

# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

## CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, August 8, 2011

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m.** by Council President Frank Geraci, Jr.

**INVOCATION BY:** Councilman Thomas Vaughn

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

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** We'll start off with the Reading and Disposal of the Minutes.

**READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:**

Moved by Clnm SUSTER to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council of July 11, 2011 as submitted. The minutes were adopted with seven YES votes. (Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski)

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** What about the Special Meeting of July 20<sup>th</sup>?

Moved by Clnm SUSTER to accept the Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of Garfield Heights City Council dated July 20, 2011 as submitted. The minutes were adopted with seven YES votes. (Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski)

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:** None.

**LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE:** None.

**REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:**

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

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Mr. Geraci, Council, thank you. I first off want to start my report also giving my condolences to the Cosentino Family. Tony Cosentino was a great friend of the city of Garfield Heights who was also a great friend of mine. We go back 35 or 40 years. He is someone that is going to be sorely missed in the city and once again we give condolences to the family.

Moving on I want to talk a little bit. Last year we started the grass cutting program. It turned out to be a huge success. It has made quite a bit of a difference in Garfield. You can see that. It visibly shows what an improvement on how the city looks just by maintaining grass from all those vacant homes that are still out there. It worked good. We're going to continue on with that program. We are looking at another program that we think will also work for next year and we're going to do some trial cuts on it for the remainder of this year. We're looking at the possibility of cutting some of the hedges. Even though the lawns are cut if you look at some of the vacant houses the hedges are overgrown. It has really a bad look to it so we're looking at not only

doing the vacant homes but maybe putting a program out there for the Senior Citizens. We're not in a position to do this for free but certainly we will keep it at the expense of what it costs the city also so we're going to look at that this year, see how long it takes, how much manpower it takes and I'd like to get that up and running for 2012.

Once again, I read this at the last Council Meeting and I think it's important. I want to read it again. This is the Healthy Start County Program.

"Healthy Start is a Cuyahoga County program that provides free health insurance for low to moderate income families with children up to age 19. A family of four with an income of \$44,100.00 or less a year is eligible for Healthy Start, would receive health care from the managed care plan, provide a number of health care services including regular checkups, immunizations, prescriptions, dental care, eye care, hospitalization, emergency care, pre-natal and post-natal services. Families may choose either Care Source or Well Care as their managed care plan."

I think this is important because I know there is a lot of people in Garfield Heights that can use this service. So call Healthy Start Hotline. The number is (216) 987-7346. I think this is going to be good for a lot of people. I'd like to see the people in Garfield take advantage of that.

Moving forward we have a Senior Picnic coming up. The Senior Picnic is Wednesday August 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The Garfield Heights Senior Center is having this picnic at Klima Gardens, 4646 East 71st Street in Cuyahoga Heights. Gate's not open until 9 a.m. Music by Billy Kaye. Tickets are \$3.50 per person. I've been there for many years. It's a great time. They have great food and everybody enjoys it. So if you have an opportunity, please stop.

The next communication I'd like to read to you is the "Obama Administration offers additional mortgage relief to unemployed homeowners. The Obama Administration announced adjustments to Federal Housing Administration requirements that will require services to extend the forbearance period for unemployed homeowners to 12 months. The Administration also attempts to require services participating in the Making Home Affordable Program to extend the minimum forbearance period to 12 months. These adjustments will provide much needed assistance for unemployed homeowners trying to stay in their homes while seeking reemployment. US Housing and Urban Development Secretary Sean Donovan said today 60% of the unemployed have been out of work for more than three months and 45% have been out of work for more than six. Providing this option for a year of forbearance will give struggling homeowners a substantially greater chance of finding employment before they lose their homes. These reforms build on successful initiatives that support unemployed borrowers through the Six Billion Hardest Hit Fund. The Hardest Hit Fund, first announced in February 2010, provides support to 18 States and the District of Columbia including Ohio which represents areas hardest hit by steep home price declines and unemployment to design and implement programs to help struggling homeowners avoid foreclosure". Garfield Heights is partnered with Neighborhood Housing Services to provide free housing counseling. Call Christina Patterson at (216) 458-4663 extension 17. She will process your intake over the phone or complete the intake from on-line. Your case will be assigned to Garfield Heights counselor Keisha Matthews who will meet you personally to discuss your case. This is good news for the people who are out there struggling and don't have a job and their houses are on the line. They've extended this from three months to 12 months. It's a good program to get into.

The City of Garfield Heights is pleased to announce the all new Garfield Heights Holiday Bazaar on Saturday November 26, 2011. The Holiday Bazaar will be held at the Garfield Heights Civic

Center, 5407 Turney Road in Garfield Heights from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This all new Holiday Bazaar is the old craft fair. They decided to change the name. This is the craft fair that's held on the same day that we have the Lighting Ceremony. They expect it to be bigger and better this year so we would appreciate everyone's attendance. We think it's going to be a great time.

A couple of more things to report. The gas extraction system--the third leg of the extraction system--was turned on Friday. It took a long time in coming. We're happy to report that the EPA, the Sewer District and the city and Boyas, everyone got together. All the plans were met and it's up and running. That shopping center, although I felt was always safe; we always felt that way, now is as safe as can possibly be and that is even being announced by the EPA themselves. So that's some good news and hopefully that's going to help when we start putting that shopping center together.

Tonight I want to get into some of this legislation. Ordinance number 53 and 54 and Resolution 35 are all put together. This is legislation for Advanced Energy Special Improvement District Pilot Project. Combined this legislation is necessary to proceed with an assessment for Garfield Heights demonstration project. A Gem Light plus Solar Sign to be installed on Parcel Number 545-14-015. This legislation will help businesses afford solar projects and other energy efficiency improvements at no cost to the city by providing up front financing at affordable rates to be paid back in the form of property assessment by participating property owners over as long as 25 years. The goal is to provide a cost effective financing mechanism to allow Garfield Heights property owners to invest in their aging buildings and reduce their energy costs. This legislation is basically--we hooked up with 15 other cities to put this program together. This will not cost the city any money. Matter of fact I think in 20 years from now it will cost us a \$50.00 bill. I'm hoping in 20 years from now Ron will have \$50.00 to pay, but that's all this is going to cost. This is going to be great for new businesses that want to get into green energy, the solar stuff so that's what that legislation is about. I urge Council to pass that.

Ordinance number 55. Basically this is updating the Codified Ordinances. All the changes that were made in year 2010 will be placed in the new Codified Ordinances.

Resolution number 33 is a grant that we're asking for bulletproof vests for the Police Department. Resolution number 34 is another grant. It's a Federal Grant. We're asking for new equipment upgrades on the present equipment for the Police Department. Resolutions number 36 and 37 Ron is going to get into a little bit in his report. Basically we're just declaring which depository banks that we're using and this is something we do every five years. With that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Mayor. Any questions for the Mayor?

**CLMN SUSTER:** Mayor, is the EPA going to come out and have a news conference about City View?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** The Director Nally, who was out for the public announcement, has said that he will come down and make another public announcement. They want to do a press release. I'm not sure when that's going to happen, but he wants to come out and assure everybody that this shopping center is in fact safe. He already has given us good accolades at that last announcement that we had so we expect him to follow through on this.

**CLMN SUSTER:** OK. Thank you. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Any other questions?

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Mayor, a quick question. On the new program, we're cutting the bushes you know once before. We can't have the Community Service cut any homes that is in Probate, will we be allowed to have any bushes cut by the city like when some of the homes when they are in Probate where they only cut the grass and the bushes grow 10 to 20 feet high?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** If this program is administered the way I would like it to, we will be but we will have to sit down with the Courts and see what they can and can't impose.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** All right because now we as a city just cut the grass, but you can't get Community Service to cut the bushes on a home that is in Probate. The bushes is as tall as the front part of the porch, as you know. It looks bad so I think we should probably work toward something where the city has to do something with them bushes since we can't keep it like that.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** That's what this program is designed to do. The program is designed to help the neighborhood look good at little or minimum cost to the city. We already have a crew out there, a very good crew, working on the lawns. We can add a couple of these seasonal part timers they work at minimum wage to do these hedges I think it would make the city look so much better. Again we can't just do it. We have to look at the financial part of it because it takes a couple hours to do some of these shrubs. We will be able to incorporate some sort of a fee into it.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** That will work.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Any other questions? City Law Director Mr. Riley.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. Just a short report here. I urge the passage of Ordinance 55-2011 which is an updating of our Code so that the Code is current. Everything that has been passed by Council and also current with the Ohio Revised Code. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Any questions for Mr. Riley? City Director, Mr. McLaughlin.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Since the last meeting we've been working on patch in Wards 5, 6 and 7. Basically we've gotten through most of those streets in there. We do have some outstanding streets that we need to go and work on yet, but slowly I have been trying to return the workers back to their regular jobs. I actually got the tree truck out for about three days, but of course we have about 80 work tickets that have been sitting and I got the Vac-Haul out and we still need to start striping for the school crossing. We're way behind on that. I have 80 or 90 water cutout repairs to do that I need to get done and get in so we get reimbursed by Cleveland but we're trying to get out there and catch up on some of the things that got left behind. That's the end of my report.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Any questions for Mr. McLaughlin?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Mr. McLaughlin, you know the fiasco we had last year with leaf pickup program because we had all that rain and then the snow? Do you think it's even worthwhile for us to have that program anymore? Do we even have the manpower?

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** I'm sorry?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** The leaf pickup program. Do you think it's feasible for us to do anymore?

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** I mean we do have it in our rubbish contract that they'll take the leaves as long as they're bagged. It's something that I mean I been here 33 years and it's something we always did. We don't pay. We've worked out something with two companies that take them off us. You know what I mean it still is the machinery and the time put in. I was trying to look at something where maybe we would not be going out so many times. Other cities have looked at they've done it twice a year and if it's not out the first time on the A pickup or not out on the B pickup you know you're done with it but we were talking about possibly looking at that because there's a lot of waste in gasoline and things going around and not everybody rakes their leaves at the same time, you know. Like I said the rubbish will take them and when people are upset that we're not there I do advise them they can bag them and the rubbish will take them because that is in the contract, but I mean, we're always looking to save some money somewhere and we're going to take a look at it this year and see what we can do.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** There is a special bag that you can buy at the hardware stores that is to put leaves in. I'm wondering. Will they recycle them? Or will they just toss them in the regular garbage? Do you have any idea?

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** I really couldn't tell you. I never asked them that. I mean I don't see a lot of people that bag them to be honest with you when I see the amount that's on the tree lawns but there are people that brown bag them that you see occasionally. I'm not sure. I know JJ recycles but I'm not sure what they do with the leaves.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** OK. Thank you very much.

**CLMN SUSTER:** You had mentioned that they'd be striping school crossings? What about the rest of the streets?

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** It's money. I'm limited in the amount of paint right now. I had paint left over from last year. We didn't buy any paint because we don't have the money. I'm going to do the striping in the most needed areas in front of the schools and stuff like that until I run out of paint, but as far as striping every lane mile and stuff that's probably about \$25,000.00 to \$30,000.00 and I don't think we have it.

**CLMN SUSTER:** OK. Thank you.

**ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** Joe, if I could answer that? Last year we did a small striping and I cut them down on what they were able to spend because we didn't have the money. They spent about \$20,000.00 on a striping program last year and it's just not in the budget this year for a striping program.

**CLMN SUSTER:** OK. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Any other questions? We'll move on. Recreation Director, Mr. Dobies.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Mr. President, Council Members, good evening. On July 24<sup>th</sup> we held our first Christmas in July Pool Party. I am happy to report we had a crowd of approximately 180 people attend that festive event. We were entertained by

Carlos the D-J who played Christmas tunes and the children and adults appreciated Santa arriving and spreading his cheer and candy canes. We raffled 11 theme baskets. Ten of the 11 winners were in attendance.

As I mentioned last month, we partnered with the U.S Marines Toys for Tots Program and were able to collect a substantial amount of donated toys. I'd like to thank all of those who donated the toys, participated and to my staff for making it all happen. A special thanks goes out to the Old-Timers' Club.

The Girls' Softball Season ended last week with the championship playoffs. Congratulations goes out to the season champs. In Division A it was the Angels, Division B was the Tigers, Division C was the Angels. I'd like to thank all the players, coaches and parents, Booster Club and officials for another successful season.

I'd like to remind you that the Annual Dog Show is right around the corner. This will mark the 35<sup>th</sup> year. The day will be August 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m. at the Rec Center. Please stop by and fill out your applications for a free fun-filled afternoon.

With school starting August 24<sup>th</sup> the pool will be open through Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup>. It will close on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Hours for that week will be adjusted. Monday and Tuesday will be 1 to 7 p.m. which is regular hours, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday will be 4 to 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday we'll be back to 1 to 7 p.m.

Registration for fall and winter activities, yes, winter, is in progress. We had an All-Sports Registration this past Saturday to encourage people to sign up early. Along with registering, the registrants got a free day of swimming while the family members swam at a reduced rate that day. I had my commissioners there to represent the program and offer and our Booster Club roasted hot dogs that day. Soccer registration is going on now through Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>. The program is co-ed for ages 6 through 14. All games and practices are played at the middle school.

We're planning to celebrate Skate Day Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Cost is only \$3.00. That includes the skate rental. Come out and meet our instructors and they will be giving a mini-lesson from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Our instructors will also be there to explain the programming. This year we've added two more sessions for the Learn-to-Skate on Tuesdays and on Thursdays because of the increase in participation last year which was just over 30%. We also offer special clinics designed to teach some of the other disciplines in skating.

I made a report on this last month but we had a transition in our Hockey Commissioner position. Back in May I received a notice from Mr. Mike Cordish who has been part of our hockey community for 27 years and has been commissioner for the last 15. Mike resigned to take employment out in Texas. I'll say that there is a disappointment in Mike leaving because we have worked through some difficult times here at the Rec Center but with a team effort it initiated and has helped we were able succeed in pursuing and conquering obstacles put before us in putting together a couple of successful ice seasons during my tenure with him. His service and dedication is duly noted and I'm grateful for his acquaintance and commitment to our program and I wish him the best. With that I have named a new Hockey Commissioner, a person who I have come to know during my tenure. He has successfully run the Hockey Booster Club for many years, he works tirelessly to promote hockey within the Garfield Heights community, coordinating tournaments, fund raising, scheduling and helping the hockey community as a whole while working as a senior systems analyst engineer for Shared

Technology. Mr. Doug Cimperman will be taking that role and he brings a wealth of experience and energy to the program. Hockey signups are underway with a program for 8 and under and 8 and over along with this past Saturday the registration dates are August 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from what I'm understanding we'll have three or possibly four more additional teams this year. I don't want to forget aerobics. The fall 10-week session will begin September 6<sup>th</sup> and run through November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Last, I would ask if you haven't visited the Website in a while, please do. The recreation Website page has been updated. You will now find out up to date information with a click of the mouse. I'm happy for that. We will continue to upgrade the information and make it readily available to the citizens. If you have any further questions please contact the Recreation Office. Thank you. That concludes my report.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Any questions for Mr. Dobies?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Mr. Dobies, during the months that our ice rink isn't frozen would you allow people to roller skate there?

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Roller skate?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Roller skate.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** On the ice?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** During the months it isn't frozen.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** You raise a precarious question as to the age of the building itself, although we have a cement floor and there has been other functions out there. There is a brine system that runs under the floor. I'm very cautious as to how we approach things as to making things stay status quo. In other words don't disturb the.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** I know in the past there was skateboarding done there.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** We've had some conversations. Would you let me expound on that, Mayor? The Mayor and I and a few others have had some conversations of possibly putting basketball in there for the summer. I have contacted a couple of people to give us quotes of course for the basketball equipment but I also found another entity that has a flooring which they placed over they can even place it over ice at times, which takes some of the pounding away from the floor itself and the wear and tear. We found a pretty good price on it, but again just as Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Tomola referred to, there is no money. But we're working hard on it to try to raise some benefactors to maybe do that for us. The flooring I found, is to give you an idea where it goes, to put two basketball courts in that rink the floor and the wall would cost \$40,000.00. I have an individual or a group that has flooring which would cover the entire rink which is about 17,000 square feet. There's enough flooring to do the whole thing for \$7,500.00. It's used but it's only a couple of years old. They had told me they had in-line skating on it so there's a possibility.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Because I was told that people could roller skate right on the surface that is there right now at no cost, but I just wanted your opinion on it.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** It's not that I discount something like that but again, if you would come out and view the floor I have some cement breaking up there, I have some rust spots from the brine system. I'm not quite sure how deep that brine system is.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** I wasn't aware of that.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** That's my concern that something would be upset if we just put things on top of it, whether it's roller skating or even basketball. The flooring is a necessity so we're working on a few things.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** OK. Thank you.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Mr. Chairman, let me respond also. Nancy, just so everybody understands, the program that we're talking about (the Summer Basketball Program) we're actually talking about and we've been working with Coach Sonny Johnson from Garfield Heights High School. We would actually have a basketball clinic where they would bring the young kids in to learn basketball. It would be paid to the city. They would pay for these clinics. It's like a summer clinic and also they're talking about putting AAU Basketball Tournaments that run throughout the summer and those tournaments bring in quite a bit of money. So we're not only looking at doing some athletics for the kids and having a summer program for the kids, but we're also looking at a way to bring more money into the city and it looks good. We just got to put some more pieces of the puzzle together.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** That was my goal as well with the ice skating. Keeping our kids busy and out of trouble. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Any other questions for Mr. Dobies? If not we'll move on. Finance Director Mr. Tomola.

**ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to urge Council to pass Resolutions 36 and 37. Every five years the city has to designate the city's depositories for active and interim funds. Basically I send out invitations or requests to the banks to participate. These are the banks that responded to me. There's five banks on here. We're currently using two of those: Key Bank and Huntington. The other ones if we were in a position where maybe we could think about buying a CD or doing some type of investment having more banks in these pieces of legislation offers us the ability to maybe get better bids. Right now we don't have the ability to invest too much money so. Star Ohio is also on both of these. That's the State Treasurer's investment pool. I am planning to begin a program with the State Treasurer's Office whereby all of the city's revenue that the State sends to us, the gas taxes, etc. instead of them sending it directly to us they would send them right to the Treasurer's Office into our pool. With him it's a 24 hour notice. I can call by two o'clock and the money will be there by the next day for us. It will do two things. One of the comments that we've gotten in previous audits is that we don't do any type of investing and Star Ohio Program is an eligible investment under the State Code so we'll hopefully eliminate that comment in the future just by opening this program and letting the money maybe sit for a week or two there before I actually need it and bring it back up to the city.

The other thing I'd like to talk about tonight. Last week I sent a e-mail out to everybody in regard to the budgetary process. According to the Financial Plan that the city put in place in 2009 the first part of that Plan had in it a budgetary process time period that we would meet. It was never actually put into effect and that was brought to my attention this year by the Auditors so it's time

that we need to be following that Plan now that's in our Financial Recovery Plan. So between now and December 31<sup>st</sup> we need to get our Mayor's Estimate together, hold all our budget hearings and have a full year 2012 budget in place by the end of this year. If you refer to the memo I sent last week to everybody the specific time periods are there. I've already had a few discussions with Clmn Suster about some temporary scheduling of Finance Committee Meetings, probably some time late September and into October so we can meet the deadlines that we have to meet and get this process done by the end of the year. That is my report.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Mr. Tomola. Any questions for Mr. Tomola? City Engineer, Mr. David Krock.

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** Thank you, Council President. Just want to update some residents on some construction issues. North Granger and East 88<sup>th</sup> we've been struggling out there a little bit with the County and the contractor and I want those residents to understand that we are working diligently on behalf of them with the County to make sure this gets taken care of.

Bangor Street where we had a gas main constructed down through there. The project went well. At the end of the project the seeding didn't quite work like it should have so we'll make sure that gets redone as well.

If you live on Thraves and Grannis and you have received a letter from us recently that means your project is starting soon. That's the report. Thanks.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Mr. Krock. Any questions for Mr. Krock?

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

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Building Commissioner Mr. Wervey.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** Good evening, Mr. President. I've got just a couple things. Anybody that's been by Marymount lately has been able to see that they're starting framing on the interior of the building. The glass ought to be going up within the next couple weeks so they'll be closing the front of the building in.

Mapleleaf School. We're going to be doing final inspections there beginning of next week. It looks like they'll be pretty much on time and complete with everything in order to open for the fall session of school.

McDonald's is, for those who are wondering what's going on there, they reappeared before the Planning Commission this last week. They are doing some Green construction processes. They will be using photo-voltaic cells, which is solar arrays. They'll be getting I think, about 40% of their energy uses from that. They will use geothermal heating and some of that will be used to keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice in the wintertime.

We issued permits last week for the demolition at the old Nestaway Building for the Overdrive project. That's all I have this evening.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Mr. Wervey. Any questions for Mr. Wervey? We'll move on. Comments from the Citizens on the Agenda items.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:**

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** The rules are this portion of the meeting is for residents to comment on tonight's legislation only. Comments are limited to five minutes. No one can speak more than once. Please raise your hand to be recognized. Please raise your hand to be recognized. Please raise your hand to be recognized. We'll move on. Are there any committee reports tonight? Nothing? We will now move on to Ordinances and Resolutions.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 53-2011:**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED TO PAY COSTS OF AN INITIAL PLAN APPROVED BY THE CITY IN ORDER TO IMPROVE TO IMPROVE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IN THE NORTHEAST OHIO ADVANCED ENERGY DISTRICT BY THE ACQUISITION, INSTALLATION AND EQUIPPING OF A SPECIAL ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY APPURTENANCES AND WORK INCIDENTAL THERETO.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** That passes with 7 YES votes

**ORDINANCE NO. 54-2011:**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE LEVYING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO PAY COSTS OF AN INITIAL PLAN APPROVED BY THE CITY IN ORDER TO IMPROVE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IN THE NORTHEAST OHIO ADVANCED ENERGY DISTRICT BY THE ACQUISITION, INSTALLATION AND EQUIPPING OF A SPECIAL ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY APPURTENANCES AND WORK INCIDENTAL THERETO.

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**PRESIDENT GERACI:** That passes 7 – 0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 55-2011:**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES PURSUANT TO SECTION 17 OF THE CHARTER.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** That passes 7 Yes votes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 56-2011**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE LOWERING THE SALARY OF CITY COUNCIL BY 20% EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2011.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

**CLMN SUSTER:** Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a amendment to this legislation if I could, please?

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** OK.

**CLMN SUSTER:** I'd like to make this Section 3. Section 3 would become Section 4 and the amendment is, "If a Councilperson is not in attendance at a Regular Meeting or Special Meeting he or she will not be paid for that meeting whether they are excused or not at a rate of \$591.25 per meeting missed".

*Clmn Suster re-read the amendment.* "If a Councilperson is not in attendance at a Regular or Special City Council Meeting he or she will not be paid for that meeting whether they are excused or not at a rate of \$591.25 per missed meeting."

Motion to AMEND ORDINANCE No. 56-2011:

AYES: Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Law Director Mr. Riley, do we need to waive Rule 24 on this?

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Yes.

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLWN MARINCIC:** I have a question. This part about the salary will that go into effect for the next Council or for this one?

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Next one.

AYES: Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** That passes 7 to 0. Mayor, you can rip that letter up that I sent to you for that raise.

**RESOLUTION NO. 33-2011**

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A GRANT AVAILABLE BY THE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT ACT OF 1998 FOR THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** That passes 7 to 0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 34-2011**

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANT GRANT ("JAG") PROGRAM FOR THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLWN MARINCIC:** I'm not sure if I mentioned this in Caucus or not but I would like my name added as a sponsor to this legislation and I vote Yes.

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** That passes 7 Yes votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 35-2011**

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO IMPROVE CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IN THE NORTHEAST OHIO ADVANCED ENERGY DISTRICT BY THE ACQUISITION, INSTALLATION AND EQUIPPING OF A SPECIAL ENERGY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, TOGETHER WITH NECESSARY APPURTENANCES AND WORK INCIDENTAL THERETO.

Moved by SARNOWSKI to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** That passes 7 Yes votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 36-2011**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO ACTIVE DEPOSIT CONTRACTS WITH ANY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS RECOGNIZED BY THE CITY CHARTER AND ORDINANCES AND THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** That passes 7 Yes votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 37-2011**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO INTERIM DEPOSIT CONTRACTS WITH ANY FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS RECOGNIZED BY THE CITY CHARTER AND ORDINANCES AND THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** That passes with 7 Yes votes.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:**

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** We will now move on to the comments by the citizens. The rules are you cannot bring up anything of a first nature. You must have previously brought it up to your Councilperson or a City Hall department. You are limited to speak only once for a period of five minutes. Please raise your hand to be recognized.

Leonard Leone, Briarcliff Drive. Tracy, I'm glad to see you back. I wasn't here. Welcome back. Council I'm usually pleased with all of you, but tonight I have things to say that I'm not too pleased with. This new rule without having a Council President, that Council's going to have one Council Member be a Council President. In my opinion this is wrong because what's going to happen is you're going to have a 3 and 3 vote and that Council President is going to have to waive it either way and what's going to happen when that Council President waives it one way or the other there's going to be animosity amongst the other ones that don't like it in the ruling. Trust me. I see it. I been a resident here for over 50 years. I'm a lot older than a lot of you here but that's just my opinion. Next Council President is going to have two jobs. How is that Council President going to handle two jobs and do it proper? At least think about it. Is it proper to be a Councilman and also be Council President? That's wrong. It's wrong and I suggest, this is just my opinion as a resident, that you put it back on the ballot for the voters to have a Council President because you're going to have problems here and even with the Mayor because this is what the problem was. A lot of you Council Members know it. When Mayor Longo did not like the other Council President that's the purpose of it and that's wrong. That's bad politics. You're going to have problems here. So take it and really think about it.

And you, Mr. Suster, what you're saying about the Council Members to lose a pay. You're trying to tell me if a Member has a death in the family, has major surgery, that you're going to deduct them their pay? That's wrong because one day you may lose a spouse or a son or any other members and some of you have experienced that already. That's wrong. Trust me. I'll tell you that's wrong to deduct yourselves a pay. No excuse. Come on. Think about it. Please. That's all. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you, Lenny.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Mr. Leone, what you said about the vote? The Council President, whomever Council puts in that position, would still maintain their vote so they wouldn't be used as a tiebreaker.

**MR. LEONE:** What I meant is in my opinion, Clmn Marincic, is right now if you have a vote it's either 4 and 3 or 6 and 2 or 5 and 2 or whatever. Now there's 3 and 3 and I'm the President. I make the decision so three of you said No; three of you said Yes, right? Now I'm the other Councilman. If I could say No with you how would the other ones going to feel?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** But they are still going to vote at the same time in the roll call so they won't know what that other one's going to vote.

**MR. LEONE:** In my opinion you shouldn't have it. You should have an independent Council President. Let's put it that way.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you. We'll move on.

David Mays, 8250 Green Drive. First of all I would like to congratulate the Council on passing Ordinance 56-2011. I think you did an excellent job on that. Next question, you brought up about hedges. I'm not sure who this goes to? Park hedges. Who handles that? Donovan Park. Birchwood entrance. The hedges are probably six to eight feet high.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** You know I just cut those last year, Dave? I just cut those down to the poles last year. That's how fast they grew.

**MR. MAYS:** You cut them down?

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Yes, we did.

**MR. MAYS:** Thank you. I hadn't been by there.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** No, no. I said last year. We cut those all the way down to the pole level. That's how quickly they grow.

**MR. MAYS:** I was told that there was a homeless person sleeping behind the hedges, which an officer driving down Birchwood could not see. I've been told that there have been kids sitting back there smoking and doing whatever. If you drive down Birchwood you can't see them. If you look at the hedges you'd never know that there's a playground behind it. If I had kids I would not send them to that playground for that reason. Because nobody knows what's going on back there off of that street.

The other thing is the ball diamonds down there. The yellow streamers—the yellow plastic things on top of the fence? Kids are tearing them up. Why don't you take them off? It might save us a lot of money next year? Thank you.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** We'll take a look at that. Thank you for your concern. Council President, if you'll allow me? Quickly?

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Yes.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** That concern was brought to our attention, Dave. I'm going to get with the Service. It would involve a tree crew to take those shrubs out. That's how dense they are. Clmn Nenadovich knows what we're speaking of. I know you know of them. I would need the tree truck down there and the chipper, etc. and hopefully we can accomplish that this year yet. Thank you.

Bob Halen, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. I also would like to congratulate City Council over the salary decrease. It's been a long time coming. That should have been the first thing to do some years back when we got into this financial situation.

My question to the Building Department. Since March when it was announced that McDonald's was going to be on Rockside I anticipated this year to have an enjoyable rendezvous at McDonald's and I am disappointed because there has not been any ground breaking. I was

hoping to have it for Halloween this year, but I'm still disappointed. Can you give us an expert's date of when we're going to be completed there? And first groundbreaking?

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** There's a couple of things going on right now that they are not sure that they are going to break ground this year because if they don't do it within the next month or so they'll wait till spring just because it's easier to do the construction.

**MR. HALEN:** I'm disappointed.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** As are we all.

**MR. HALEN:** Thank you.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Mr. Halen, we met last week with the Planning Commission on some changes the McDonald's is making to this site and it's just going to be an unbelievable building. You have no idea. Sometimes patience is the best reward.

**MR. HALEN:** My stomach is waiting for it.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I'll buy you a hamburger after the meeting. How's that?

**MR. HALEN:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Anybody else?

Gayle Smith, 13105 Rockside Road. I'm here to not complain. To offer my thank you. First of all, to Mayor Collova, my husband and I would like to thank you for the great job you're doing for our city and kudos to your wife because it cannot be very easy being married to someone in your position. No, no. When a lot of people are griping and complaining and giving you a hard time. So we thank you and her very much.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Thank you.

**MS. SMITH:** For the few of you on Council who know me, for the past few months I have been doing a lot of chattering about a property that abuts up to the back of my house. It's horrendous. Between the grass and the weeds it's between three and five foot high. There was a robbery and the robber stored the stolen property in these weeds because he figured that's how high it was. Luckily we saw it. We called the police and they were able to track down the owners of the property and return it to them. We'd like to thank Mayor Collova and Tom Vaughn, my Councilman, for personally going to take a look at this piece of hell that we have to look at every day. I want to thank everybody who was involved in getting this grass cut. I had to make some phone calls. Tom, some to you, some to Mr. Wervey's office. You and your staff you took my calls. I'm not sure who the group was that cut the yard. Whether it was the Service Department or the group from the Court, I'm not sure who did it? But there was an awful lot of trash to even be able to attempt to cut this mess. They had to move mattresses and you could not believe it. It is cut now and we actually feel like we're not living behind a jungle. We want to thank everybody who had any part, whether taking my phone calls which were quite a few, but it did get done so thank you to whoever. I don't know what the status of this horrible home is. I'm really hoping it's on a list to be leveled because it's just in deplorable condition. But whatever the status might be I don't know if anybody here knows what it is? Or if you could tell me? Or if you can't tell me?

Maybe you're not allowed, but thank you for cutting this down and I feel like I'm back in a normal neighborhood again so thank you very much.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Thank you.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I'm glad, Gayle, that it got done. I'm sorry that it took as long. It involved many parties as we explained. I enjoyed talking to you on vacation about it, I really did.

**MS. SMITH:** I called his cell phone. He was in South Carolina.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** It's OK. I'm glad it got taken care of.

Susan Williams, 13960 Milo Road. As some of you know, I was a little upset over the emergency meetings and things like that. Not being notified. I'd like to read something from the Ohio Revised Code 121.22F.

"Every public body by rule shall establish a reasonable method whereby any persons may determine the time and place of all regularly scheduled meetings and the time, place and purpose of all special meetings. A public body shall not hold a special meeting unless it gives at least 24 hours advance notice to the news media that have requested notification. Except in the event of an emergency requiring immediate official action. In the event of an emergency the member or members calling the meeting shall notify the news media that have requested notification immediately of the time, place and purpose of the meeting."

And my suggestion is at least I understand that there is a notice posted in several places around the city, but what are you supposed to do? Go several times a day to each place to see this? It's not practical. Why isn't it on the Website or the scroll? It's just my suggestion. It's very irritating. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you. Anybody else? Yes.

Charay Wimberly. Good evening. I'm representing the Word of Righteousness Family Life Center at 13455 Dressler Avenue. I am here this evening just to share some information with you about services that are available to families here in Garfield Heights. I just wanted to make the Council and the community aware of those services and those programs that we offer. Word of Righteousness Family Life Center is a faith-based, non-profit organization that's located right here in Garfield Heights. We're dedicated to meeting the needs of families in this community. We exist to provide support services to families throughout the community and we do this by addressing their spiritual, social, educational, financial and recreational needs. Some of the services that we offer at our agency includes spiritual support for families who may be in need of support services, worship services, Bible study, etc. We offer those things to them, but we also have our Family to Family Program and with that program families can come and receive support services and wrap around services. Those services include things like the Client Choice Food Assistance Program. We offer food assistance to families in need. We have a distribution on the first Saturday of every month where families can come in and get food if they're in need. If they're not able to come in on that Saturday they can come to the agency any day of the week and also receive food any day of the week as well. This summer we had a Summer Feeding Program. The Summer Feeding Program offers hot and cold meals every day. Breakfast is at nine o'clock and lunch is at 12 o'clock. Any family in need can also access those services as well.

I wanted to let you know about some upcoming events that we also have coming. Two big major events. One being our Open House for our Enrichment Center. Our Enrichment Center is now enrolling all day pre-school students as well as half a day Kindergarten, also before and after care for kids grades up through 1 through 7. The Open House will be held starting tomorrow, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 1 to 3 p.m., Wednesday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8 p.m., Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 to 11 a.m. and Friday August 12<sup>th</sup> by appointment. Then our last event or the one that's coming up August 17<sup>th</sup> is our Back to School/Back to Work/Back to Church Community Event. This is our second annual event. It is free to all the residents of Garfield Heights. There is no cost. It's from 11 to 4 p.m. This is a time when families can come out and have fun. Have entertainment and refreshments provided to them. Get school supplies and things that they may be in need of. We have shoes and coats for kids which we're going to be also having available to our families. Distribution will begin in October for those families in need. If you would like more information you can access information for our center at worflc.org or you can give us a call at (216) 365-3336. Thank you for your time.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Thank you. Is there anybody else? Anybody else? We'll move on. We'll start off with Clmn Dudley.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**CLMN DUDLEY:** You didn't save the best for last, did you?

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** No.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** All right. We'll make this quick. First of all I want to thank several people. As you know we had Joshua Crayton and Timee Crayton. They were two individuals in the city of Garfield Heights, a young lady, a young man who earned their way to the Junior Olympics down in New Orleans. They went down there; spent a week. The reason why I want to mention this is because we got a very short notice on the individuals and we had like a week to raise \$1,300.00. God Bless it. We did raise the money but it could not have been done without the help like I said, I want to thank the Fire Department and the Union, the Police Department also for their charitable contribution, Mayor Vic Collova, Mr. Dobies, I called and he didn't ask me what for. I told him for the kids and he gave me some money. I liked that. Also the Open Pantry, Rosemary from the Law Department, Jenny Nicholson from the Law Department, myself, Eloise from the Building Department and Mr. Wervey here. We also had Mr. Ron Tomola over there and God forgive me for forgetting the young ladies so I will say the Finance Department and their contribution. Don't want to leave nobody out here. Also the Subways contributed and also the Snack Shop. Lord bless it, we was able to get the \$1,300.00 for their contribution and they was able to make the trip. They departed Saturday and they came back last night. The young man, Joshua, I believe he actually placed fourth. That was nationwide. He was three and placed fourth. I was proud of him because not only they come from the city but they came from the Ward 1 community. But it wasn't just the Ward 1 who sent them on the trip. It was everybody, the entire city pitching in from individual residents as well as the businesses that made that trip possible and I thank them all for that.

I also wanted to mention that the cameras is coming up this year on the ballot and I still would like to say that we have to support the cameras to be placed in the school zones and parks and recreational areas. A lot of them areas are like speed traps. They run through there and have no regard for the kids crossing at school time. When the kids are playing in the playground there's a possibility a ball may roll in the street. You're doing 45 you're not going to stop. So I ask people to give their support to the cameras. I'm definitely going to be supporting them once again.

I wanted to mention also I believe there's going to be a piece coming up about jobs, about Council and what type of employment they can hold. I'm a firm believer that everybody in this city regardless of what position you hold as long as you ain't working for the government in this city you should have a right to run for government office. You should not have to give your job up if you are a police officer for another city or a fire worker or a school teacher or you drive a truck. We have a lot of good individuals and they deserve the same opportunity to sit up here and represent this government as we do. So I am definitely asking for support on that and I will support that if it's on the ballot, which it should.

I wanted to mention one more thing to go out. I would like to see people start to take a little bit more responsibility for their company in the neighborhood. When you got people visiting your homes, etc. you don't want to allow them to come in and be disruptive, blasting they stereos all the time. Or when they come in the community they want to just do anything they can to disrupt with noise. People have to take a little more responsibility for their visitors. You have take a little more responsibility for your children, too. If you're raising your children you have to be responsible for your children. Be responsible for your children's company when they come over there. So I'm asking people to kind of pick up the pieces. If you want a good neighborhood it's not about the police department making it a better community. It's about us as residents. It starts with us. It ends with us. Also if you see something wrong in a community remember it could be your home next. If something doesn't look right you want to pick up the phone. You want to call your law enforcement and have them check it out. Don't turn a deaf ear and next thing you know your neighbor's home was broken in. Next thing you know could be yours. That's all I have for tonight.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** I have a few things. First of all, Mrs. Williams, I am in total agreement with you. I don't like special meetings either. That's why I always vote against Summer Session. Because I always feel when we hold a special meeting it's like we're trying to hide something from somebody. I know that's not the intent but that's how I feel so I agree with you. And there's no way to let people know at the drop of a hat. As I said they're mostly in the summertime and that's because we always go on Summer Session recess and I always thought it was wrong and I've always voted against it.

Secondly, about reducing Council's salary if they don't show up for a meeting, I'm so happy I have perfect attendance.

Thirdly, Mayor, are you going to put up legislation to honor Tony Cosentino?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Next meeting.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** OK. So I don't have to request that. They'll just include my name, probably all of Council?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** That's already been done.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** OK. Lastly, I wish everybody Happy Labor Day. School's going to be opening up. I ask everybody to drive safe and be careful out there because our children will be more active on the streets and that's all I have.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to express my condolences to the Cosentino Family also. Again, I'd like to thank the Vets for what they've done for us. I appreciate their efforts over the years and with that I have nothing else.

**CLWN SARNOWSKI:** I also would like to express my condolences to the Cosentino Family.

Bridge View's been sold and City View has been sold. One of the problems why McDonald's was having little problems was that they were going to lease the property so they bought the property at Garfield Mall. Is there any possibility that Garfield Mall was sold?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Is there any possibility that Garfield Mall can be what? Sold?

**CLWN SARNOWSKI:** Or is sold? Is there any prospects in there that people are looking to buy it?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** I would like to be able to tell you it's confidential, but no. Not to my knowledge, anyways.

**CLWN SARNOWSKI:** Looks like the city's improving with a lot of things coming into the city. I know that we are in financial emergency still, but we are not in receivership or bankrupt. Correct, Mayor?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** That is correct.

**CLWN SARNOWSKI:** For the record. Thank you. I know that there are some people stating that fact. So we're still tight on money but we're not bankrupt. With that, that's all I have to say today.

**CLMN SUSTER:** I have nothing this evening.

**CLWN MAHONEY:** I would like to offer my condolences to the Cosentino Family and wish everybody a Happy Labor Day. I have nothing else.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thank you for saving the best for last. Mrs. Williams, I agree with you. I was out of town when that special meeting was called. There was no way I was going to get back. I tried and offered to come home. I was told I wasn't needed. So I didn't come back. Next time I will because it's going to cost me five hundred and some odd dollars.

I would also like to thank my colleagues for the passing of Ordinance number 56. I think it was long overdue and I'm glad we decided to do it as a whole. And Clmn Suster, I'd like to thank you for the amendment that you added. Hopefully this will work.

Debbie, I'm glad you brought up the bit about whether or not we were in receivership, bankruptcy. There's been a lot things going around. I'm glad the Mayor clarified that for us.

Now, I'd like to really thank Chief Sackett, Garfield Heights Police, Garfield Heights Auxiliary, Patrolman Dale Merchant, his dog, Major, mostly, for all they did to make St. Monica Parish Community Carnival a great success. Many people commented on what a great presence it was having the Garfield Heights Police there. They enjoyed meeting the new Chief and the fact that a lot of people didn't realize we had Major. The kids enjoyed it. It was well received by many. This carnival this year was a great success and a great success for our community. It was with

the help of the Mayor and everybody that we were able to pull it off. People felt safe and we're going to do it again next year and I hope you're all back. The winner this year wasn't you, Nancy, sorry. It was a gentleman that lives on Mapleleaf Drive so we kept it local and I believe he was a classmate of yours from Garfield? Again, thank you for all that everybody did. Again, my sympathies to the Cosentino Family. Tony will be greatly missed both in our community and in our parish life. With that, I am done. I make a motion that we adjourn.

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** Roll call.

AYES: Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn

**PRESIDENT GERACI:** This meeting adjourned. The next Council Meeting is September 12<sup>th</sup>.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:15 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Frank Geraci, Jr.  
President of Council

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Barbara Molin  
Clerk of Council