dobson, about a parking issue with that school? You can mention that now. Mr. Chairman can she come up and mention that now? She called about it earlier in the day.

Ms. Ida L. Dobson, 13620 Rexwood Avenue. I live right across the street from I'm going to call it a Cleveland Public School and for the last two weeks we've had problems with getting out of the driveway. I have been getting up in the morning taking the car out and putting it on the street because we can't get out of our driveway because the cars are parked right across. The larger car- it's impossible for us to use that, but the smaller car is what we've been using. I think it's a disadvantage as a taxpayer to have to do that because making it convenient for parents or whoever wants to come and attend that school. So I just want to know from the Law Director and Police if anything can be done from that perspective?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: If they're parked illegally you can call the police. They will ticket them. Are the cars parked illegally?

MRS. DOBSON: It all depends on what you consider. Are cars allowed to park across your driveway even though the cars are on the other side of the street? They can do that?

ACTING POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Yes, they can do that as long as there's no signs posted. If there are signs posted that say No Parking obviously they can't park, but if you are talking about across the street then they're legally parked even though they are parked behind your driveway, they are permitted to park there.

MRS. DOBSON: OK. On Rexwood we still have Senior Citizens. We make good use of EMS to Marymount, etc. If cars are parked across the street from the house and then there are cars on the opposite side how can that EMS get there?

ACTING POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: If there's cars parked on both sides of the street somebody's wrong. On one side of the street it's illegal, but what do I do if I have some cars take a ride by there. I assume that this is around school time? Beginning of the day? End of the day? We can have some cars take a ride down there and check on that.

MRS. DOBSON: OK. Thank you.

ACTING POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Sure.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman. Mrs. Dobson, before you leave, just so I understand, I want to make you aware that Wednesday there's a public hearing about some of the things that are going on with school. It's sort of a long drawn out event that's going on. The Cleveland Schools (as you know that used to be an elementary school) they have changed it. Cleveland has come in and put a high school in there. We have 9th and 10th Graders. They did it against the wishes of the City of Garfield Heights. We're looking at some legal action. We have a Zoning Board Meeting here at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday and a Public Hearing. I think it would be great if you could come and explain yourself to them because these are the kind of problems that that creates and they are doing it regardless of whether the City of Garfield Heights wants it or not. So I think it's great if people like yourself would come and explain some of the difficulties we're having.

MRS. DOBSON: Thank you. I was aware of the meeting though. Thank you.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: You're welcome. We're going to see you on Wednesday then, right?

MRS. DOBSON: Thank you.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Great.

CLWN MARINCIC: Mr. Chairman, a question for Acting Chief Byrne. Is it possible to post signs limiting the parking during school hours on the street?

ACTING POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: That's probably something I'd have to look into. I really don't know the answer to your question honestly. But I think that would probably just create another problem because the parents are coming to pick their kids up so they have to go somewhere. There's not a real large parking lot at that school for them to pull into. I think that's part of the issue and there's also school buses parked out there as well. So it's kind of a limited time, limited area, but I think what she's describing as of right now there's nothing prohibiting those people from parking there. I know over by the middle school we have those signs up, but the problem becomes where do they go to pick their children up? So it might be a catch-22.

CLWN MARINCIC: But if they're parking on the opposite sides of the street that doesn't allow parking and blocking people's driveways?

ACTING POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: That's clearly in violation of the law. We could do something about that. Yeah.

CLWN MARINCIC: Thank you.

ACTING POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Sure.

CLMN DUDLEY: When she made me aware of it, they can't say they wasn't aware of it because I sent an e-mail to the Chief Fultz and told him what was happening. Like you say, Chief, they are parking on both sides of the street so like you say one side with the fire hydrants got to be illegal and you don't have to be a brain surgeon to know that you can't park on this side. It would hinder any emergency vehicle to go through so they are aware that they are parking on both sides and so tomorrow we assume what happens but she made me aware of it today and she is, in fact, going to be attending the meeting on Wednesday. Thank you.

ACTING POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Yeah, well I may have misunderstood her question. If they're parking on the side of the street with the fire hydrants and there are No Parking signs it's clearly a violation. We can take care of that.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any other questions? Does anyone else have any comments?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none we'll move on to Miscellaneous Business beginning with myself and I have none, thank you. Mr. Burke.

CLMN BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to remind everybody, as the Chief said, August 17th school's back in session so please be careful around the school zones.

I also want to say that I am looking forward to the dunk tank on August 23rd. I think I'll be there at 2:30 p.m. so practice up. I know the Mayor will probably sink me first, because he did last year. He doesn't need to throw. He just walked up and accidentally bumped into it.

I want to say thank you to Officer Heather DiPenti for her service to the Garfield Heights Police Department and the City of Garfield Heights.

And also on behalf of Ward 6 and probably most of the people in Garfield Heights I want to say thank you to you, Mayor and to your staff and to the City Engineer for getting this road repair thing together. We're seeing some improvements here in our city and I think we need to say thank you to you for that. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Clmn Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: That's right Mr. Chairman, we're missing our buddy, Tom. First of all I want to say thank you to one department we always forget about and I call them almost daily, religiously and that's the Law Department.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: First time in six years. First time in six years.

CLMN DUDLEY: They helped me out a lot with a lot of issues that we had in the community that had to be addressed where I had no answers. Every time I called them they researched information about it and by the end of the day they always emailed the information back. It really came in handy when I had situations with individuals acting the fool in the community and what could be done to their household including bad property. I also went to the Law Department and I even went to the Chief and ended up going back to the Law Department for that and when you

talk about Rose over there and Greg over there and the new Prosecutor we got, Cooney and when we used to have Jeanine or even Tim himself you know we never stopped to tell you all thank you so I want to tell you thank you, all right?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: I appreciate it.

CLMN DUDLEY: You tell them I said that also and I'm going to tell them that when I talk to them. I talk to them daily but there's some good people and they've been a lot of help to me, trust me, a lot of help to me.

I'd like to also say don't forget (hopefully this is aired) they're having a Zoning Meeting on this coming Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. You can come out and actually voice your concerns about that because what is done is going to be done and if you don't come out with a complaint well you don't want to talk about it a year later. So your concern is the first time I heard that but a lot of people are having the same problem and they're not saying nothing. They have to say something.

Now that we're getting ready to go back to school we got children out there walking. Hopefully they won't be walking in the street. I'm still a strong advocate. I say sidewalks are in great condition. If they are, use the sidewalks because somebody would hit you and they would keep on going so tell your children to stay off the middle of the street.

I want to wish everybody the summer was good and I appreciate the hard work that the city has done to make the streets and Rexwood is looking forward to that. We'd probably throw a party on Rexwood now. Looking forward to the streets being fixed over there. It was a good year for us, Mayor. It was a good year for everybody up here and also for the residents of Garfield and we look forward to better times.

I wish the Officer the best for her 19 years of service to our community. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Clwn Marincic.

CLWN MARINCIC: Tim, could we have legislation drawn up to honor Heather for her years of duty?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Get a hold of me on that and I'd talk to you about it, OK?

CLWN MARINCIC: OK. I don't know if to direct this to our Acting Chief or to you, Tim, at the same time? I live across the street from Garfield Park- directly across from the old Birch Picnic Area. The activity there is getting out of hand. One day last two weeks ago on a Sunday some group of people had a picnic there and put on hard rock music at 7:30 a.m. and woke up the whole neighborhood. No matter who we called we couldn't get it stopped. It took a good half hour to bring it to an end. I know it's not the Garfield property, but I don't know who we communicate with to get response on the weekend because most of the time the Rangers are not here. They did call dispatch and it still took forever. I don't know if it's a problem with the new dispatch system or if we should call the captain in charge that day or what we should do?

ACTING POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: I'd blame the MetroParks on this one. I could put a call into them and let them know your concerns because they work on Sundays. It's just a matter of getting them over there. They have several parks to take care of. I'd let them know and

you should be able to call their dispatch and they should send a car out because ultimately that's usually what we do if there's an issue over there because it's their property. I could talk to somebody at the MetroParks and have them give some special attention in that area.

CLWN MARINCIC: It's happening more frequently. On the weekend people like to sleep in a little bit. Me included. Lastly, no second from last, I would like to wish everybody Happy Labor Day and finally, Mr. Nenadovich and Mr. Burke I got a jar of quarters with your name on it. I'm going to practice pitching. We'll see if we can dunk you. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: CImn Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Better bring a big jar because if you pitch like the Mayor, you'll use them all. Dave, good job on the streets. Tim, good job following up on driveways, etc. and sewers that need to be patched after they go through so great job on that.

Our thanks to Heather for 19 years of service. I'll keep it short seeing as how Bob took so much time. Don't forget our Vets. Always the Vets. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: CImn Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, Mr. President. In September we'll be going back to our regular meeting for the Block Watch. At this time I'd like to thank Mr. Dobies and Tim. We got a different look there for the cutting of the grass. I know that the Service guys do hard work during the summertime. They're out there in this humid weather so kudos on a good job. Thank you. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Next month our meeting will be on September 14th and also on September 28th we'll go back to our regular schedule. I, too, before I make the motion to adjourn would wish that everybody would have a safe Labor Day.

With that I would like to make a motion to adjourn.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: All those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed? The meeting is adjourned.

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

ABSENT: Vaughn

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Joseph Suster
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council