

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, August 11, 2014

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

INVOCATION BY: Clmn Matt Burke

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Roll call please.

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

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Reading and disposal of Minutes.

CLWN MARINCIC: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes from July 14, 2014 as presented.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion by Mrs. Marincic to accept the Minutes of July 14th. All in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none we'll move on to the reports 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: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I do. Thank you very much. Prior to my report today we have a couple of programs that we're going to be offering the residents that are going to be very helpful. At this time I'd like Chief Sackett to introduce the first program.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: Thank you. Mr. John E. Barnes is a deacon at the Christian Kingdom Assembly down on Broadway. He's been there for about five years. He's here to talk about his program, the Back to School Program that benefits the community as a whole. The Police Department's participated with Mr. Barnes when he holds this and we plan on participating again this year. Mr. Barnes, you have the floor. Step up to the mic, please.

Mr. John Barnes: Thank you, Chief Sackett. Mr. Mayor, Council Members, each and every representative of the Administration. I'd just like to start off by saying that in the Book of Mark, Chapter 10 Verse 45 Jesus says, "For even the Son of man come not to be ministered unto, but to minister and give his life as a ransom for many." Christian Kingdom Assembly has believed in God for every need to be met that will propel us into our destinies therefore being the men and

women of God that he has called us to be. We believe God for necessary to and provision that would help us to do our part in developing persons into mature Christians. We believe a God for every resource needed that will equip us to make Disciples to successfully carry out His great commission. We thank God and receive by faith sanctuaries, outreach ministries, media outlets, partnerships, schools and technological equipment and every form of transportation needed to operate in excellence. We thank God for vision that our eyes have not seen and ears have not heard or that has entered into our hearts. We thank God for every person of every skill and profession that he has joined the Christian Kingdom Ministries to help us to prosper according to His will. Our mission is to operate as a church and oneness with God that we may successfully fulfill that which the Lord Jesus Christ has commissioned us to do. We aim to operate as a church and oneness with the local body and the body of Christ as a whole that we may successfully fulfill that which the Lord Jesus Christ has commissioned us to do.

I'd like to stand here and thank each and every one of you. The last event we had the year before last was a success. We set out to give away free school supplies in the community. Our goal was 125 book bags complete and full of supplies. We gave away 175. This year we had set that mark a little bit higher. This year our goal is to give away 200. We do not put God in a box. We're willing to let Him do what He has to do so we are definitely going to achieve the goal of 200. At this particular event which is going to be held on Sunday, August 31st between 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. at 12700 Broadway we will have music, food, we will give away hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, pop and water to the children as well as many fun events that are planned. We will have bounce houses for them to enjoy themselves and we have requested from the police which has always been a part of this event as well as the Fire Department. The kids really learned and took a lot out of the interaction with the Fire Department as well as the Police Department and the parents had an opportunity to interact also. Our major goal is to be a part of the community where someone, anyone will always have an opportunity to reach out for different types of resources. So I've left several flyers on the table. I'd like to once again thank you for this opportunity to stand in front of you to introduce ourselves to you and the community and to let you know that we are not here to solicit donations, but anyone who has a heart to so see you can either mail it, you can call us or Elder Finley at (216) 456-1420 or myself at (216) 925-3284. Again, thank you once again for this opportunity.

CLWN MARINCIC: Mr. Chairman, can I give you a donation right now?

MR. BARNES: Thank you. God bless you.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Barnes. We think that's great for the community. We appreciate your efforts. Next program we want to talk about is we have partnered with the Cleveland Clinic through Marymount for a Healthy Garfield Heights Initiative Program and we have today with us Lacy Zimmerman who is helping with this program. Please join us and explain the program.

Ms. Lacy Zimmerman: Good evening, everybody. Thank you for letting me be here. We have named the program Happy Healthy Garfield Heights. The purpose of the program is to promote health and wellness in the community. We will be starting off with a eight-week kickoff program. We'll kick off September 6th. We will have screenings, BMI, blood pressure, glucose, cholesterol and this will all take place at the Garfield Heights High School cafeteria. So at the beginning of the program we send out a schedule. Included in the program will be a walking program, education, nutrition, anything you could think would be in a health and wellness program. At the end of the program we will do screenings to see where people stand. If they are getting healthier. We have some great partners in this initiative: the Mayor and his office have been

great; the MetroParks service; the Chamber of Commerce; the public library and the city schools. So we have some great partners and a lot going on in the MetroParks that everyone can take place. This is free, open to everybody so we want everyone to participate. We want everyone to be healthier. We think this will be great for the community. I will leave flyers for everybody, if you'd pick one up on your way out. I think this will be great for the community.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Lacy. We think this program is great also. Anything that can help the community I endorse wholeheartedly. I've been working on my car so when you have these walks and these runs I can follow closely behind in my car. Thank you very much, Lacy. We appreciate it.

Getting on with my report, I wanted to talk a little bit about the Boys and Girls Club, a summer program sponsored by the Garfield Heights School Board, the Garfield Heights Court and the city. This program met on July 31st. It was a successful program. It accommodated 60 to 100 children each and every day. They had a great time. We had no problems whatsoever that I'm aware of. It couldn't have been a better project. We are hoping to be able go on with this project and sort of use it as a poster child so to speak so we can get funding to try to turn this into a full year program. But I am very thankful to everybody that was involved, especially the School Board. I want to thank the Garfield Heights Court who completely funded the program and it's a great program. Again we hope to extend it as we go along so thank you for everyone involved.

The Turney Road Project and the Transportation/Granger Road project will begin very shortly and Dave Krock has a report on that shortly.

I want to talk a little bit about the survey for the taxes and for the different funding for the road projects. Unfortunately the survey turned out to be almost useless. It had less than a 1% participation. Very few people called. When they did call some people called two or three times. Many of the callers did not call the hot-line. They called my office to talk to about what they did or did not want. The result of the survey gave a slight edge for the traffic cameras followed closely second by doing nothing at all. The residents have spoken on the short survey that they're not interested in raising taxes in that way. I certainly hope that we have an easier winter and the machine helps us with the potholes and resurfacing effects because it could get bad, but what the residents chose, like I said, 15 chose and they chose not to be involved whatsoever. With that said we'll talk to Council about some other ideas, but as far as the survey goes it was not good.

Next thing and the last I want to talk about is the 95th Birthday Bash. We are having the 95th birthday party and finding everything we can do and be passing out flyers to the residents. It's going to be here on Sunday August 24th. We're putting in a lot of time. There's all volunteers in this together. There's going to be a magic show. We're having Eddie and the Edsels come in. We're having pony rides, vendors with food, face painting, characters. We're trying to put together a car show and much more. This is going to be a very good celebration for Garfield Heights for being 95 years old. Our biggest problem when we have the events. We're trying to get the community together. We're trying to do some good things for the community so the people can forget about the bad things that are reported and have some fun and enjoy the good things. We need a turnout. We need you to come here. We'd like to start this as a birthday party and who knows what it may grow into. I go every year to the different cities that have these festivals. They have great times. Everybody enjoys themselves and so that's why we would like to start a 95th birthday party. This is geared for families, geared for children, geared for Seniors. I think it's going to be a great time, music, laughs, a lot of fun and it's going to be very, very inexpensive. We're talking about tickets for the kids to do their games and rides like a quarter or

50 cents. We're just trying to make it a fun event for families in Garfield Heights so do our best, Council, please get a hold of residents any way you can. We have flyers to pass out. Let's see what kind of turnout we can get. I hope to have a nice big turnout and everybody have some fun and enjoy. We got a cake. It's going to be coming in and we'll be giving out some cake to everybody. We're going to have a good time.

With that said I'm going to get into tonight's legislation. Most of the legislation tonight is Finance. A lot of annual work that Ron does each year so I'm going to let him get into most of this legislation. There is a couple that I want to talk about. Ordinance 45. In Council we spoke about this. This ordinance allows the Mayor to give a 2% increase to non-Union employees. Our Union employees get regular raises through the contracts. Our non-Union employees are not quite that lucky and in fact in the last five years they've received 2% increase and that's after the concession that they gave five or six years ago. We're looking at giving a majority of the part-time and full-time union employees a 2% increase and that would amount to approximately \$35,000.00 for the year. We think they well deserve it. I really wish it could be more, but we have to keep everything in respect so I'm urging Council to pass that. Ordinance 49. We've had several meetings with the Sewer Department. They informed us that they project the city of Garfield Heights' sewer program to be \$300,000.00 in deficit at the end of this year. That doesn't include the three projects, 102nd Street, Broadway and I'm not sure of the other project. Dave, you can get into that. We're talking about a serious deficit. They came to us and said there is no way we can continue on this path without increasing the sewer rates to the residents. So this legislation allows us to increase the dollar square footage frontage rate to two dollars, which still leaves us to be the lowest in the community at \$2.00 that has a fee to the sewers. So we're asking and urging Council to vote this in. There's capital projects we want to do. The work that we're doing on 102nd right now with the cameras, etc. is costing a lot of money. We want to continue the services to the residents. We don't want to take those services away. We want to be able to continue to provide them. So I am encouraging Council to support that ordinance.

The last ordinance that I want to talk about it Ordinance 51. This has to do with the Average Pay Fund. Presently the Average Pay Fund is in the Charter. The Charter Review Committee came up with this idea. They presented it to myself and presented it to you today at Caucus. We're presenting it now for passage. The Average Pay Fund that we presently have. When the police and fire get their wages it's done on an average of what the cities of populations from 25,000 and over that but up against the city of Cleveland. We take an average of all of those. Back when the legislation was passed, back in the 70s there were quite a few of the cities surrounding us that were over 25,000. Many of those cities, Maple Heights, Cleveland Heights, East Cleveland, many of them fell below the 25,000 rank. They were no longer a part of our average and we were starting to get Average Pay Funds involved with Parma, Euclid and Shaker Heights and these are very I think Parma has 80,000, Euclid has 100,000. They are a lot higher than people that are near us. So to bring us back into the realm of the Maple Heights's, the East Cleveland's, the Bedford's, the surrounding cities that are geographically near us we are asking that Council support reducing the language in the Charter from 25,000 to 15,000. Ron can certainly answer any questions that you may need to ask about that. The rest of the legislation that has to do with the financials and Ron is going to handle that in his report. With that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of the Mayor on his report? Are there any questions of the Mayor on his report? There being none we'll move on to Kevin Weiler who is filling in for our Law Director Tim Riley who is out of town this week. Mr. Weiler, do you have a report for us this evening?

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR KEVIN WEILER: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no formal report other than we did conclude the activity of the Charter Review Committee that the Charter requires the city to have every four years. A report's been made to the Council. I would thank all the members of the Charter Review Committee for participating and making the job really a good job this year. So I thank them all. With that I have nothing further. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Anybody have any questions of Mr. Weiler on his report? There being none, we'll move on to Police Chief Robert Sackett. Do you have a report for us this evening?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: Yes, I do, thank you. I want to echo what the Mayor said about the Boys and Girls Club. I don't think we had one call come into the Police Department that you could even indirectly attribute to the activities there so in that regard it was certainly successful and the time I spent up there I stopped up a few times I think it was successful for the kids that were up there. I think they enjoyed it and got something out of it.

We recently had St. Monica's carnival a few weekends ago. It went off fairly well. We had our typical problems. A few fights. A few activities if you will on surrounding streets when the carnival got off, but thanks to the Auxiliaries and the regular full-time guys that spent a lot of time up there it kept us out of the news. There was no real issues there so that worked out again.

I want to thank the Mayor, Service Department and Council. As you may have noticed some of the new police cars are on the road. Three SUVs are all black you will see them on the road. Shortly they will be followed by three Ford black police cars.

Also I want to touch on those road projects. I know Dave will get into the actual projects. As far as the traffic goes, Warner Road projects are already started. They are just putting a trail in. The southbound curb line is closed off most to Warner Road. That's not causing any issues but if you go down that way, beware. Everybody has access and there's not enough traffic there to really be a problem so that's the easy one. 98th and Granger will be starting again. They're going to be jumping around from various portions of the intersection as they're doing their work so just be careful there. I don't think that's going to cause big problems but be careful there when they switch the zones on that thing.

Turney Road probably will be a different story but it's a necessity. They're going to start at the North end and they're going to do it in thirds. From the traffic perspective essentially you're going to have one lane each way North and South through the entire length of the project. The problem is, is due to the type of work they have to do it changes from time to time maybe from day to day. It's going to be a little tricky with some of the accesses, but we'll do whatever we have to do so everybody has access. No one gets locked out of their house or business especially. Pay attention to that. If you can find a different way to go, a backstreet that might be a little easier to save the congestion. One of the big things traffic wise we're going to have to do is even the streets that are accessible you won't be able to make left turns going into some of those side streets or coming out of some of the side streets so keep that in mind. No doubt there will be violators. We'll be there giving tickets, but that's what really holds up traffic when you have these lane reductions. You know, keep that in mind, be patient. By 2016 it will all be worth it.

The last thing I want to mention is the ReadyNotify Program. You've heard about that. I know it's been mentioned here on this floor as well as some other places. That's the County program. They will send out notifications for emergencies, weather alerts, etc., you can get them various

ways: cell phone, e-mail, I think through your regular phone, that sort of thing. You have to sign up for it. It takes about two minutes You have to go to ReadyNotify.cuyahoga.us. You go on there. It's simple to sign up. It take about two minutes. You won't get the notifications till you sign up. The bonus about this program is there's several of us in the city that we can use it for Garfield Heights essentially a reverse 9-1-1. There's no limits. It doesn't have to be a life or death thing so we can use it. If we put out something like this 95th Birthday Party, only people in Garfield Heights. You sign up for the city you want to get notifications from. So that will be helpful. The weather alerts obviously that does not hurt also. 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 Parks and Recreation Director Mr. Bob Dobies. Oh, I forgot Mr. McLaughlin. I could not see you down there, our Service Director Tim McLaughlin.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: I lost a couple pounds, but when you can't see me you need some glasses. Thank you, Mr. President. We've been working on the water cutout repairs. We've had over 130 of them that we have to do and we've repaired about 40 of them this month. The tree crews been out somewhat where we can use them. I'm down with vacations and guys out on the roads so I have to move them around. We can take care of it with the weather. The tree crew's been out somewhat. Catch up tickets. We had some stump grinding done. We didn't do any last year so all those sat all the way till this year. We've cleaned up the grinding removal. When we get a chance we'll fix it where those trees were removed.

The sweeper's been out for a couple weeks. There's been various other tickets. Stop signs. No parking signs. We've been trying to handle it.

Last but not least the new animal warden started last week. Her name is Bonnie Hackett. She is from the Police Department, one of the dispatchers and she is our new animal warden. For the first weekend she done real well. She knows the streets and she's done real well. It's still the same. You'll still call the same number 475-1108 at the kennel and you won't hear Ed's voice now. You'll hear Bonnie. So you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Any questions of Mr. McLaughlin on his report? Mrs. Marincic.

CLWN MARINCIC: What was her name again our new animal warden?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Ms. Bonnie Hackett.

CLWN MARINCIC: Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Any other questions of Mr. McLaughlin? 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. The softball season ended with all teams participating in the Softball Swim Party this last Saturday. Congratulations goes out to the players, coaches, boosters, umpire staff for another successful softball season. And our new partners in the city of Bedford. Our playoff champions were in the A Division, the Athletics, the B Division was the White Sox, that was a Bedford team and the C Division was Indians.

Registration for fall/winter activities is in progress. Co-ed soccer, learn-to-skate, in-house hockey, travel hockey along with Fall Fitness Classes. All programs require an ID. Soccer coaches are in demand and if you have any interest please call the Rec or Kevin Koelliker at (216) 244-6077.

The ice rink is tentatively to open September 13th. We will have a Celebrate Skate Day Sunday September 14th 3:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. This is a free event to the first 200 patrons. Along with our regular office hours travel hockey will have sign ups this Saturday August 16th and Saturday September 23rd. If you are interested the Hockey Boosters along with Commissioner Doug Cimperman will be on hand to answer any questions from noon to four on those days. Regular office hours on weekends will be available through August 23rd for all programs. Come in and sign up early. If there are any questions please call the Rec Center.

On July 27th we held our 4th Annual Christmas in July event although curtailed by a little bit of weather. We all had a great time with poolside activities, games, music, dancing and swimming. We had many donated baskets on behalf of many Council Members and hopefully you got your letters of thanks which made our patrons very happy with their generosity of many. On August 2nd we entertained our Third Annual Residents' Free Swim Appreciation Day. Again because the weather Saturday did not quite cooperate, we extended our hospitality to August 3rd. We had a crowd. To make things a little bit nicer for our residents again we had a raffle for those who attended.

The pool officially closed on Saturday August 23rd with the kids going back to school on Thursday August 21st.

I was informed there was a typo in the Neighborhood News so I wanted to make sure everybody knew we closed the 23rd. Regular hours will be maintained this week and then next week we'll be open 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., weather permitting.

On Sunday, August 3rd we had our Annual Kids Dog Show. This marks the 38th year for that dog show. This is a free event to our residents. Everyone goes home a winner. Our afternoon was again a huge success for entrants and families along with Mayor Collova, Mike Nenadovich, who was one of the judges this year. A big thank you to our Master of Ceremonies Mr. Dick Goddard, Cleveland's Own weatherman, for his commitment to our city for 27 years of being a friend to animals and making our show special in his own way. Thanks goes out to Dr. Richard Thompson of the Family Pet Clinic. He is our number 1 benefactor. He was unable to attend due to another commitment, but he wanted all to know in his continuing generosity he and his family and staff give tirelessly to make this a special event along with trophies, ribbons, going to our winners gift bags to each participant. All the winners were published in the Neighborhood News and you can visit our Website for pictures of the events and other events I have mentioned this evening.

I want to say thank you to my staff and to those who continue to volunteer to be a part of this and all of our events and Ms. Mary Nichols, who coordinated all the events. A big thanks goes out to our Mayor, Councilpersons, residents who continue to support our effort. All the generosity is truly appreciated. Ms. Ryan donated and I had to make a comment one night. Ms. Pat Dovak who is one of our residents on Tonsing. She tirelessly went around this year and I actually told her you know I think I talked to you this last month more than my wife. Thank you, Pat. Thank you. That concludes my report.

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

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Thank you Council President. I want to report on a couple things. First of all the Granger/Transportation project. Two weeks from today August 25th we should see the project get started. They will be working in pieces around that intersection but all four legs of the intersection will receive some work. I expect to see it start on the North side of Granger Road first. We'll be maintaining traffic throughout but that intersection's pretty heavy with certain movements. It will certainly be during construction. The Turney Road waterline, I have a tentative date of September 2nd from the contractor at this point. There are a few things that may move that date slightly. But in any event it's going to get started here in early September.

As the Chief mentioned there is a lot safety and traffic issues that are going to be of interest during that project. We're going to be watching closely with the Police Department, but the contractor with his equipment, his trucks and everything they have to do there, there will be a lot going on so please be careful going through the zone. They intend to work throughout the winter if possible unless we get into some type of winter like we had last winter. If we have a more normal winter they will continue working. That will help speed up the overall construction timeframe. We anticipate that they could be done this time next year if they are able to work through the winter. That's good news there.

I want to talk about Ordinance 49. That's the sewer issue. You know we really don't have a choice with this I don't think. As the Mayor mentioned we're \$300,000.00 in the red now. Alvin Road was closed for about a week. We had a sewer collapse there. That cost is not included in that number at this point. We have a pretty significant problem on Broadway and 480. There's a sewer line out there that's very difficult to get to number one because it's between Osborne and Broadway if you can picture where that is? We've got some pretty big issues there. Then of course the flooding issues on East 102nd, East 104th. We have several spots around town like that. Add that together with what we really have is an aging system and maintenance costs just continue to go up. We've been talking with the County a lot about how to stay as efficient as possible to keep costs down but these costs are going up. Yet we still have major repairs we need to make to the system. We can't just maintain it. I urge your support of that. That's my report.

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

CLWN MARINCIC: So next month you're going to start on the sewer lines?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Turney Road and waterline.

CLWN MARINCIC: The beginning of the month?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I have September 2nd on the schedule that they gave us a few weeks ago but there are some approvals. We have Cleveland Water to approve certain things as we go so I think that's a good target.

CLWN MARINCIC: Where are they going to start?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: They will start on the North end. The very first segment will go from the Northern corporation limit down to Plymouth. The first piece. That will take several months to do that. Then South as they go through the other two sections.

CLWN MARINCIC: Thank you very much.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: You're welcome.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any other questions of Mr. Krock? There being none we'll move on to our Finance Director, Ron Tomola.

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Thank you, Mr. President. I am going to talk about quite a few pieces of legislation that are up tonight. The first being 44. This is the approval by Council for the city to enter into the Attorney General's collection program. This was brought up a few weeks ago in regard to collecting unpaid ambulance fees. Again I'd like to expand that and I've discussed this with Council to include other side bills that maybe Finance Department sends out. Could be a water hydrant, fire hydrant type thing that's not repaired. If we can't collect on it then we could turn those costs over to the AG's office for collection. There's no charge to the city for this. There is a collection fee charged by the Attorney General, but it is charged to the person that they are going to collect from and that's how the Attorney General gets paid. So they will collect 100% of what we certify to them plus 10%. We get the money and we certify they keep the 10% as their fee.

Ordinances 46 and 47 are annual assessment ordinances. One is for the annual rubbish fee and the other is for the grass cutting fees that we do on private lots. Again those are standard every year. I would encourage you to approve those and the assessments need to be posted and certified to the County by the 2nd Monday in September. This is our last meeting before that. That's why the legislation is before you today.

Ordinance 48 is another assessment ordinance. This is a new one. You haven't seen it in the past. Because of property devaluations it's estimated that in 2015 there will not be enough money collected off the City View tax increment financing TIF to service the note that the Port Authority put out for that construction project. Therefore built into the legislation that was approved back in 2004 was a means of collecting the money needed to service the debt. That was through a form of special assessment and that's what this piece will do. It will put a special assessment out there on those parcels to involve in that project to garner enough funds for the Port Authority to service the debt.

Ordinance 50 is an appropriation amendment. You've seen many of these in the past. This one shows quite a big number and again most of the cost involved in the increase there from \$52 million to about \$60 million is because of the projects that even the Mayor just talked about, the waterline project is a \$4 million plus project. The Granger Road/Transportation Blvd. Intersection is over a \$3 million project. We had to get all those projects approved over the last month or so. We now have to put that into the budget. That's what this main increase is in this budget amendment. The nice thing is that none of them cost the city any money. The Cleveland Water Department is paying 100% for the waterline construction on Turney Road and the interesting project this being funded through an Issue II grant and private funds put up by the developer.

The other thing I wanted to bring up was last week I had sent out via e-mail to all of Council we obtained from the State Auditor's Office the unaudited 2013 Financial Statements and I sent that

to everyone via e-mail. If you had any problems opening that or you could not review that I do have a few copies in my office. See me after the meeting and I would be glad to get you one of those. With that you have my report.

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

CLMN DUDLEY: On number 49. What would it cost the average family?

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: The average is based on the footage of the lot. Most of the lots in Garfield are between 40 and 50 feet so right now your charge is somewhere around \$25.00 to \$40.00 per half and the increase there would double that.

CLMN DUDLEY: Roughly?

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: \$80.00 to \$120.00 a year. Something like that.

CLMN DUDLEY: \$80.00 to \$120.00 additional to what they're paying currently?

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Now. If you're paying \$25.00 a half now you would pay \$50.00 a half.

CLMN DUDLEY: I'm just trying to put it in easy terms for everybody out there to understand. Give me an example.

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: If you have a 40 foot lot, you're paying a dollar a foot so it's 40 feet. Or \$40.00. It would double. It would be \$80.00.

CLMN DUDLEY: So it would be an additional \$40.00. Not a total of \$80.00?

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: An additional forty. Yes, I'm sorry.

CLMN DUDLEY: So they would think I'm paying \$40.00 now so I'm going to pay \$120.00? No.

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: You're paying \$40.00 now

CLMN DUDLEY: So what's that? A total on top of what you're already paying? OK. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS: Absent.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any additional questions of Mr. Tomola? There being none we'll move on to our Economic Development Director, Noreen Kuban.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to make a comment in reference to the Police Chief's discussion of the Mill Creek Trail. I just wanted to mention that this is a grant funded program and the MetroParks is doing the project.

Secondly, he talked about the knapsack for kids with school supplies. We do have a raffle for the Senior Center. It's upstairs. Tickets are a dollar each. It would be very nice if people

supported that and some younger person will win a knapsack with school supplies. If you have children or grandchildren. Thank you.

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

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Good evening. The only thing I wanted to mention is the Land Bank houses that we got the grant for a year or so ago, there's one house to take down yet and now they're on Avondale in Ward 3. Right now we're concentrating on making sure that all the lots that have become vacant have some grass growing on them and are relatively level. That's all I have this evening.

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

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anybody in the audience that would like to comment on tonight's agenda?

Barbara Croftcheck, 5271 East 102nd Street. I was listening to the engineer that was saying that the cameras are working on East 102nd. I just wanted to inform the Council that the cameras are no longer on East 102nd. There are no County trucks on East 102nd at all since the last flood that we had on July 27th when we.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Excuse me. That's not on the agenda. That can come up under Comments by Citizens.

MS. CROFTCHECK: I am so sorry.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: That's OK. Does anybody else have any comments on tonight's agenda?

Glenn Hutch, 13800 Rexwood Avenue. I just want to comment on the fact about the assessment you want to assess on taxes to homeowners now. Right now we're getting hit by everybody in the whole State of Ohio with assessments on property owners. Especially in Ward 1. We getting hit by Cleveland with the school levy. We're also getting hit by the city water department of Cleveland for extra money for sewers. Now you say you want to assess us more money on us for sewer work also? So we get hit twice for the same work. I kind of have a problem with that, you know, because I'm on a limited budget. I'm retired. I'm on disability. I only have so much money to go a year. So you're increasing really you said \$40.00 a half. That's \$80.00 a year. I've already paid \$200.00 a year more taxes to Cleveland for the school levy because this city refuses to annex us back into Garfield Heights. So I've kind of got a problem with the whole idea. Every time I turn around we being hit with some kind of assessment, some kind of tax on our property like property owners are the only people supposed to pay for everybody that lives in the city and I would just like to say consider that when you think about raising money for different objectionable things. At some point it's going to be people like me are going to say we've had enough. We can't live under these kind of restrictions. Every time we

turn around there's somebody wanting money when there's no money to be had. I paid my taxes and my dues when I was younger. I thought when I got older I could sit back and relax. That's the not the case. It's getting to where I got to find somewhere to bring more money in or just give up my house and you have another wreck sitting there ready to be torn down because somebody just said I've had it, I'm moving out. So I want you to give that some consideration before you vote on such a high assessment on some kind of property. People, you think it's nothing, but it does amount to a whole lot to us. Thank you.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, if I can respond to the question? I understand that if you're in that area in Ward 1 that goes to the city of Cleveland schools that you pay their levies. I don't know about the sewer thing. Ron or Dave, do you know how that works? Do they pay sewer fees also?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I believe what he is seeing on his water bill is maybe a Northeast Regional sewer charge. It's different than our sewer collection and front footage fees. I don't think he's being doubly billed, to answer the question.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: That's what I was thinking. I understand about the school levy and unfortunately that's been a long battle about what school system you should be with. You have to remember that way back when the residents asked to be out of the school system and it has proved to be very hard to get back in.

MR. HUTCH: I been here probably longer than you have.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Not that I disagree with you on where you should go but that's the problem we have. Unfortunately the problem that we have is to provide the services to the city. We know you're paying a lot. We understand that. We know that everybody's hitting you. The State's hitting you, the schools are hitting you, everybody hits you. The problem is when the city who hasn't had an increase in income tax or taxes since the 70s, we don't have the money to provide the services because the sewer systems are getting so old. When the County comes to us and tells us that you are \$300,000.00 in the hole by the end of this year, how do you pay it? We can't tell them guess what? We don't have the money and we're tired of getting charged and we don't want to do it anymore because they'll stop the service to the sewers. That's the problem we face. So we have to try to take the least invasive measures to try to cover it and that's why we chose to go on that respect. Not that we want to. Nobody up here wants to increase anything. But when you're forced up against the wall and you have to get the money to do it. You have no choice.

MR. HUTCH: I understand that but I understand also Cleveland Water charges the suburbs and that includes Garfield Heights more money for the services to provide water to them to take care of the sewers and the water lines. That's why we're charged more because we're outside the city of Cleveland. They already assessed us with an assessment on the waterline and it's more than what we paid before. There's a special assessment just for sewers and water drain off. That comes from the Cleveland Water Department. How come they're not taking care of those problems and they're making Garfield Heights pay them back when they already been paid by the citizens in the first place for the water?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: The water and the sewers are two different things.

MR. HUTCH: I know they're charging us an extra charge for the sewer usage.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Is that an extra charge?

MR. HUTCH: Yes, it is.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Is that for all suburbs or just Garfield Heights?

MR. HUTCH: I don't know.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Dave, do you have an answer to that?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: From a water rate standpoint the city of Cleveland's under a different water rate level than we are and as you go up in elevation it changes as well. There's three different rate levels outside of the city of Cleveland for water. But on the sewer side I think that it's something to look at and research. I sure hope you're not being doubly charged. I doubt that you are but it would be worth looking into.

MR. HUTCH: We're getting a double charge for sewer. Thank you.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone else that has any comments on tonight's agenda? There being none we'll move on to Ordinances and Resolutions.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We'll start with Ordinance 44-2014. Would the Clerk please read the title.

ORDINANCE NO. 44-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COLLECTION SERVICES PROGRAM.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 44-2014 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 45-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE 39-2013, AND ANY OTHER NON-UNION PAY ORDINANCES, OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the adoption, beginning with Mr. Nenadovich.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mr. Chairman? A question for Mr. Kevin. Does that Rule 24 have to be read on this? We're spending money.

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR KEVIN WEILER: I don't believe so.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 45-2014 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 46-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, AS IDENTIFIED IN ATTACHMENT A, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, (LESS ANY PAYMENTS RECEIVED OR CORRECTIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE FINANCE DIRECTOR), TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED ON THE NEXT TAX COLLECTION, PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ORDINANCE 56-2012: COST OF GARBAGE AND REFUSE COLLECTION.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 46-2014 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 47-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, AS IDENTIFIED IN ATTACHMENT A AND INCORPORATED HEREIN (LESS ANY PAYMENTS RECEIVED OR CORRECTIONS MADE BY THE FINANCE DIRECTOR OR THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER), TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED ON THE NEXT TAX COLLECTION, PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES CHAPTER 551: WEEDS.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote I want to let the residents and the audience know that this is \$114,500.00 in unpaid fees for mowing people's lawns and that I'm eager for the city to get that. I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 47-2014 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 48-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO LEVY 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 PETITIONS THERETO, (ALL ATTACHED HERETO AS ATTACHMENT B.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote. Ron, is this the last one we're going to see on this?

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Probably not. You'll probably see it every year now until the TIF runs out.

CLWN MARINCIC: OK. I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 48-2014 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 49-2014 AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS PRICING SCHEDULE OF ORDINANCE 46-2012 WITH RESPECT TO THE AMOUNT AND ALLOCATION OF THE SANITARY AND STORM SEWER FUND.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

NAYS: Dudley

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with myself.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, the only concern I have is I don't have a clue what the cost is going to be to the individual homes and my biggest concern is I have quite a few Seniors and I know they struggling as well because I'm struggling when my wife was on a long unemployment period. It devastated our home. I just don't know how much this is going to charge each home and we do this now, then we come back at Charter Review time and we going to ask for more money, etc. I think this is going to be a hard hit on the Seniors and I don't believe that they can sustain this increase on their sewer bill, then turn around and sustain another one whatever we decide to do in the month of November. That really concerns me and I got to vote No.

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote, I'd like to say that we've discussed this at several committee meetings and I'm confident in how much it's going to cost to each homeowner and we don't have any choice. If a resident calls and their sewer's broken something has to be done and it has to be fixed. It's going to cost a lot more than this if they have to call Roto-Rooter and do it privately. It's an emergency situation. It's got to be paid. This is the fairest for every resident because it charges everybody across the board and to me it's the very minimal amount for most residents. That's why I'm voting Yes on this.

CLMN GLENN: Before I vote, I am going to vote Yes on this here, but this is a tax on the homeowners.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Not a tax. Assessment, not a tax.

CLMN GLENN: Assessment. It's going to double and this is for maintenance of the water and sewage lines. I'm going to vote Yes, with a heavy heart. I vote Yes, Sir.

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

NAYS: Dudley

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 49-2014 passes with 6 Yes votes and 1 No vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 50-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 73-2013 AND ALL OTHER TRANSFER AND ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCES, TRANSFERRING AND ADDITIONALLY APPROPRIATING CERTAIN FUNDS WITHIN THE GENERAL; STREET LIGHTING; AVERAGE PAY; PERMANENT IMPROVEMENT; POLICE PENSION; FIRE PENSION; RECREATION; STREET CONSTRUCTION, MAINTENANCE & REPAIR; STATE HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT; CITY INCOME TAX; MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX; STORM & SANITARY SEWER CONSTRUCTION; WATER MAIN REPAIR; FEDERAL NUTRITION BUDGET; COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT; LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST; INDIGENT DRIVER ALCOHOL TREATMENT; ENFORCEMENT AND EDUCATION; FEMA; DEBT AMORTIZATION; MUNICIPAL COURT PROBATION SERVICES; MUNICIPAL COURT SPECIAL SERVICES; MUNICIPAL COURT CAPTIAL IMPROVEMENT; GARFIELD HEIGHTS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER; STREET IMPROVEMENT BOND 2010; GRANGER ROAD/TRANSPORTATION BLVD IMPROVEMENT; TRANSPORTATION/ANTENUCCI IMPROVEMENT 2004; BOND RETIREMENT; REVOLVING EQUIPMENT; AND RESTRICTED FUNDS.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the adoption, beginning with Mr. Nenadovich.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 50-2014 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 51-2014

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION TO THE ELECTORATE OF AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 41, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote, I'd like to let the residents know that this issue has to go on the ballot this November. It's regarding our Average Pay Fund. If it passes this will save residents money and I encourage you to vote Yes on the ballot and I vote yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 51-2014 passes with 7 Yes votes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Now we will move on to Comments by Citizens. Will 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?

Barbara Croftcheck, 5271 East 102nd Street. I'm addressing the questions for consideration regarding first of all the sewer tax that has been presented to Council. Ladies and gentlemen, the residents on East 102nd Street have had their sewer lines replaced from the street to their homes at their cost, not the city's cost. I was one of them that had it done. There are other residents, eight on one side of the street, eight on the other side of the street that have had their sewer lines replaced at their own cost. We still have the flooding problems, most recently on July 27th. On July 27th there were phone calls made to the City Service Department and I was informed that there was a problem with the lines being answered by the Service Department. They were being dropped or disconnected for some reason. Three of the residents had made calls that finally were answered by a gentleman that was told that the problem was being resolved. There was no problem resolved. We cleaned up our own basements again. This is due to the sewers that are in the street. The drainage is coming backwards from the street to the homes.

In all due respect, Mr. Collova, the County has been out with cameras but the last time they were out was at the end of June. They have not been out since then. With the last flooding

being done on July 27th and with the phone calls that were being made, the same problem still exists, Sir. We're now being told that we're going to be charged extra for sewers that are causing us the damage that we had to pay for. The damage that has been done to our homes due to the flooding damage from the sewer lines. We've paid for them out of our pockets, Sir, and we have to now pay again for the maintenance of what?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: If I can respond? I'm sure glad you came to the mic because there's been a lot of discussion about 102nd Street flooding. You guys have taken a lot of different actions here at the Council Meeting and in privately sending letters around to whoever. I just want to tell you that we have been meeting with the County on a regular basis about what's going on over there. There are reports that have been generated to this city about every house, the different sewer problems that are going on. They're doing this and it's a very large expense, but we're more than happy to do it because we want to resolve the problem. This is going on right now. We met as early as 2 o'clock this afternoon to find out where we are with this. There are a lot of small problems that they've found up to this point. They have not found the one problem that is probably causing it all and they are still investigating at a very high expense going through this whole place. They are done on Midwest because the sewers run into Midwest, they go behind your street. This is all being done and all I hear from 102nd Street is we're not doing anything.

Ma'am, the only thing I'm telling you is unless the experts find something out, I don't have that magic wand to wave to make you happy. I understand your frustration, but please, give it time. We're paying top dollar to find out the problem. We have engineers working, Dave is working on it. We've got people there. Do you know I had somebody call me because there was a water truck there at 9:30 at night and they said why are we wasting money at 9:30 at night? That's the God's truth and I tried to explain to him we're doing everything we can to get this done. Ma'am, you have to give us time. If it rains tomorrow real bad I'm sorry you're going to get flooded again. I can't stop that. If I could I would, but we are going to find out this problem and it's costing everybody a lot of money in this city for your problem, Broadway's problems, all these different problems, but we're going to get to the bottom of it. Again, I don't have the magic wand to wave. If you want to go through the Court process as has been threatened, I can let the attorneys try to figure out what the problem is and call the County off. We don't want that to happen because we want to find out the problem, but you have to give us enough time to do it. So I can't tell you next week it's going to be solved, the week after. When they finally come up with it, then we're going to decide what has to be done. These are the experts.

MS. CROFTCHECK: I understand, Sir, but you have to know that the residents at the meetings prior to this one were told that they were going to meet privately with the Mayor and with the other Councilperson in regards to the progress that's being done. There isn't any progress.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: This is a letter that was sent to all the residents saying the progress. Did you get one of these letters?

MS. CROFTCHECK: I received one, yes, but there may have been some people that have not that I can't be the one to say that you didn't send it to them, Sir. There are also the questions that are being asked by the other residents like we were promised a meeting but we never got one. I said the next time at the next meeting we'll ask the Mayor why we didn't receive that meeting.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I think first off we delivered this to all the houses on the street so if the people didn't get it I don't know why they didn't. The second part of it is we can have a

meeting with you and we can tell you that we have gone on through and we can tell you what's being done but we don't have any answer for you yet. I would like to meet with you when I have something solid to tell you. OK? During the meantime of this I'm receiving letters saying we're doing nothing and you can understand that bothers me a little bit because this is far from nothing. When we're raising rates on the sewer rates because we're paying for this stuff, which rightfully so we should be. It bothers me to get the reports back and get we're not doing anything.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: I'm sorry. The five minutes is up.

Michael Powidel, 12012 Granger Road. I believe I called you. My memory's a bit fragmented, but I asked you about the noise at the gazebo area the skateboarders and they were generating and you told me to call the Mayor. I spoke with you, Mayor, a few months ago and you said if you put up a sign the kids are going to keep coming back and coming back. I was a kid once. I'd probably be doing the same thing. But there are signs up there saying no skateboarding on Tennis Court. There's a no dog walking sign and at the beginning of city hall there's several signs in the areas. My next step was to take it up with the Police Department and Chief Sackett. I spoke with one of your officers at length about the issue and what I could do about it and he said to put up a sign for them to enforce the law from them skateboarding in the gazebo, which Mayor, you said they are not allowed to do. They've been irritating me at 10:30 past at night with the skateboarding noise. I don't know why they're not using the skateboarding park that was designed for them, but it's very irritating.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Michael if I may respond? It's probably not as irritating to you as it is to me and I'll tell you why. We talked about this today. We had a meeting about this today. I did not know you were coming here with this problem but we met on this today. We have a gazebo there that we have concerts each Sunday night for the Seniors in the month of August. Prior to those concerts we paint it. We make it real nice for the Seniors. We paint it on a Wednesday or Thursday. Come Sunday for the concerts I got all the graffiti written all over. I got shingles destroyed. I got all this going on. Believe me, I understand what you're talking about. We're trying to come up with some language and Bob Dobies had presented some today, about banning youths from the gazebo. Whether it works or not is only a matter of time but what we can do with that is now we can take legal action against them. Not too long ago, about a week ago, after we were having the problem it's not only the gazebo. We had a problem last night with nasty words being written on the little kids playgrounds. I went up there. There was a group of young ladies, young men inside the gazebo and I walked up there and walked through and they weren't doing anything. I was almost hoping they were so I could catch them and do something, but they weren't doing anything. Believe me we understand what you're going through. We're trying to stop it. We're coming up with some kind of language, some ordinances to do it. But the gazebo has been a problem. There's no question. I would suggest if it's loud those lights are supposed to go off at 10:15. The lights that are on back there. If you hear anything after those lights go off that's going on loud I would call the police in there as quick as you can because I want to catch them. I want to catch the juveniles that are doing some bad stuff over there because it's costing us a lot of money. I can honestly say that I sympathize with what you're going through and we are addressing it.

MR. POWIDEL: And even before 10:30 maybe find someplace else where they can go? I don't know.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: If they're at the skate park the skate park is there. We turn the lights off. They close at 10:00 p.m. So the playground closes at 10:00. We have that in place right

now. The lights go off at 10:15 to give them a chance to leave the park, etc. There's not a whole lot we can do unless we close down the skateboarding park. We were close to doing that a few years ago and met with a whole lot of objections. I'm not opposed to the skate park if they maintain it and do what they're supposed to do. I don't want to redo it again. We don't want to spend the money to redo it again. We know we're having problems over there. But as far as the gazebo goes if there's anything going on at that gazebo once we put this letter up, call the police from your house. We'll get them there. If we catch them in the gazebo when those signs are up No juveniles allowed in the gazebo before we make a couple of arrests and force some parents to pay some money out of their pockets it's not going to stop, but we have to do the legislation to get this done and we will.

MR. POWIDEL: That's the same information I got from the officer that I talked to on the phone. So I'm satisfied with that.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: OK? Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Is there anyone else that would like to speak?

Mildred Whitmore, 13154 Forestdale Drive. Going back to 102nd water problem. It's not just 102nd. It's all over Garfield. It's all in Cleveland, it's everywhere. They don't need to spend all that money trying to find the problem when they know what the problem is. It's the old outdated sewer lines. They are only four inches around. How can they take all that water? That's why it's backing up into our houses. When they worked on the street in front of my house I went out there and took pictures. Four inches around. How's it going to take all that water? Then it's going to come back in our houses. How are we going to pay for a job done? I had my job done once. It was again backing up because of the four inch line. They know it's the problem so why keep spending all this money and talking about investigating they don't know what's causing the problem? That's the problem. The old outdated lines.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mildred, if I can, you may be 100% correct in your area. Each area is a little different depending on when the area was built and what size pipes they have in there. We have to address the problem, no matter what the expense is, we have to address the problem because we're trying to make it right whether it's on your side of town, my side of town or anybody's side of town. That's all we're trying to do. We can't just let it go. The other problem is we can't change that these sewers and these waterlines are antiquated. We know that. We had a special town hall meeting to explain to the people we need to do something because it's only going to get worse. The people responded and they didn't want to do anything at all. They want to live with what they had. We're just honoring the wishes of the people. As leaders maybe we should just take the bull by the horns and say we're going to raise taxes? The problem is it goes to a vote and the people will vote it down anyway.

MRS. WHITMORE: The thing is, excuse me, I'm not cutting you off, but it's saying 102nd Street. Have you been over on Forestdale investigating over there? Have you been on the other streets investigating? It's all over Garfield, not just 102nd Street.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Let me respond to that if I have the paperwork here. We went and I'm going to try to go by memory because I can't find it in front of me, but we went from about 100 and some calls 10 years ago for sewers to well over 1,000 now. A thousand calls in a span of 10 years more than what we used to get. It's unbelievable how much it's cost us in the Sewer Department through your money for your sewer dollars because the system gets older and older each year. As that system gets older it's more and more maintenance involved. We have to put

those capital projects together and that's where some of this money is going to be used for so we can start addressing the problem better. But the reality of it is the older things get in this city the worse it's going to be. As we get older we don't operate as good as we used to. You know that as well as I do. That's the problem. We have to generate the dollars. I asked the County today if there's anywhere we can go for funding. Do they know of any other funding mechanism that we can go to and beg to get a few dollars. The answer was no.

MRS. WHITMORE: Can't get blood out of a turnip.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Exactly right. We're doing everything we can. I understand what you're saying and I know there's a flooding problem. It's a lot less of a problem now with the hydro brakes than it was 10 years ago, but still we have problems in isolated areas and we're trying to address them.

MRS. WHITMORE: I understand what you're saying, but I'm just saying it's not just 102nd Street. It's all over Garfield.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I understand that. Thank you.

Rick Pirone, 11027 Granger Road. I just wanted to go ahead and touch on the taxes. The tax increase. I know it's a dead issue, but man, if you vote for a sports complex for the schools and I know Mr. Dobies is here, the people of Garfield Heights are crazy because there's no way to get the city up out of the coffin but yet you got a bunch of freebie people who want a free sports complex because.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Excuse me, Rick, that's a school issue.

MR. PIRONE: He's on the Council. Double dipping. Anyway, Mr. Suster, the tax increase is really needed by this city. It's instant, but since it's a dead issue, isn't there one other issue that could really like bring \$1 million to this city? Like shut the Rec Center down temporarily? No? That's a needed issue. You know people on the social network they went ahead and said before you shut the Rec Center down, take everything away from the Seniors. That's what these two women were saying on Net Shore. You think more of the Rec Center than you do the Seniors and the disability people?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Let me say this, Rick, if I may? This city, unlike other cities, came from an unbelievable deficit and fiscal emergency without stopping any of the services. We didn't shut down the Rec Center, we didn't shut down the pool, we kept things together for the kids, we did that and we intend to continue to do that. The Rec Center would not generate enough money to fix the sewers in this city.

MR. PIRONE: Probably not?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Then why would we look at that? If we were to do that.

MR. PIRONE: It's a savings, Mayor.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: If I laid off five more policemen or firemen or 10 more administration, it's all a savings, but you have to go after what it's the right thing to do and how do you do it? Right now we have a problem with the youth in the city and we're trying to do everything we can to keep these youth with something to do and they have plenty to do.

MR. PIRONE: Everybody here is complaining about issues and the problem is that most of the issues could have been rectified with a tax increase. This is not going to give you enough revenue to do anything. It's like icing on the cake.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I don't disagree at all. I agree that we need that tax increase.

MR. PIRONE: I wanted to go publicly. The city of Garfield Heights. The residents are crazy if they go for a school sports complex.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone else that would like to speak?

Linda Hutch, 13800 Rexwood Avenue. I haven't been before the Council since they voted to ban pit bulls. The problem I have now is junkyard dogs.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Did you talk to somebody about this prior to this?

MS. HUTCH: Yeah. I had talked to Mr. Dudley. I'm the one with the problem on Saybrook that has quieted down. Now I've got one a couple doors down from me on Rexwood. It's tied out all night. The other night it barked from two in the morning until five in the morning. Consistently. I had windows open. I didn't get any sleep. Dogs that are tied outside are not a family pet. They are more of a threat than any other breed of a dog because they've had no interaction with people. They don't know how to deal with people. If they get loose they're likely to bite someone. But the fact that they're sitting out all night long, barking at anything that moves, is a serious problem.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Have you called anyone? The dog warden or the police?

MS. HUTCH: I spoke with the dog warden extensively last year and I called the police a few times before we got the one on Saybrook quieted down. Now we've got a new one a couple doors down on Rexwood.

CLMN DUDLEY: Mr. Chairman. Why don't you give me a call with the address tomorrow? We'll take care of it.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Mr. President. She can give me the address now and I will look it over. The thing is, in the middle of the night please call the police. They will come there and sit and listen for the dog. The animal warden's not there at night, but in the past the police have come out, sat there in the street and waited to hear the noise.

MS. HUTCH: I'm across from Cranwood schools so the dog barks echo off the school and it's twice as bad.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Can I have your address again?

MS. HUTCH: I'm at 13800 Rexwood.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Are you home during the day?

MS. HUTCH: Yes.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: OK. I will send the animal warden over there tomorrow.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: Where's the dog? What's the address for the dog? Do you know?

MS. HUTCH: *Inaudible. Had left the mic.*

Bob Halan, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. Most of what I had in mind to bring you has already been said by Krock and the Mayor. Mainly was the Turney Road project and Transportation Blvd. I want to bring up a question about what's going to occur about the situation for increase in taxes or traffic light. I'm a school crossing guard and I'm still concerned about that. Will that be put on the ballot in November? The traffic lights?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: At this time Council is going to meet on it again. At the time there has been nothing decided and the reason I can say that, Bob, is because on the survey the few people that did vote on the survey voted for the cameras to be put back on but we put that on twice. It's been voted down. The last time was soundly voted down. I think the residents have spoken loud and clear. I understand because the money would be used for the roads, we could have changed a few people but we also think that the legislation is going through and the State that is going to stop that program or curtail it quite a bit so Council's looking at it continually but there are some negatives along with the positives.

MR. HALAN: The next question is voting in November for Governor. I'm not going to be unbiased or biased. I just want to state some facts. I'm not too happy with regionalization.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: That's political. We can't discuss that here please.

MR. HALAN: I'm not talking about the election. I'm talking about regionalization. The County put us and the State and the Federal put us in the bind financially. We seem to keep getting delays on what the County will do or don't do. It delayed Turney Road. Transportation is another problem. What's happening with our dispatching system which is regionalization? Is it in effect yet?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: It's not in effect. They have recently received the plans. I think the Chief could talk about it?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: Yes, within the past weeks they accepted the bid for the build-out of the project and the timeframe we received last week was that it was still on schedule to be finished by January 1.

MR. HALAN: That's another delay. That's what I'm talking about. Regionalization, the County we keep getting delayed on any action. This was promised that we would have the dispatchers in effect this August. Now we're postponed again until January? Same thing with the project on Turney Road. We keep getting set backs. Why?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: I can't answer Turney Road but the dispatch at the time the people involved were hoping for June and July and that's what we put out there. Realistically then we all stated that January 1st would be the target date and regardless of how you feel about that if it's a delay or not that's not something you can blame on the County.

MR. HALAN: But regionalization is what the County's striving for.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: That's not part of this discussion, Bob.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: If I may say, we understand from your many visits to the Council here that you're a schedule guy. You like things done on time. We remember when McDonald's was delayed you were not happy. There are many things that are being delayed that you're not happy with. I really am going to start my meetings and when I'm discussing with the County and with the other builders and developers, I'm going to tell them that they got to meet your schedule. I will let them know that you're not happy with their schedule and hopefully that will hurry them up a little bit. I can promise you I'll do that for you.

MR. HALAN: You see McDonald's is in effect.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Halan, your time is up.

MR. HALAN: Thank you.

Avery Johnson, 5256 East 102nd Street. Good evening. Now it take a lot for people like Barbara and myself to face the City Council, the Mayor and say our homes have been flooding for 30 years and tell you that currently they're still flooding. I'm not shying away from the fact that the Mayor has met with a group of people from the County and the City Council has probably been briefed. They been waiting 30 years for the city to do something. So yes they are frustrated. I'm frustrated. They would never seek legal counsel if eight years ago Longo kept his promise. Now it's thrown on Collova and his Administration. What I'm trying to say is that no one wants to sue the city of Garfield. That's their last action. They have nowhere else to go. But what you're hearing in street form, in letter form and petitions is their frustration and they're looking for someone to help them. It's nothing personal against the city of Garfield. It's nothing personal against the Mayor, but it's a fight that we're willing to take with the city and anybody else if they don't give some assistance and help.

I'm not going to shut back down because of the threat that you'll pull the County or you'll pull the city services from the residents. They already been pulled for years. What I'm saying is we looking for some assistance and we have to go through the City Councilmen, the Mayor's neck or someone that's news, Mr. Mayor. That's news that the residents is not getting. We have many outlets to give that news and information over to residents in the city. If we have technology we should be using it. That's all I am saying, but I want you to understand that's their last cause to sue the city.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Avery, I understand that you're upset and I've talked to you about it on a couple of different occasions. I understand that the streets are upset and you've having a problem for 30 years that I found out about two months ago. Even though we're investigating this and you get flooded I know the ass ache you're going through. I been there. I know what it is and you start saying hey, this is enough. The problem to this whole thing is that since you came to that Council Meeting that first time, since you called me on the phone that first time I've not stopped working at trying to get this thing resolved. I told them today it doesn't matter what the expense is, I want it resolved. OK? And then I get a letter saying you're not doing anything and do you think I have a right to be a little bit upset myself? Or should I just because I'm the Mayor say ahhh I'm the punching bag. Go ahead and punch?

MR. JOHNSON: I hear you. You do have a right about what you're trying to do for us and I have the utmost respect for you, I really do. I don't want poor Barbara to walk out of here feeling like hey I got to wag my tail because I'm just voicing my concern. I do agree with you Mayor that it is a problem. We do know that you're working but our Councilman, he should have given us a notice and say hey the Mayor give me this week he is still working on you guys and the County but you don't get that kind of feedback in the community.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: The County gives me a report probably monthly. That's the stack I showed you. They even have individual houses. They say this lateral is blocked, this pipe is cracked. They are giving us the report of things that have to be corrected. In some houses they can't find anything wrong. OK? As they told me they have not found the real problem yet. We talked today about the hydro brakes, whether they're working or not. Believe me these guys are on the job. They really are. But I have to be honest with you, up to this point they have not found what they're looking for, but I feel comfortable they will or at least they will make every effort.

MR. JOHNSON: Mayor and City Council, every time the brakes are applied to those rains on 102nd Street we get flooded. The moment they shut off the water that goes into them things property floods and backs up from the sewers. They can take a look at that and say why when they close all of a sudden we can stand there and look at our basement and see that water coming back in to our homes? As soon as it stops raining and the drains are opened back up again everybody knows that in their homes the water goes back down and drains out of their property. That's our problem. We have backflows, sump pumps and we're saying something somewhere is not working and I agree they are looking at all those things but it is an individual problem. We're not mad at you, Mayor. We're not mad at the City Council. We understand you guys are working on our behalf. But people are just frustrated and you're hearing that frustration.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I understand the frustration and I would be standing at the mic if I lived on 102nd Street myself. But trust me when I tell you we're doing everything we can and we're going to resolve something.

MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, Mayor.

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Avery, have you guys gotten together and taken this to your Block Watch where it can be really discussed with everybody there that is concerned with this?

MR. JOHNSON: Yes we have. Not only have we met with everybody not in our block watch but with our City Councilman. He has met with probably everybody in the entire community there.

CLMN VAUGHN: So at your Block Watch everybody could get together and sit down. The Mayor could come in then with whatever he has and address everybody in a forum like that. That might be helpful.

MR. JOHNSON: Thank you very much, Sir.

CLMN GLENN: Mr. Avery, are you on my e-mail list? I give out notifications about the Block Watch. We had a summer recess for two months. We'll be starting up in September again. I always send out an e-mail when we are having our Block Watch.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone else that has any comments?

Wayne Williams, 13960 Milo. I'll try to go a little bit easier on you, Mayor. You mentioned on the subject of the 95th Birthday celebration that you'd be having a flyer. How is this going to work?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: We are going to give the flyers to the Council people and anybody else like yourself that would be willing to go out and pass them out on the doors. We are getting them made up. They were going to copy them on the copier machine. I thought it would be better if we went to a good Union printer and had it done. That's what we're doing.

MR. WILLIAMS: That would have been my suggestion. I know a few years ago Ward 7 Block Watch decided to have a cookout to introduce themselves to the Ward and Clmn Vaughn kidnapped a couple of his sons and myself and we literally hit every house in Ward 7 so if a few people put in a little effort it can be done.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: We're going to try to get these flyers out to everybody because that stops people saying they didn't know about it.

MR. WILLIAMS: I've talked to a number of people who said what? I didn't know about it.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Within the next week or so you'll see those flyers and you'll be given quite a few of them.

MR. WILLIAMS: Glad to hear that.

CLMN VAUGHN: That's how we're going to handle that in our Ward. We're going door to door again and we'll have a cookout at my house afterwards for everybody.

MR. WILLIAMS: Can't walk as far as I used to.

CLMN VAUGHN: We'll be there.

MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

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

Rachaelle Johnson, 5256 East 102nd Street. I'd like to know does the city have any programs to deal with mold in the houses that affect us and being affected with the flooding? Because it is a health concern.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Do we have any programs?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: The city itself does not. The Board of Health used to do mold remediation. I will be able to look into that for you. If there is something I think we could post it on our Website. I know their funding has been cut back and they might not be able to do the mold program like they used to.

MS. JOHNSON: OK. I wanted to let everybody know while we're waiting our houses are filling up with mold.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Can you give me your e-mail address?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Would you rather give it to her privately?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make one more response on the flooding issue. Very briefly. I want you to know that the last large rain that my wife informed me that we received a little water in the basement and I told her I was sure it was the residents of 102nd Street (*inaudible*) and that we probably deserved it.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone else that has something to say this evening?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none, we'll move on to Miscellaneous Business, beginning with Clmn Burke.

CLMN BURKE: Thank you, Mr. President. In closing I would like to say thank you to the Charter Review Board Members for all their hard work. I know how much time it takes to go to those meetings and have to attend the meetings and talk about things that are tough decisions, which brings me to this survey that we did on all these options to help fund our repairs for streets and our sewers. When I go out and talk to residents or I talk to people in general that live in Garfield Heights whether they are residents of Ward 6 or just city residents, a lot of them don't realize that our sewers are in the next 15 years are going to be 100 years old. Yet I don't know how long you think they're going to last, but when we go to have meetings and nobody shows up it is very disheartening on all of us up here.

Five years ago this city was in fiscal emergency. If it wasn't for the hard work of Mayor Collova and some of the other people on this Council we would not be out of fiscal emergency today. We need the cooperation of these residents to get involved. I get a lot of phone calls about my neighbor did this or that, I get phone calls about the renter next door, I get phone calls about the vacant home that is falling apart that we can't figure out who owns. I would love to get the phone call Hey Matt, this is where I stand on this city issue. I really think we need to do this about our water/sewer lines. I think we need to do this about our roads. Those are productive calls that I would welcome from the residents of Garfield Heights and especially those of Ward 6.

I just want to say also welcome to Bonnie Hackett our new Warden.

And the folks of East 102nd I can't say that I know what you're going through but I'll tell you I know that there has been a lot of talk at every Council session every time we get together to do a meeting we talk about your neighborhood there. I know that everybody's on it so it will be addressed. We got to give it time and we got to let the system work.

Last but not least I do have my Community Awareness Meeting on August 13th this week, which is Wednesday at 7 p.m. right here at the civic center. I do not have a speaker this month. I wanted to get the residents together and talk about the issue of our sewers and talk about where we need to be going forward to make Garfield Heights a productive city for every resident in Garfield Heights. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you. I'm going to be a little wordy tonight, Mr. President. Sorry. First of all I want to thank the Auxiliary Police Department and the K-9 Unit for the great job they did at the carnival. We didn't make a lot of money. Had a lot of rain and one of the residents came up to me and said we should make a deal with the Governor of California and move the St. Monica

Carnival out there for \$10 million and we'll guarantee rain, because for the past three years we've had rain. But nobody took us up on it. The Police Department and everybody did a great job and those that were there enjoyed themselves. We made some individual lucky. He received \$15,000.00 and it was a good time.

I want to wish good luck to Bonnie Hackett. Dog Warden's not an easy job, but if anybody can do a good job it's going to be Bonnie and I hope we have her here next meeting or two so she can be introduced to everybody.

Our next Block Watch will be Thursday August 28th at the pavilion at St. Monica's. We're having a guest speaker by the name of Mayor Vic Collova so come on up. We're going to sit down; we're going to talk a lot of things over. Should be a good time to be had by all.

The Charter Review Committee. I want to thank our representative Mr. Raffel for what he did on that committee. I'd like to thank everybody for their input. It's tough coming to meetings in the summer. I know it is, but you guys did it and thank you very much.

I look forward to seeing everybody at the Birthday Bash. It sounds like we're going to have a good time. It's really a good time just to come out for fellowship, talk to one another and hopefully we won't have the rains and everybody will have a good time. I was at the meeting last week. They're going to have a lot of interesting things. It's not going to cost a lot of money. It's going to be a lot of fun so come on up and enjoy it.

I'm going to ask everybody to start driving safely in school zones. School's going to be starting soon. Slow it down. Start practicing now. Remember those kids, they're going to be taking care of us so let's take care of them now.

I would like to talk a little bit about the survey and the road improvement issue. I sat in on the original meetings. When we looked at that income tax it was something aggressive. It was something new and it was innovative. We have not done anything new and innovative in this town probably since Jack Donovan built that recreation center 50 years ago. But you know what folks, it's time. It's time for us to start being pro-active and not re-active. We don't pass it this year we got to do it soon folks because these roads as we all know are falling apart. It really bothers me that we don't want to do anything. Let's really take a look at this situation and see where we want to be in the next few years. With that, that' all I have tonight.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: I'd like to mention something I saw on television about the gentleman that owns the telephone place up on Turney Road. He's been robbed twice up there for his phones, etc. I think with the new County dispatch program what I would like to see is I would like to see what they call Big Brother's Watching You cameras. I'd like to see some cameras go up on Turney Road, up on 131st where we have some of the troubled areas and people try to sneak in and sell drugs. And the Subway was robbed several times. Even one of the workers there was shot. I think if you placed them cameras up and you had a new dispatch location and the dispatchers kind of monitored the cameras, not just for the city of Garfield Heights, but Maple Heights where their trouble zone is also and to Bedford. I hope they maybe take some consideration because people know that you're being watched by a camera. That don't mean that it's going to stop, but it's a deterrent to crime. We're going to put the dispatch place together I think it should be a state of the art facility and not just say we're going to bring the dispatchers together. I think they should take a moment and review that and look at the possibility of setting

up them cameras. I would love to have them because if people know that camera's up there they won't try to sell drugs some time. They would think twice when they go to rob a place because they know they being seen at the dispatcher can see something that looks out of place, but they probably trained to view and say, hey, we need to get an officer over there quick. Maybe you just driving by? I'd like to see that in consideration. Putting monitor cameras in the troubled zone areas in the cities that is involved in this new dispatch program.

I'd like to encourage people to come out to the Garfield Heights 95th Birthday celebration. I'm from the Glenville area. That's where I grew up and went to Glenville and every year I get an invitation to come back and I tell you, they have some beautiful turnouts at them programs up there. Also if you go up there around the Woodhill area. I think we should do the same thing. We say we don't do nothing. We don't invite you to nothing. Let's see how many people will show up for this and have a good time. Bring your family, your children. It's going to be a safe environment. I'd love to see everybody there.

Also for the back to school backpack and supplies I think it's about two years ago and it was great. They had some inflatables at the church right on 131st and Broadway and they gave away some needed supplies to some of the kids who actually needed some of those items. They might have had nothing in them book bags. They don't even have a book bag to go back to school if this not for a program such as this. They give it or somebody else give it. It's a great program to have.

I believe the Ward Club is back in session as of the fourth Tuesday of this month, coming up from the summer recess program. It will be held at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday up in the Civic Center on the first floor. I encourage people like other Members of Council to come out to the meetings and talk about some of the issues, etc. It's not political. I'm just an individual there like everybody else. I'm not an officer of the club or anything. I'm just a neighbor, a representative, either way you want to put it. I encourage you to come. If you've been there before also to return.

Also as one of our colleagues stated kids are going back to school so be careful how you drive up there. Be extra careful with children. You got to watch out for them. I don't want you to hit none of them.

I hope everybody enjoyed this summer and now it's time to get back to work, even though we worked during the summer. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mrs. Marincic.

CLWN MARINCIC: I just have a couple things. I would like to wish our new animal warden good luck. She has some big shoes to fill because Ed Jamison was like no one else. What most people don't know is my niece is the Cuyahoga County Head Animal Warden and she's all the time telling me how happy she is to be working hand in hand with Ed Jamison and making me a little bit jealous. I'm sure our new animal warden will succeed and excel in her position and I wish her well.

Secondly I would like to thank everybody who participated in the Charter Review Committee this year. We do it, I think it's every four years and it's a thankless job, but it's an act of dedication to our community and they came up with one really phenomenal suggestion this year which is going to the ballot and I hope everybody reads it over carefully and votes to support it. That's all I have tonight. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I want to thank the Charter Review. I was fortunate enough to have two people on the Charter Review from my Ward. I want to thank them for a wonderful job they did. Kevin, again, thank you.

I welcome the new animal warden on board. I'm sure she's got a good look at Ward 3 in the past couple of weeks so I see her truck all the way up and down the Boulevard constantly, but she'll get used to us.

Ward 3 has their Block Watch this Thursday, 7 o'clock, VFW, 4727 Turney Road. Chief is always there answering questions for our residents and we're going into our 15th year for our Ward.

I want to thank Bob for a great summer at the pool. He did a great job. A lot of happy people out there. Suntanned people, burnt people, but they were wet and they had a good time.

Of course as always remember our Vets. We lost eight more since the last meeting. Eight more lives are lost in this conflict and now we're getting back into it again. Say your prayers that this is all over so we can bring our boys and girls home. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, Mr. President. I want to reminisce a little bit. The last four years since the Mayor's been in office, this Council has taken this city out of receivership of the State. It took four long years to do that. A lot of hard work, a lot of cutbacks by some of our employees. They took pay cuts, they took medical cuts. Nobody ever talks about that. So everybody's chipping in trying to do their share. We have a long way to go. I know we have money issues here. We have issues on 102nd Street that I'm concerned with. Any information, Mr. Mayor, in regards to 102nd Street in Ward 4, I will personally go house to house to give the information. I'm on your side as always. We have a problem. I hope we can resolve it for our residents. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK, number one, our next regular Meeting of Council will be September 8, 2014 here in the Council Chambers.

I, too, would like to thank Kevin Weiler and all the people that served on the Charter Review Committee. I won't reiterate what everybody else has said so far as far as putting in a lot of time, etc.

And also welcoming our new dog warden. Like everybody has said, Ed's a hard person to replace.

As far as the 95th Birthday Celebration goes, it's going to be a good thing for the city. We don't have like Home Days and that anymore and this could possibly go somewhere down the line turn out to be something better for the community.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: And with that I would like to make a motion that we adjourn the meeting. All in favor of adjourning the meeting signify by saying Yea. All opposed. Meeting's adjourned.
AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:59 p.m.

APPROVED:

Joseph M. Suster
President of Council

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council