

# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

## CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, August 12, 2013

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m.** by Council President Nancy Marincic.

**INVOCATION BY:** Councilman Thomas Vaughn

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

**EXCUSED:** Mahoney

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** I'd like to make a motion to excuse Clwn Mahoney from this evening's proceedings. All in favor say Yea. All Opposed. Motion passes.

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

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

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Reading and disposal of two sets of Minutes. One from the Regular Meeting of Council from July 8, 2013 and the next from our Special Meeting held on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

**CLMN SUSTER:** Mme. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Garfield Heights City Council dated Monday, July 8, 2013 as submitted.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** All in favor say Yea. All opposed?

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

**CLMN SUSTER:** Mme. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Garfield Heights City Council dated Wednesday, July 24, 2013 as submitted.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** All in favor say Yea. All opposed? The Yeas have it. Passes by 6 Yes votes.

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:** None.

**LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:**

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** We will move on to reports of the Mayor and his Directors. Mayor Collova?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Thank you, Mme. Chair. I appreciate it. Before I get on with my report I wanted to say, as I've said many times and to many people in the community I have said it over and over, there's many positives and negatives about residing in Garfield Heights. But by far the two biggest positives of residing in Garfield Heights are our safety forces, both the fire and police. It really is important to us to keep that high sufficiency up in police and fire. Today I once again have the honor to swear in a new officer, Mr. Kenneth Falzini, into our Garfield Heights Police Department and it certainly is an honor and a privilege and at this time I'd like to ask the Chief, Kenneth Falzini and his family to join me at the podium.

*(Mayor Collova swore in Mr. Falzini.)*

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** Mr. Falzini is a welcome addition to the Police Department. He will now forever be known as Patrolman number 18. The things I want to say include two very good things. One, he has already trained as a police officer through the Regional Transit Authority. He starts on the road tomorrow. And the other thing is he was born and raised in Garfield Heights and lives on Hathaway. Congratulations.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Mme Chair, I will continue. I want to read a letter that we received. This letter was addressed to myself.

"We would like to thank you for your support of the Garfield Heights Police and all the members of the Auxiliary Police for the wonderful job they did during the last weekend of July for the St. Monica Summer Carnival. Everyone acted in a professional manner. The persons who attended carnival felt safe and because of this everyone had a good time."

This is really a great letter. For those of you who went to the carnival the police presence was really large, which was what we wanted, but the most important thing is we had a couple dogs that were walking around enjoying themselves and I certainly think that's why we brought the dogs in because they do work. And if anyone was even thinking about doing something out of line, they had to think a second time so congratulations, Chief, your guys did a great job.

Briefly I want to talk about the Senior Concerts. The last Senior Concert is this Sunday. The Senior Concert we had last night was attended by 120 people. We had 118 exactly and everybody's having a great time. We're having some food, we're having some desserts, we're having some prizes and we're having some great music. Next week is the last week we're having it indoors here. We're going to add a little bit to it and add some more prizes, a little bit more food, we're going to have a good time. The Seniors have really enjoyed this. Once again I want to thank the sponsors, Marymount Hospital, 1-800-OHIO-COMP, Giant Eagle and Mr. Heater for their generous donations to make this all happen. We really appreciate that. Thank you.

I want to talk briefly about the rubbish cans. By this time I think just about everybody (I think there's a street or two that have not received their cans. They will be getting them very shortly.) For the most part it's working very well. We have had some Seniors and some disabled people

that are a little bit concerned about the size of the cans and whether they can handle them or not. What we have decided to do, and sitting next to me as you notice, it's not Timmy. It's half of Tim McLaughlin sitting next to me, Tony Lovano, but Tim's in Vegas winning money right now, but anyways what we're going to do is come September 1<sup>st</sup>, right now Tony and Jennifer who is working on this rubbish can project are marking down the Seniors that have called in and any disabled person that has called in asking for smaller cans. We're going to try to accommodate as many as we can and that will take place September 1<sup>st</sup>. September 1<sup>st</sup> is the drop dead date so to speak. That's when everything will be in place. Everybody has to be using the cans as of September 1<sup>st</sup>. If you are not using the cans as of September 1<sup>st</sup> the rubbish will not be picked up. It has to be in the cans. Now again if you have an overflow on the can you certainly can put the bags out. I know there's a lot of concerns about what's going to happen in the snow, what's going to happen in the wintertime, but folks, out of the 59 communities Cuyahoga County, over half do this. Believe it or not I think it snows in those communities too and they handle it very well so we will handle it the same way they do and we'll adjust on the fly. It's not going to stop us just like it is going to be new to everybody, but this thing works everywhere else and it's definitely going to work here. So if there's any questions that anybody has in regards to the rubbish cans you could address them to Tony because he's the one that's doing it along with Jennifer.

Mme Chair, I would like to ask your indulgence and Council's indulgence. At the last Council Meeting I talked a little bit about the problem that we had with cats and some diseased cats. I receive some very colorful remarks back to myself. The cat killer, things like that. I would like to like I said with no objection from Council and yourself to bring our Animal Warden, Ed Jamison, up and talk and talk a little bit about the problem and why I brought this all up at the last Council Meeting and if he would, at this time if he could also get into some of the other animal problems we are having I think it would be very educational for everyone.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Please do, Mayor.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Ed, if you would?

**ANIMAL WARDEN ED JAMISON:** Thank you, Mayor. Mayor, City Council, Directors, Chiefs, and residents: I am Ed Jamison, the Animal Warden for the City of Garfield Heights. I asked the Mayor for this time to talk to you all about the different animal situations that we are faced with within the city on a daily basis, and to educate the residents on the things that can be done to ensure public safety, how to be more humane to animals, as well as how to be a better neighbor, which all will make our community better. I'm going to try to get through this as quickly as possible so just cut me off if you need to cut me off.

I have worked for the City of Garfield Heights Service Department for almost 14 years. I have been a sworn Animal Control Officer for the last 7, and I have been the full time Animal Warden for the last four and a half years. I currently am an Officer in the Cuyahoga County Animal Warden Society and a member of the National Animal Control Association. I have received training and certifications from the American Humane Association, Cuyahoga County Animal Warden Society, and recently returned from a week long certification training from the National Animal Control Association.

My job is to enforce the ordinances of the City of Garfield Heights pertaining to animals, which is the 505 chapter of our codified ordinances, where I have complete police power to enforce and

make arrests for any violations. I respond to calls regarding dogs and cats, injured birds, as well as nuisance wild animals.

My office hours are 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., although I'm typically there much earlier than that getting things going. The City kennel is located at 13600 McCracken Road at the Garfield Heights Service Garage. Aside from myself, there are 3 other Service Department employees that are sworn by the Mayor, trained and carry certifications to perform Animal Control Duties. They fill in for me when I am off and help with after hour emergency calls, but typically there is only one officer on duty at a time unless we are dealing with a hoarding situation, or occasionally when dealing with a pack of dogs. An Animal Control Officer is on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to respond to true public safety or injured domestic animal situations. In 2012 we received between 8,000 and 10,000 animal related calls that came through the Service Department, Police Department, City Hall and ultimately through my Office. I physically handled just under 1,500 animals, and I'm on pace to handle well over 2,000 animals this year.

Nuisance Wild Animals/ Trapping is a service that the city provides. It's a great service, that many cities do not provide, but we do. This service is free to our residents and I would like to explain that process briefly.

The State of Ohio defines a "Nuisance wild animal" as a wild animal that interferes with the use or enjoyment of property, is causing a threat to public safety, or may cause damage or harm to a structure, property, or person. In Garfield Heights, those animals are skunks, raccoons, groundhogs, opossums, fox and coyotes. I do not deal with exterminating issues such as mice, rats, bees and insects.

Trapping is governed under the laws of The State of Ohio Division of Wildlife which is covered under the Ohio Revised Code, Chapter 1531. As the Garfield Heights Animal Warden, I am given authority to trap under Chapter 1531.40 paragraph 4. I follow these laws very closely and the State has recently updated some of these laws. Some of those guidelines are:

I only use live humane traps. No snares, foothold traps, body gripping traps, or deadfalls are used.

I can only place a trap on a person's property with their permission from the owner or agent of that property. Neighbors, family members, friends, even my bosses can't give permission. It has to be someone with authority over the property to set a trap.

I am responsible for the well being and humane treatment of any animal caught in a trap I set, and I must physically check each trap daily. That is why traps are not left out over the weekend, or when weather conditions are extreme.

It is illegal for any person to disturb or molest any legal trap, set, used to take or capture nuisance wild animals or remove any nuisance wild animal from a trap without the permission from the trap owner. (Which in this case is the Garfield Heights Animal Control Department).

It is illegal to fail to euthanize, or fail to release on site, any nuisance raccoon, skunk, beaver, coyote, fox, or opossum that is captured, trapped or taken.

Right now skunks are very prevalent throughout the city. Part of this reason is the extreme cold last winter and early spring, I was not able to trap which is their breeding season so they were able to reproduce easily. Last year I caught 187 skunks throughout the City. I caught 38 skunks last week alone, and I am already nearing 150 skunks for 2013.

Other Nuisance Animals that humane traps are set for are raccoons, groundhogs and opossums.

Ways to prevent nuisance animals on your property are as follows:

Do not leave food outside for cats or dogs. The wild animals are eating the exact same food and the bait I use for these animals is cat food most of the time.

Do not provide comfort or shelter

Keep properties clean from debris and overgrown grass and brush.

The new trash cans you just spoke of in the City are actually going to really help me in this regard because trash bags are just ripped apart and flimsy can lids can be ripped off very easily.

Repair damaged roofs, eaves, windows, garage doors and siding as these are great entry points for these animals

Fox and Coyote. These are animals that I do not trap for, but I do look into complaints about them. I went to a really good seminar a few months ago at University School where Dr. Stan Gehrt was the speaker. He is considered an expert on the "urban coyote," and has tracking devices on hundreds of coyotes in the greater Chicago area. They are very territorial and live in very defined areas. They navigate roads, traffic, and city life very well. The majority of my calls come from our south side of town in Ward 7 near Wargo Farms, Ward 5 near the Middle School, Ward 3 near Warner Road and Ward 1 near Martin Luther King Drive and Cranwood Park area. Lots of calls about them there.

Coyotes will not go into the large humane traps that I use to trap the dogs. They are too smart for that. Snare traps are the only successful way to trap coyotes, and I do not use that kind of a trap.

If they truly become a problem, setting up trail cameras and hunting them is the only way to remove them. Dr. Ghert does not recommend this and has found that coyotes will reproduce at a much more rapid rate in areas that they are hunted.

Coyotes don't want to interact with humans and they work very hard at remaining unseen. Instances of coyotes becoming aggressive are usually brought on by humans allowing the animal to become too comfortable. Keeping yards clean from debris and food will not attract them to the area. Do not leave small pets or children unattended to avoid conflicts.

To request a live trap, we have just starting using this last week, but due to the volume of calls I am receiving in my kennel, the best way to request a live humane trap for your residence is to go to the City's Website, [www.garfieldhts.org](http://www.garfieldhts.org), click the "Service" tab and scroll down to the Animal Warden portion. Click "Request a humane trap". It's a very short form giving authorization and your contact information. That goes right to my computer that I keep in my truck and that saves sorting through the millions of messages on my machine.

People ask about setting your own traps. Residents are legally allowed to set their own humane traps; however, they are responsible for the legal and humane handling and disposal of any animal caught in a trap, which very few residents are capable of doing. The City will not touch anyone's personal trap they set on their own property, and I suggest if you have a problem to request a trap through my office. Waiting times are rarely longer than a week unless weather conditions are adverse.

Quickly to talk about prohibiting Animals in the City. No wild animals or farm animals such as horses, mules, cows, sheep, goats, swine, something we've been running into a lot is chickens. Geese, ducks and other fowl are not allowed to be owned, kept, or harbored within the city. Any poisonous reptiles, insects, or spiders must be reported to the local hospital so that the anti-venom serum can be kept on hand. If there is a cost to obtain such serum, the owner shall pay that cost.

On to dogs. Dogs are expensive to care for properly, and they take a lot of time. I ask everyone to please carefully consider if you truly have the time and resources to care for a dog. If you do not, trust me when I tell you, it will cost you way more money in the long run if you start getting citations from me. You are responsible for that dog from the time you bring it home for the rest of its life.

All of the City's dog ordinances apply to any persons owning, keeping, or harboring a dog.

City Ordinance 505.18 limits the number of dogs in any residence at any time within the city limits not to exceed two dogs. This Ordinance has been in effect since 1973 and is not a new thing.

Any dog over the age of three months must be annually registered with the County Auditor. Not having a current dog tag displayed at any time subjects that dog to impounding. Tags expire at the end of every calendar year.

Dog tags can be purchased through the County Animal Shelter or at Discount Drug Mart.

All dogs over the age of six months must be currently vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian.

While on an owner's property, there is no law requiring a dog to be restrained. However as soon as the dog reaches the sidewalk, or the property line, that dog is considered to be an animal at large.

Dogs must be walked on the tree lawn, and any waste must immediately be picked up by the dog's owner.

Any dog bite is to be reported to the hospital and a rabies quarantine must be observed.

Section 505.09 deals with barking dogs, which is a complaint we get often. This is separate from the City's noise ordinance. There is no time restrictions on this. The ordinance states that if the dog creates an unreasonably loud situation by barking or yelping the owner or harborer may be issued a citation.

Even though the State has changed its breed specific laws, the city's 505.215 ordinance is still in effect. It states that any pit bulldog or dog containing any mix of pit bull dog is banned within the City. Over 50% of the dog animal cruelty cases I deal with involve pit bulls. These dogs are being abused. They are the number one dog as far as being abused within the City of Garfield Heights.

I would like to set the record straight that I do not impound a dog just because it is a pit bull. I typically give the owner a few days to find a new home for the dog outside of the City limits. It's usually only in cases of cruelty or an aggression attack that the dogs are impounded.

Animal cruelty is on the rise, and I have actively been going after offenders. No person shall deprive a companion animal of necessary sustenance, and adequate food, water, and shelter. What may be adequate on a 70 degree day may not be adequate in 90 degree or 30 degree temperatures. Animal cruelty under our ordinances is a 1<sup>st</sup> degree misdemeanor and punishable up to \$1,000 and up to 180 days in jail. We had 13 animal cruelty convictions on that last year.

Impounding dogs. When an unlicensed dog is taken into City custody, if there is not adequate space in the City Kennel, the custody of the dog is transferred to the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter. If there is room in the City Kennel, the dog will be documented and a photo is taken. In accordance with ordinance 505.02, the dog is posted on the City's Website under the "find a pet" tab located at the top right corner. I've also had great success finding owners by posting dogs on the "Garfield Heights Animal Control Face book Page." An owner may claim their dog at the Service Garage by showing a valid dog license and paying the \$60.00 impound fee plus \$10.00 per day boarding fees. If a dog is not claimed within 72 hours, the dog is considered forfeited and all legal ownership is given up. Since the posting requirements changed to on-line posting in 2012, the number of dogs that we've transferred to the County Kennel was cut by two thirds because of the added success in reuniting dogs with their owners, and rehoming unclaimed dogs.

I wan to make this clear as well that although I am licensed and legally permitted, **NO DOGS ARE EUTHANIZED** in the City Kennel at all nor have they ever been in my seven years as an Animal Control Officer.

Cats, which have been debated by many municipalities for a very long time. Unlike dogs, there is no "County Shelter" to take stray or unwanted cats to. Most Cities in our area acknowledge that there is a problem with the number of cats in the neighborhoods, but do nothing to address the problem. For the sake of this meeting I will split this topic in two. Owned cats and unowned cats.

Owned cats must follow many of the same laws in Garfield Heights as dogs and they, too, are also expensive to own properly. They take a lot of money to care for.

In Garfield Heights no more than three cats over the age of three months may be owned, harbored or possessed in any house within the City.

Cats over the age of six months must be currently vaccinated against rabies by a licensed veterinarian

Cats, just like dogs, are not allowed to roam off of your property. They become an animal at large the second they hit the sidewalk or they hit the property line.

Leaving food outside for your cat is inviting other cats and wildlife into the area

Cat bites are to be treated in the same manner as dog bites as far as quarantines.

Cats with collars or microchips are posted on the City's Website in the same fashion as found dogs and follow the same forfeiture laws.

Unowned Cats and Feral Cats. An unowned cat is a cat that welcomes human contact, while a feral cat is born in the wild and cannot be handled by humans.

Both live in the streets and are prone to rapid reproduction and disease.

The worst thing you can do in Garfield Heights with an unowned cat is to feed it. Under ordinance 505.23, it is illegal to feed stray dogs and cats. Also if it has a home, you are making it less likely that it will return to home.

Last year I handled almost 500 cats in the city. 85% of those cats were returned to the owner or rehomed.... That includes feral cats. I am extremely happy with that number as very few animal control offices will do anything at all with cats let alone not immediately euthanize them. Numbers are showing that this is working in our city and I have only handled about half as many cats by this time from August of this year by the same time of August in 2012. So things are definitely working with the rehoming. That will do it.

The biggest problem this year is that a larger percentage of cats that I am getting are very sick. Zoonotic Parasites (things that humans can contract) that we found in cats this year in Garfield Heights are (excuse my pronunciation) Coccidea, Giardia, Sarcoptic mange, and Ringworm we found in multiple cats so far. Viruses, the Bartonella and Chlymidia is also a Zoonotic disease. We have also had multiple positive FIV and FIP testings this year as well, which to my knowledge we had zero of those last year in the whole 500 costs that we had we didn't have any FIV or FIP.

Rabies is another issue that we do not want to let come into Garfield Heights. The Center for Disease Control has published "While dogs have historically been associated with rabies transmission to humans, cats are more likely to be reported rabid in the US. Cats are often in close contact with both humans and wild animals, including those that primarily transmit rabies. In 2009, rabies cases among cats increased for the second consecutive year. Three times more rabid cats were reported than dogs."

The bottom line here is that Mayor Collova instructed me to find a method to face the cat situation in Garfield Heights, without having euthanasia be the number one answer, which I happily accepted. Trap, Neuter, Release programs have worked in some cities, but those programs do not address our cat at large issue, and do little or nothing for disease control. With the help of Forever Friends Foundation, our plan of rehoming cats has been working wonderfully.

This time of year I can get over 60 calls in some days, and my kennel is extremely noisy. With the number of animals that are coming in and out of the kennel, plus the overall number of service calls rising, the best way to contact me is by email. That is [ejamison@garfield hts.org](mailto:ejamison@garfield hts.org). My emails are forwarded right to my phone and go right to my truck and its just much faster for me to get in touch with you. We will also have next week an online service form for complaints and issues through the same Animal Warden tab through on the "Service" tab. The will go right to my phone on my truck.

What can you do to help the situation? Call the non-emergency police number after hours with animal issues that need immediate attention. They are able to look into most situations and will call out the on-duty Animal Control Officer in the case of an emergency.

You can contact my office at the onset of a situation. Often times me talking to people can correct a situation before things escalate.

You can be a good neighbor. Your pets should be *your* pets and not infringe upon the quality of life of your neighbors.

DO NOT Feed strays and wildlife.

If you elect to donate, please donate to the Rescue Inn or Forever Friends Foundation. Those two groups have saved hundreds of animals from the city of Garfield Heights in the last two years, and they go way above and beyond for our community.

Moving forward, although the smell of skunk in the air may paint a little different picture, we are making great strides in this city in regards to Animal Control. Animal abusers, neglectors, and abandoners are being held accountable. Lost dogs and cats are being reunited with their owners, and unwanted animals are being rehomed. I wanted to give the residents that do not know me a face to put behind the words. I am trying, the administration is trying, and many of our residents are trying very hard to make sure that Garfield Heights remains a wonderful place to call home. Thank you very much.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** How many dogs is a homeowner permitted to have?

**ANIMAL WARDEN ED JAMISON:** They are allowed to have two dogs in a residence at any given time.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** OK. Is there a punishment for the individuals (they don't do anything in my yard. You going to pick it up one way or another), but is there a punishment for these individuals who like to walk their dogs and let them use the bathroom on people's grass?

**ANIMAL WARDEN ED JAMISON:** It's called a curbing law I believe it's a 4th Degree misdemeanor or maybe a minor misdemeanor but they are supposed to walk their dog on the tree lawn side and pick up any waste immediately as it happens.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** All right. I appreciate that. Thank you, Mme Chairman.

**CLMN SUSTER:** Ed, are you familiar with Goddard's Law?

**ANIMAL WARDEN ED JAMISON:** Vaguely. I was with Dick last weekend for the dog show and he talked briefly about it.

**CLMN SUSTER:** He went down to Columbus last Monday to present it to the State. I was wondering if we could get a copy of that and if it's applicable to pass legislation here in Garfield Heights towards that.

**ANIMAL WARDEN ED JAMISON:** I think I can get a copy of that and I'm always into looking things. He's looking for it to be a felony, but I'm not sure on city laws if we're able to do felon at the city level? The Chief would answer that better. So ours is a first degree misdemeanor now on animal cruelty but it is something we want back on extreme cases. The good thing with our animal cruelty is it's a felony on the second offense.

**CLMN SUSTER:** So if you could get a copy of that to us and Mr. Riley so he can get it written up I would like to be a sponsor of that, Tim.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** We can do it, but if it's a felony law we can't sponsor it.

**CLMN SUSTER:** Can't you just make it a misdemeanor? You're reducing it then.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** We already have a misdemeanor cruelty law

**ANIMAL WARDEN ED JAMISON:** Our penalty for animal cruelty is a misdemeanor right now.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Anyone else have any questions?

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Ed, we talked this weekend. I really think that we need to get a pamphlet or something that we can pass out to these people that we find out that are in violation, whether it's feeding cats, feeding the deer, etc. because when I go out to the house I always get I don't know. I wasn't aware. I think if we had something that we could just pass out and give them as their first warning next time you come out definitely a citation should be issued.

**ANIMAL WARDEN ED JAMISON:** I think that a pamphlet is a great idea. I could fill up a pamphlet on cats. I could fill up a pamphlet on dogs and a pamphlet on wildlife.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** These are tools that we need to have.

**ANIMAL WARDEN ED JAMISON:** I am all about educating people. Half the time when I talk to people once they understand, their problem's corrected. The other half you usually have to escalate.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Anyone else have anything else? Thank you, Ed.

**CLMN SUSTER:** I think your pamphlet could be just on what you just explained to us here. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you, Ed.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** OK and just to finish up on this topic, we do have a great Animal Warden. He has a great system. Let's take advantage of him. If you have an animal problem get a hold of Ed. He does the job. I know he does the job because before he comes into my office I have to ask if he caught any skunks that day because sometimes you can tell. He does a great job. Thanks.

OK. Getting on with tonight's ordinances. Ordinance 39-2013 is updating our non-union paid positions and titles. Ordinance 40-2013. This is a home buying incentive that we got into about three years ago and it's been very successful about the waiving of the 110% escrow along with a free one year family pass to the Rec Center. This has worked very well and we're asking Council to continue it. Ordinance 41-2013 to apply for a grant for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (a SAFER Grant) offered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to provide funding and replace three fire fighters lost in retirement. We are looking at all the time to be able to replace safety forces both fire and police. This SAFER grant makes it a whole lot easier for us to financially do it so I'm asking Council to certainly endorse this ordinance 41. Ordinance 42. We're asking for some additional funding for the Juvenile Diversion Program. There's been some amendments to what we've already been enjoying for the last couple of years. Ordinance 43. This ordinance allows us to have the County assess the unpaid invoices for the grass program to the taxes and if you have any questions Ron can get into that on his report. Ordinance 44 allows us to continue having the County assess the taxes for the garbage fee. With that, Mme Chair, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you, Mayor. Any questions or comments for the Mayor?

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Man, they be able to call you the Cat-Killer, man. Once before you said you was working with a thing about some idea where we would be able to cut some of these bushes down in the vacant homes? Whatever became of that?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** It's a matter of when I first wanted to do that project I was thinking that the Court Community Service could do it. The problem with that is that the Court Community Service can only do homes that are ordered by Court. Many of the homes that we have are owned so we have to go out and cite the owners and ask them to do it and that's a long process through the Courts, etc. so that's what we're doing presently.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Anybody else have anything for the Mayor? There being none we'll move on to Law Director, Tim Riley.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Thank you, Mme President, I have no report tonight.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Any questions for our Law Director? There being none we will move on to Police Chief Sackett, any report?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** Yes, thank you. First I want to thank the Mayor and City Council for allowing us to hire Officer Falzini. Believe me, he will be a welcome addition to the department. Also, something else. I hate to mention this, but next week school is starting so you're going to see buses and kids and school zones, etc. so be careful and a little patient and everything will work out fine. One thing about school starting a change issue. The times for most of the buildings are relatively the same, but this school year every third Thursday the kids are going to start one hour later. It has to do with the teachers and Service Day so Thursday you are going to see a little different timing on the school zones which is important to people and you're going to see the kids out later in the morning although the dismissal time will be exactly the same.

The other thing I want to mention is James Seawright who is our School Resource Officer. He started today full time at the high school. He's getting ready for when the kids come next week so we're looking forward to that position developing and we know it's going to provide a lot of benefit. With that you have my report.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you. Any questions for our Police Chief? There being none we will move on to our Service Director. Hey, you're not Tim McLaughlin. Substitute Service Director Tony Lovano.

**SERVICE DEPT. REPRESENTATIVE TONY LOVANO:** Thank you. We finished up patching the city and now we've moved on to our water cutouts, our tree tickets and any other miscellaneous work that we have not been able to get to because of the patching. Labor Day rubbish will be one day late due to the holiday.

Beginning September 3<sup>rd</sup> we'll have a Hazardous Waste Roundup at the Service Garage. It will begin Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> till Friday September 6<sup>th</sup> from 8 to 3 p.m. and on Monday September 9<sup>th</sup>, Friday September 13<sup>th</sup> also from 8 to 3 p.m. Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> from 8 to noon we'll be collecting all household waste and on Saturday September 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 12 we'll be doing a community shredding. You'll be allowed to bring in up to four boxes or bags to be shredded. This is for residents only—no businesses. So you need to bring a proof of residency. The truck will be parked there. It will be shredded right on site and that will be rain or shine. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you. Any questions for our Acting Service Director?

**CLMN SUSTER:** Tony, is the Neighborhood News going to be notified of the waste collection and also for the shredding?

**SERVICE DEPT. REPRESENTATIVE TONY LOVANO:** Yes, it will be listed in the Neighborhood News and also listed one day late for Labor Day rubbish pickup.

**CLMN SUSTER:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Any other questions? I'm not sure if Mr. Lovano would know the answer to this but I'll bet the Mayor might. The information that Tony just gave. Could we put that on the scroll?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Yes, we have in the past. I'm sure we will now.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** OK. Thank you. Any other questions for the Service Director? There being none, we will move on to Recreation Director, Mr. Dobies. Do you have a report?

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Yes, I do. Mme President and Council Members, good evening. Girls' Softball season ended with the All-Star Game being held yesterday. Congratulations goes out to our players, coaches, boosters, umpires and staff for another successful softball season. Our 2013 playoff champs were, in the A Division, the Athletics, B Division were the Tigers and the C Division of the Angels.

Registration for fall and winter activities is in progress, Co-ed soccer, learn to skate, in-house hockey, travel hockey along with fall fitness classes all require a Rec I.D. Soccer coaches are always in demand and if you have any interest please call the Rec Center or our Commissioner, Kevin Koelliker at (216) 244-6077. The ice rink is set to open September 14<sup>th</sup>. Travel hockey will have another special day on Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested, the hockey Booster Club along with Commissioner Doug Cimperman will be on hand to answer any questions from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Extended office hours and weekend hours will be available through August 19<sup>th</sup> for all programming so come in and sign up early. If there's any questions on the sign up hours please call the Recreation Center at 475-7272.

On August 3<sup>rd</sup> we had our Second Annual Residents Free Swim Appreciation Day. Thanks to those who attended on what was a gorgeous day. To make things a little bit nicer, we had a free raffle for those who attended. Thanks goes out to our Police Department for their donations of bikes again, which remains a very popular give away for our children, Clmn Suster for his donation of school bags for the kids, our Tonsing neighbor, Ms. Pat Dovak, for a donation of school supplies. This came at a very opportune time with school starting. Thanks goes out to Clmn Vaughn, Clmn Glenn, Clmn Nenadovich and Mayor Collova for their basket donations and attendance. And a thanks goes out to Clmn Dudley for his donations of gift certificates. All residents left with smiles.

This is the last week the pool will be open. It officially closes Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup> with the kids going back to school on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. Regular hours will be maintained unless Mother Nature, who has played a great part in our season this year. We also have construction work beginning August 20<sup>th</sup> to upgrade the kiddie pool area. That's part of why we're closing up on the 18<sup>th</sup>. This is part of the CDBG Grant that we received.

On Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup> we had our Annual Kids' Dog Show. This marks the 37<sup>th</sup> year for this show. Isn't that amazing? This is a free event to our residents and everyone goes home a winner. Our afternoon was again a huge success with our entrants and their families along with Mayor Collova, Clmn Nenadovich and Clmn Suster in attendance. A big thank you to our Master of Ceremonies Mr. Dick Godard, Cleveland's Own Weatherman for his commitment to our city for the last 27 years and being a friend to animals, making our show special in his own way. I want you all to know that Mr. Goddard had Fox 8 TV cameras in and stay the entire show this year. We received some very positive and satisfying city exposure on the 6:00, 11:00 news and it even went into Saturday's newscast about the dog show. Dr. Richard Thompson of the Family Pet Clinic is our number one benefactor. He was unable to attend due to another commitment but I wanted all to know of his continuing generosity. He, his family and staff give tirelessly every year to make this event special without any reservations. Along with the trophies and ribbons going to all our winners, gift bags were given to each participant. Thank you to Mayor and his wife Jeanne, Clmn Nenadovich and his wife Bernie for their baskets as part of the giveaways. All winners will be published in the Neighborhood News and if you visit our Website there's pictures of the event. We also recognized the vendors who generously gave donations and please do not hesitate to use any of our friends. We received a visit from the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter this year. They brought up some beautiful orphan dogs which are looking for good homes and as Ed explained earlier in his report they tell me that they are receiving up to 100 dogs per month because people can't handle them any more so there's many dogs that need a home. We also received a visit from Officer Handler Hayes with our newest K-9 Officer Roscoe which I think everybody enjoyed. I want to say thank you to my staff and all who continue to volunteer and be a part of this and all of our events and to my secretary Ms. Mary Nichols who is my energizer bunny. She entirely coordinates all we do.

Last, I'm happy to report that many of you are aware of the playground renovation projects occurring throughout the city. We are at  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way finished on the projects with the remaining portion at the pool to be completed. The playgrounds that have been improved were Crudele, Forestdale, Debelak Parks. There were upgrades of equipment, surface materials along with adding benches for convenience. I had the pleasure of taking calls from residents inquiring of the updates, visiting with parents and children who have used the new areas. I'm happy to say they gave a big thumbs up and a big thank you for the improvements. Within the past 2.5 years within the city we've upgraded all the park areas through the grant funding in some way or another. I'd also like to comment that we removed over 150 tons of p-gravel out of Forestdale. No more stones, Mike. And being frugal, we were able to recycle them to improve the front of the Recreation Center lawn areas by installing gravel around our plant boxes which gave it a much cleaner, low maintenance area to serve. I understand our garden crew will be using some for the Police/Firemen's Memorial and the rest went down to the Service Department and I think Tony can attest we filled up a whole bin with the p-gravel so we now have some backfill when needed. That's saved dollars by not having to buy the material. That concludes my report. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you. Mr. Suster has a question.

**CLMN SUSTER:** No, I don't have a question. I think Bob had mentioned about the dog show and also the swim party and I think we all should give him and Mary a big hand for going to all the work that they did.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Does anybody have any questions?

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Mr. Dobies, as always you have done a great job and I appreciate you putting that effort forth and you have one hell of a staff. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** I agree. Anyone else have any questions? There being none we'll move over to the other side of the room for our City Engineer, Dave Krock. Do you have a report?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** I do. Thank you, Mme President. I just want to report on the Granger Road repaving project briefly. Currently we've had a couple water main breaks within the project so those are being repaired right now so that's slowing down the progress a little bit but the contractor tells me within the next two weeks they intend to lay their final paving course. They expect it will take about four days. That's during the daytime. It's going to be a lot of traffic headaches for everybody but when they're done we'll be done for many years so it's a good project, just a little slowed up right now. That's my report.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Any questions?

**CLMN SUSTER:** Does that also include Granger Hill?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** Yes that end and all the way through Garfield Heights.

**CLMN SUSTER:** Thank you.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I want to thank you for the job that you did on Rockside Road. It is a real joy to drive down Rockside once again. The fact that they also trimmed up all their trees, their street lights are able to shine through again. They did an excellent job and the fact that they did it within time.

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** Yes they did a great job down there. They really did.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** I have one question Dave? There's going to be another layer of asphalt yet on Granger?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** Yes as you drive down Granger now you are weaving to try to miss all the castings so the final course will bring it up to grade. You won't have to worry about those.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Perfect. Thank you. Anybody else have questions? There being none we will move on to Finance Director Ron Tomola. Do you have a report?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** I just would like to encourage Council to pass Ordinances 43 and 44, the assessment ordinances for the grass and the garbage. That has to be filed with the County Auditor by the second Monday in September. That's why it's up at this meeting because we don't have any other meetings until that day and I have to file them during the day. So that's my report.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Any questions for our Finance Director? There being none we will move on to our Commissioner Bill Wervey. Do you have a report?

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** Just a couple things, Mme President. On those who drive Turney Road you will see that the Dunkin' Donuts at long last is under construction. We hope that the Mr. Hero next door should be not too far behind. There are some other projects nearing completion. The Save-A-Lot at Garfield Blvd. and Turney Road is at long last being scheduled to be opened within the next month. We've got the bank and the dollar store in Garfield Mall are complete and operational and anybody who hasn't been to Garfield Mall in a while owes it to themselves to take a trip down there because it's undergone a transformation over the past year or so. I believe we may be getting a report about the library later so I'll pass on that. I think they've done a pretty good job at cleaning up the debris that was left on Rockside Road and the trees were harvested and that's all I have this evening.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Anybody have any questions for our Building Commissioner? I have one. Where exactly compared to Dunkin' Donuts will Mr. Hero be?

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** To the South. The next building to the South. The old library.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** I have the paper work but I have a terrible sense of direction. OK?

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** Closer to city hall.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** OK. Wonderful.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** So there's going to be two Mr. Heros or that one's going to be moving?

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** Same one. It will be moving from there.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** OK. So there will only be one up there?

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** I believe so.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Absent.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** That concludes the reports of the Mayor and his Directors. Now we will move on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's agenda. I am going to have the Clerk read the rules?

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA:**

**CLERK:** Comments are strictly limited to brief statements not to exceed five minutes with comments limited to the legislation on the current evening's agenda.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** No citizen may speak more than once. Anyone have questions or comments on this evening's agenda, just raise your hand.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** There being none we will move on to legislation. We will begin with Ordinance 39-2013. Will the Clerk read the title.

**ORDINANCE 39-2013**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE 01-2010, 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, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

ABSENT: Mahoney

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Roll call on the adoption beginning with Clmn Nenadovich.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Ordinance 39-2013 stands adopted with 6 Yes votes.

**ORDINANCE 40-2013**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE WAIVING THE 110% ESCROW REQUIREMENT TO CORRECT VIOLATIONS RESULTING FROM POINT OF SALE INSPECTION PER SECTION 1313 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS AND DONATING A FREE ONE YEAR FAMILY PASS FOR THE CITY'S RECREATION CENTER TO OFFER AN INCENTIVE TO ANY BUYER TO PURCHASE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Roll call on the adoption beginning with Clmn Suster.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Ordinance 40-2013 stands adopted with 6 Yes votes.

**ORDINANCE 41-2013**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT OFFERED BY THE

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO REPLACE THREE FIREFIGHTERS LOST DUE TO RETIREMENT.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Roll call on the adoption beginning with Clmn Suster.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Ordinance 41-2013 stands adopted with 6 Yes votes.

**ORDINANCE 42-2013**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT SYSTEM WITH RESPECT TO THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013, PURSUANT THE AMENDMENT ATTACHED HERETO AND IDENTIFIED AS AG1300042.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Roll call on the adoption beginning with Clmn Vaughn.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Ordinance 42-2013 stands adopted with 6 Yes votes.

**ORDINANCE 43-2013**

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, PURSANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES CHAPTER 551; WEEDS.

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE

AYES: Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Vaughn  
ABSENT: Mahoney

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

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Roll call on the adoption beginning with Clmn Dudley.  
VOTE ON ADOPTION:  
AYES: Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Vaughn  
ABSENT: Mahoney

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Ordinance 43-2013 stands adopted with 6 Yes votes.

**ORDINANCE 44-2013**

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 SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE

AYES: Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn,  
ABSENT: Mahoney

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

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Roll call on the adoption beginning with Clmn Suster.  
VOTE ON ADOPTION:  
AYES: Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn  
ABSENT: Mahoney

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Ordinance 44-2013 stands adopted with 6 Yes votes.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:**

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** That concludes Ordinances and Resolutions on this evening's agenda. We will now move on to Comments by Citizens regarding Miscellaneous Matters and I'm going to have our Clerk read the rules.

**CLERK:** Comments shall be restricted to any problem a citizen has which has previously been submitted to their City Councilperson or to the city hall department directly involved. If submission of a problem to a department or a Councilperson has been made and there is a lack of service rendered in this regard, then the problem may be presented during comments from citizens at this meeting. It is the intention of this rule that no request of a first nature be presented on the floor at this time.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Comments are limited to five minutes. Will any person wishing to speak raise your hand.

Pat Dovak, 11907 Tonsing. I've addressed this to Joe Suster. I spoke to him about it. I've also called Chief Sackett and left him a message. He did return my call and left me a message stating that he had a sergeant checking into the matter. I was out Saturday evening, coming home, coming across Turney by the new library. At that time I had seen a ladder up against the building. Does that indicate that there are teenagers up on the roof? Is there a problem with vandalism? So when I got home I called the Police Department, got a man, I'm not even going to say he was an officer, I'm not even going to say he's a gentleman, answering the phone. I gave him the information about the library and he goes, oh you mean the ladder that's been there since Thursday? And I said well don't you think that you would want to remove that so kids wouldn't be up on that roof or? And he hung up. I didn't even finish what I had to say. Now your lines are recorded. So I called back. I got a woman. I said I just got through speaking to a gentleman and I said no, I take that back—a man—because a gentleman wouldn't hang up on somebody. I was trying to address something to him and he hung up on me. And she goes oh maybe he was through talking to you? And I said well I wasn't through talking to him and I said what is your first name and she went no, no, no, no and I said your name is no? Or are you not giving me your name? She said no, no. I said all right. Fine. She also ended the call.

In all the meetings I have watched on TV or been here or at a Block Watch Meeting, hearing Chief Sackett or the Mayor say if there's a problem call the police. If you see something call the police. They'll take care of it. Don't take matters into your own hands. I witnessed them skateboarding on the Rec roof when I first moved in. Yes, I did call the police. I've witnessed them going off the diving board at the pool. Have I called the police? Yes, I have. To call the police and that's what you get is them to hang up on you is very unprofessional, unfair and then why do you tell us to call the police?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** If I can respond for a second? Pat, first off I think it's the perfectly right thing to do when you saw that ladder. I certainly would have done the same thing. I'm not sure what was going on with Dispatch. They don't normally respond that way. If they did what you said, and I don't have no reason to doubt your word, they were 100% wrong and I'm sure the Chief will certainly check into it. That's something we don't want to happen. We're proud of the dispatchers for the most part because they do a great job,. They're very professional and I'm very sorry to hear about what happened to you. Chief?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** I just want to echo the Mayor. I'm glad you called and I hope that this experience won't stop you from calling in the future. You live in a good place to help us out.

**MS. DOVAK:** It's happened before. It's ridiculous. If I, at my job, would have hung up on somebody, I would have been written up. So I believe that they need to serve consequences also. You just can't hang up on people.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** I don't disagree with that and I did listen to the call and I've assigned it to a sergeant. I guess the best thing I can say at this point is when I heard the call I wasn't happy and I was hoping there was more to the story as they say and it would probably be wrong for me to pass judgment at this point because I got to pass judgment down the road. I will certainly get back to you and keep you up to date on what's going on . It won't take a long time to resolve this, but I will get back to you.

**MS. DOVAK:** Thank you very much.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you, Pat. Anyone else wishing to speak tonight? Mr. Halan, come on. You were a gentleman. Thank you.

Dave Vasuta, 5183 East 128<sup>th</sup> Street. I discussed the matter with Nancy. It has to do with the loitering problem that we have throughout the city. I make frequent trips to our temporary library and to get to the front door—constant pile of cigarette butts and other garbage. There is many people throughout the city that pick up this garbage and I think we need to do something so that the people that have good intentions aren't being penalized. I suggested perhaps we start some type of pride in Garfield Heights. We get the schools involved, the local businesses involved, we could use more trash cans throughout the city. I know that with the city's financials we can't expect the city to do that but I think certainly that if we start a program and take it to the local businesses around the city they certainly would support that and finance additional trash cans throughout. So I think this is something that just needs further discussion and so that could create awareness throughout the community. I think also to people have good intentions, but they're driving in the car, they throw their garbage out the window, their cigarettes, etc. As our community develops more and we get more new business it's only going to get worse if we don't try to put something in place.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Dave, I couldn't agree with you more. Sometimes I walk into these places and I can't believe that they haven't walked outside their door to see what it looks like and I agree it's to their attention when it does happen. We periodically have business meetings that we invite the businesses in a couple times a year to talk about different things that could be going on. A project like that could very well fit into this and I'll get Pat Salemi involved in this because she works with the businesses and that sounds like a pretty good idea. I'll keep you posted.

**MR. VASUTA:** Thank you very much.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** I agree with you. I walk a lot and I don't do it without a bag in my hand to throw garbage in. Every time I come home it's completely full. I totally agree with you.

**CLMN GLENN:** Dave, I agree with you, too. I'd also like to point out that some of our businesses, (fast food places). Years ago all the small businesses used to have containers where you could throw your trash away. You don't see them no more. So when you get a fast food you go down a road you have no place to throw your trash and a lot of people just fling it out the window. So I agree with you and the Mayor.

**MR. VASUTA:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you, Dave. Excellent points. Anyone else wishing to speak? Mr. Halan? Oh wait you're going to let somebody else.

Melanie Weiss, Branch Manager of the library, 5409 Turney Road soon. I would like to thank the Garfield resident that called the police about the ladder on the library. I would also like to apologize for the cigarette butts in the parking lot at the temporary location. We also have a very huge problem with trash and as a non-profit organization it's very difficult to keep that up. We are cutting down on our cleaning funds as well and I've been out there very often cleaning up bags and bags of trash especially from fast food so I'm on board with everybody here.

But I want to talk to you today as just a reminder to everybody that September 7<sup>th</sup> is our grand opening. It's at 12 o'clock. The next City Council Meeting I will be speaking at we will already be

in there and I will be walking over here. So I wanted to tell you that. I'm also here to answer any questions?

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** How come they did the parking lot three times?

**MS. WEISS:** Did you set her up to ask me that? They were going to give me a hard time about that before the meeting. You know what? I'm going to tell you what I tell everybody. I don't know anything about parking lots. I'm a librarian. All I was told was it had to be redone. So I said OK.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Anyone else?

**CLMN VAUGHN:** We've had a concern tonight or we heard it about the garbage. Can you find out if there will be appropriate cans put out in front of the new one?

**MS. WEISS:** Absolutely. We will own that building. Where we are now we are leasing it and a lot of the problem isn't just with our location, but that whole strip mall area. So we do the best we can. Like for example we have a no smoking zone so at our new library there's no smoking allowed anywhere on the library property. We can't do that where we are now because we're leasing it. So there's going to be a lot of changes, but I'm out there every day with garbage bags and it's awful. I agree. There are garbage cans but the people aren't using them.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thank you.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Melanie, if I may. I haven't had a chance to see the inside of that building. I'm really looking forward to the day when we get inside there, but I have to tell you my congratulations to everybody that had anything to do with that library. The outside just looking at the outside it looks phenomenally great and it's really an asset to the community. I want to thank everyone involved, especially you.

**MS. WEISS:** Oh that means the world. Thank you very much. I have to tell you when you go inside, just get ready to be breathless.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Is there any way Council could get a sneak preview?

**MS. WEISS:** I'll tell you what. There's things that I have control over and things that I don't. But I do know that the Mayor will be getting one. It's all or nothing.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** I been saying Melanie's my favorite girl for so long and it's finally paying off.

**MS. WEISS:** Our administration handles our marketing department because they want to be consistent with each community so there's a lot of things that are decided that I have input in and others that I don't. So. So if you see me sneaking over there and Nancy's with me with a flashlight, it's OK. Thank you everybody.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Yes, come on, Mr. Halan. You were patient.

Bob Halan, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. Regarding trash. One of my favorite restaurants that I appear at at least twice a day, McDonald's, they have trash receptacles where you park. I reported this to the manager the other day. I see it frequently not used. Cars pull in, they sit in the car, have sandwiches, milkshakes, etc. then they throw their garbage outside their window. I fought, as

you all know, trying to get this restaurant established and open. I'm there at least two times a day. I've seen a lot of things go on when I'm there. Kids putting their feet up on the chairs and I reported it. We just got this beautiful multi-million dollar restaurant and to have it desecrated by people that come in, that's a big disappointment that some of the people go there. I'm proud of Garfield Heights has a classic restaurant like that. Also another restaurant that just opened up across the street is Cheery O's. I have not gone there yet because I spend most of my time.

Now in a more serious vein, about the garbage receptacles. I'm going to suggest for each Councilperson to get a couple volunteers (teenagers) on each street to help some of the elderly bring their garbage out. I'm being serious. I know what the weather will do to them—the elderly. I'm an elderly person. I'm approaching 80. I don't want to drag it if I can't. I will do it but the majority of the elderly are a lot older and have more difficulty in maneuverability. I'm asking Council to enlist some teenagers that are willing to go out and help elderly take out there garbage the night before, right after school, before sundown. If not, volunteer in the morning before school, but I doubt if you could get some kids that early to go out and do that. It's in your ball court. Thank you, Mayor.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** If I can just respond and say this. The thought is very good because I know there is elderly that need help. There's no question about it. It really would be hard when you're talking about 11,000 houses and many of them having elderly in them to be able to get that many teenagers and to be able to depend on them to be there every week or every day to get the rubbish out and then get the cans back in. Although I think it's a great idea I think another thing would be if you have a neighbor that's elderly and you see that they're going to struggle, take it out for them and bring it back. It's only going to take you a minute. That would help them in many cases, but also what I believe after September 1<sup>st</sup> if those large cans are replaced by the smaller cans I think that will certainly ease the problem quite a bit. I do understand where you're coming from. It would be a great idea, but it would be very hard to implement.

**MR. HALAN:** I can always try.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** That's true.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** In Ward 7 a young gentleman has started a business going out and putting out garbage cans for elderly. His service is called Freckles' Garbage Service. If you need someone to get in touch with me, I'll be more than glad to get in touch with this individual. He is doing it for those that we know that really need help and we're working with the residents.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** How nice.

**MR. HALAN:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you, Mr. Halan. Anyone else?

Debra Sarnowski, 5225 East 100<sup>th</sup> Street. In an effort to get the community more together we're having a City Wide Garage Sale on August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. It's a Saturday and Sunday. All you need is a \$5.00 permit and some stuff to sell. Glad to say we have over 75 residents that have already signed up and every day I'm getting like 20 more residents so I'd like to encourage everyone to share the news with their neighbors and the residents and hopefully we'll get more people involved in the City Wide Garage Sale.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** That's this coming weekend?

**MRS. SARNOWSKI:** This coming weekend.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you. Anyone else?

Paul Varrati, 5531 Briarcliff. Mayor, Chief, that problem I brought to Council's attention in Garfield Mall has been solved since last month.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you. Anyone else?

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** OK, we will move on to Council Miscellaneous Business, beginning with Clmn Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** First, I want to mention for the Family Life Center at 13455 Dressler Road, they will be having the Annual Back to Work, Back to School, Back to Church Program. It starts Saturday, the 17<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. till 3 p.m. It was nice last year. There were inflatables, a DJ, etc. It's a great thing and it's free. So I encourage people to go and take advantage of it as Ms. Debra Sarnowski said about selling some items that you have in these yard sales instead of throwing it away, you know, your junk is somebody else's treasure.

Also I was looking at TV and you can see how vicious some of the gangs are getting now. I mean they are really getting vicious, you know? They won't leave nothing to your imagination. Another thing people will notice if you around the neighborhood is how young our mothers are getting. I mean they look like they should be pushing doll babies in a baby carriage and not real babies. You got young men in our community who are fathers and probably not even in the 10<sup>th</sup> Grade yet. I said once before, you know, we have great recreational programs and we only can work with what we have. We have to consider coming up with a way to expand what we know as recreation today. We have people complain about all the hang out on the corners, etc. and I said once before you are giving the young people absolutely nowhere to go. If you don't get something for to occupy they time and they mind these gangs you are seeing on television, trust me, we are not invincible to them out in Garfield. They will come in here and they will give these young people something to occupy they time with if you can't get them into some type of controlled environment. You have a good pastor, good deacon, good clerics, etc. in the city who try to talk to some of the young people. You can create an environment like when you go to some of these other cities, etc. I know they facilities is bigger and when I think about it our facility is great with what Bob does and what we do with what we have. But if we had some type of environment with maybe a mom could go to and she could be doing some type of aerobics or learn to fence or some other classes, you could shoot pool, play other things and the kids could also be in the same environment doing etiquette classes or some type of counseling, but I'm telling you, people, if you don't occupy these young peoples' time and you don't start trying to work on putting they minds in these children, you're going to lose them. I always say either you going to raise them or the streets is going to raise them. And if you think I'm joking look at the corners of your streets now. They are not traveling one, two and three. They are traveling in packs of 10 or better and to a certain extent it's not they fault because they don't have nowhere technically to go. We have nothing really that we offer them to say come in off the street. Like when they get out of school or they coming back to school and when they get out of school they got nowhere to go, except for go home or they don't go home. A lot of parents are working and don't get off until six o'clock and not getting home till seven o'clock. The home is being occupied by some of the young people and it's become a hangout. You see some homes with them all

gathered around, 10, 12 or more strong. We need to come up with something and I'm not going to fault nobody in this city.

I chair the Recreation Committee and I do plan to hold a meeting because we got to come up with answers, people. We can't continue to go on every year. It's not going to get better. You don't believe me, you can watch what's going on. It's only going to get worse. I don't want to tie our law enforcement down with being babysitters and you know what you do. When you see them there sometimes people don't understand them, they call. The police come, they move from one corner to another corner and the reason why I'm looking at is because I have a 12 and 13 year old at my home and I know they don't have a lot of things being offered to them that should probably be offered to them. That's why I'm concerned because they are hanging on the corner. As a community we have to come together collectively because if you don't you might, like the heroin, nobody wanted to listen to them, drugs could come into our city. We were wrong. Same thing applies to this here. You don't want to be wrong. We don't want to work against our young people. We want to work with them. Those are my replacements. Those are some of the replacements that sit up here. Those are individuals that be living in your home, same thing with this community. If you want to kill a community, allow our youth to get out of control. That's the biggest turnoff anybody would have for not wanting to move in your city.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** You only have half a minute left.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** With all due respect, Mme Chairman, another person took well over five minutes and we did not rush that individual just a few minutes ago. So we got to watch that sometime, with all due respect. But anyway that's what I was saying in closing, we got to come up with something for our people, we really do. Thank you, Mme Chairman.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** That was under the Mayor's Report, Mike. Mr. Nenadovich.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mrs. President. Just two things: remember school's going back in session. Watch your speed limits. Slow it down in the--how does Mr. Suster say that? Turney Turnpike? Slow it down. The kids are going back to school. Let's show them a little bit of respect. We're adults.

We've reached that magic number, ladies and gentlemen. We now have 4,000 dead service people as of today. We've got to find some way to write this President and tell him bring them back home. We've got to stop this--no-nonsense. Write your Congressman, write your Senators. We've got to end this. And always remember the Vets. Thanks.

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

**CLMN GLENN:** Thank you, Mme. I want to talk a little bit about Night Against Crime. We had it held up at Turneytown. Most of the work was done by Mary Liotta. We had the police dogs, fingerprinting, a dunk tank, raffles, Chinese raffles. It was a good event. Free hot dogs, potato chips and over 200 hot dogs were given out. We had a big turnout, a big success, good day. Thank you, Mary.

I also want to find out, talking about trash, I noticed in the little shopping mall there by our Family Dollar in Ward 4 that somebody put out a regular trash bin and I complained about it and the next thing I know there's a city stone garbage can there, so that's a good thing. With that, I end my report, Madame.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you. I would just like to welcome Kenneth Falzini to our police force. May God keep him safe. I would like to thank Ed Jamieson for coming and speaking to us tonight and if Forever Friends ever needs any donations or you just let me know because I think it's an excellent organization.

I think trash is a real problem in our city, Mayor. It's really gotten out of control and I think that my resident has some wonderful ideas and I think getting the businesses involved would be a godsend and I'm willing to donate trash bags and do whatever I can from my side to help out this because it's disgusting. It really is and I think that the kids are doing what they see their parents do and I think the best way to teach children not to litter is by example and if parents would instill in their children the respect for the environment and for the city it would really help. Lastly, I want to say miss you, miss you Tracy, come on back. Mr. Suster.

**CLMN SUSTER:** I would just like to say and again I would like to thank Pat Dovak for her contributions for the swim party and also I have to report a theft tonight to the Chief in this room. I let someone use my pen and he never gave it back. I, too, would like to thank Mary Liotta and she did put a lot of time into that. What I was really disappointed I stopped down there for a while. You know we have all these Block Watches and everybody shooting their mouth off about how great their Block Watch is, etc. Not one person was there except Mr. Glenn from his Block Watch and I give those people a lot of credit because they spent other than getting sun tans for a couple hours they gave their time to go there while I tried to run back and forth between there and the swimming pool but like I say I would like to congratulate Mary and that was the Ward 3 Block Watch that put that on. You know you could see the street 4, 5, 6, 7 whatever they have there and these people were very good about it and that's all I have. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you. Clmn Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thank you. I've been driving around Ward 7 on garbage pick up night and I'm asking that everybody re-read the instructions on top of the can on placement of your cans. I know it's new, but if we just take a few minutes out and read about separating the cans so the truck has enough room to lift them in, and place your other garbage to the side, this way it would be much easier and quicker to expedite.

Clmn Mahoney would like to thank everybody that sent sympathy cards and expressed words of sympathy to her and her family last week on the death of her mother. Tracy is coming along. She had hoped to be here tonight; after last week with the death of her mom and dealing with the funeral, etc. it took a lot out of her. She hopes to be back here in September. She is taking calls and she'd love to talk to people.

Our Block Watch Ward 7 will be at St. Monica's Pavilion the last Thursday of this month. Please come and join us. I want to welcome our new Officer Ptlmn number 18. I wish him luck and I wish God with him at all times. Ed, I want to thank you for a great presentation. I really think that we get these pamphlets made up, we get this out to people, we can really start taking care of this and people, please stop feeding the animals--the cats, the deer, the coyote--stop putting out food for them. Please. I know it's nice to see the deer in the back yard, but then the neighbor two doors down is yelling and screaming because their roses are getting eaten so please stop putting out the apples for the deer. Great point was made tonight. School's starting. Please slow down. Watch the school zones. We're all going to be traveling a little slower down Turney Turnpike, but we can do it.

I want to thank the people at Garfield Commons. It is called Garfield Commons now; no longer Garfield Mall. I have to catch myself also. They're doing a great job putting up new signs. They're going to be landscaping in the next couple weeks. It's a great improvement to the city and I am really happy with what's going on up there. Again I want to thank the Building Department for getting all that wood cleaned up. Even though it took us a year we got it done, right, Bill?

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** Sometimes the wheels turn slow.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** That's right, but it's looking much better out there. That's all I have. Mme Chairman?

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** OK, I'd like to make a motion to adjourn. All in favor say Yea. All opposed. The meeting stands adjourned.

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Nancy Marincic  
President of Council

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Barbara Molin  
Clerk of Council