

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, December 10, 2012

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

INVOCATION BY: Clmn Thomas Vaughn

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

EXCUSED: Nenadovich

CLMN SUSTER: Mme. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we excuse Clmn Nenadovich this evening.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: All in favor on the motion to excuse Clmn Nenadovich say Yea. All opposed? The Yeas have it.

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Reading and disposal of the Minutes from the regular meeting of City Council November 26th.

CLMN SUSTER: Mme. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Garfield Heights City Council dated November 26, 2012 as submitted.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: All in favor say Yea. All opposed? 6-0.

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: We will move right on to the Mayor's report. Mayor, you have a report, I'm sure?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mme. Chair. I do. First off I just want to let everyone know Mike Nenadovich's wife had serious back surgery today. We received a call a couple hours ago that she was in the recovery room. The surgery was a success. It's going to be a little bit of a healing process but we're glad to hear that everything worked out well for her. Mike's wife.

I wanted to start it off tonight by reading a letter from Judge Nicastro from the Court.

"Dear Mayor Collova and Mr. Tomola:

The Garfield Heights Municipal Court is partnered with the Cuyahoga County Probate Court to open a satellite office of the Probate Court in our clerk's office for the sole purpose of issuing marriage licenses. One day per month the Probate Clerk will join us and issue marriage licenses. If the engaged couple desires I will then conduct a wedding ceremony the same day. Our first day of operation is this Friday, December 14, 2012. We are receiving many calls inquiring about this service but it will be interesting to see if a significant number of people take advantage of it. We may schedule more than one per month if the numbers justify it. Clerk of Court Donna Marcoguissepe will send you a list of the dates we will be in operation if you would like to put this on the city cable station or Website. Also Mayor, if you are performing a significant number of weddings you can refer the couple to the Probate Clerk and they can expedite this process. Would you please pass this information along to Council Members and anyone else who may be interested."

So you can get married even quicker now.

The next thing I want to say is I want to remind everybody the deadline for the Christmas Lighting Ceremony is December 13th at 4 p.m. The judges this year have been selected. Wayne and Sue Williams and Debbie Sarnowski. The same judges from last year. The judging will take place this weekend, December 14th, 15th and 16th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Make sure that the lights are on because once they get to your house and the lights aren't on they're just going to go by and they can't make a judgment on it. Up to this point with a few days left for entries we have a total of 29 entries and four from Ward 1, three from Ward 2, five from Ward 3, two from Ward 4, one from Ward 5, eleven from Ward 6, and three from Ward 7. We're looking forward to another nice competition this year.

With that said I wanted to talk a little bit about the grass cutting program that we started off a couple years ago. I'm going to give you a little overview. Mr. Dobies is going to get you into some detail in his report. But when we took office when we started the new Administration, the previous year the city did cut vacant lots and charge the \$200.00 per vacant lot. That year they did about 100 lots for the year. Since then we've improved the program. It has worked unbelievably well. It's been a huge success. We get compliments all the time about how well the city's looking now. The vacant lots are trimmed down and looking good but just to give you an idea and Bobby will get into this in more detail but we cut 1,831 lots this year. That reflects if you look at the dollars of the charge what we're going to bill out is \$366,200.00 is what we're billing out on that program and that's really a good thing. When you take the labor involved because there is labor involved, the labor involved when you take that away we still net profit if all monies is collected which it won't be, but a good portion of I, \$304,348.00 so this is a great program. Bob will get into it a little bit more but it's been a huge success.

We're going to do something special in the next couple of months in recognition of our men and women who are currently serving in the Armed Forces from Garfield Heights. We will be

displaying a Salute to Service Wall located in the lobby of the Civic Center. We would like to display pictures of everyone that is serving in active duty right now. Every young man and young woman that is in active duty right now we would like to put their picture up on the wall, we would like to put their rank, you know, what branch of the service they're serving and we would like to put it in a nice display. We're going to spend a little money. I have not talked to Ron about it yet, but we'll push Ron real hard to let some of the money come out of the purse to pay for this but we do want to make this nice. The men and women of Garfield Heights like everywhere else deserve something special so we're looking at doing this. What we need I think the largest part of this is making sure that we don't leave anybody out and we get everybody that is in Garfield Heights serving so hopefully the Neighborhood News will report it. We will do all of our means of reporting it. Pat Salemi will be on the job. Maybe we'll get something in the Plain Dealer. Council people, if you know of anybody that has a young man or young woman who is in the Armed Forces let us know. We would like to get this done and have the recognition by spring at the latest. So with that said I'm going to move over to the ordinances for tonight. Tonight's legislation,

Ordinance 88, 89, 92 and 93 is about reducing some of the tax incentives. Noreen's going to get into those individually during her report. Ordinance 90-2012. This is the police computer, This is maintenance for the police computer the TEC. We do this every year. This is an annual thing that we do and the time is up to do it again. Ordinance 91-2012. We're looking to get some new computer software for the Building Department to get them up into today's day instead of being antiquated from yesterday. With that, Mme. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for the Mayor? There being none we will move on to Law Director Mr. Riley. Do you have a report?

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for our Law Director? There being none, Police Chief Sackett, do you have a report?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: Yes, I do. Thank you. The two new K-9s they are finishing up this week their last week of a six week school. So starting Monday they'll be on the job, so to speak. In regard to that, the first meeting of next year. January 14, 2013, we're going to have a ceremony here during the Council Meeting. We're going to swear in the new dogs; retire the old dog and recognize the people that donated to our cause which enabled us to purchase two new dogs. You'll hear more about that but I invite everybody to come on January 14th.

Since I will not be here next meeting, I'll be out of town, I'll take this opportunity to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. With that you have my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for the Chief?

CLMN VAUGHN: Chief, are we still sending out one of the auxiliary cars to check on garbage cans?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: We haven't done that in a couple months. Early garbage?

CLMN VAUGHN: Early garbage or putting the garbage cans away.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: We haven't done that for a couple months.

CLMN VAUGHN: Are we looking to restarting?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: If you think it's necessary we can.

CLMN VAUGHN: The past three or four weeks in my Ward alone I've got more calls about garbage cans before the time and after. So we could probably look into that?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: I'll try to set it up starting the beginning of the year.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: OK.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I would like to echo Mr. Vaughn's comments because last weekend and the weekend before the trash collection is on Tuesdays in my Ward and there was garbage out on Saturday and Sunday. I had called the Police Department. They did everything they could but it was no longer moved so anything you could do to start that program up earlier than the beginning of the year I'd appreciate.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: I'll start it as soon as I can. What I found in the past and I've been out there myself checking. It's very minimal the garbage that's been out the times we checked. We did it for about six months last year. It was about 1% of the houses had it out early and when I checked myself the last time I checked that's why I discontinued it. Two weekends in a row there were about five on a Monday pick up. Sunday around noontime there were about five out. In my opinion that doesn't justify bringing the auxiliaries out, but we can start it up and see how it goes.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I'd appreciate it because last Saturday alone on Langton there were three. Anybody else have any questions or comments for the Chief? There being none we will move on to Tim McLaughlin, Service Director.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mme. President. We just concluded the leaf program on Friday. We went through the city three times. We're lucky that it didn't snow. We lost that week with the Hurricane Sandy that put us behind but today the guys spent the day cleaning out all the leaf machines for storage and we're going to start changing over to trucks for the snow and some of the other guys have been working the last couple days on different work tickets that have been sitting while we were doing the leaves, etc. We're trying to catch up on those and tie up some of the water cutouts for the winter, the ones that have been dug for the winter till we do a permanent repair in the spring. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any questions?

CLWN MAHONEY: I would just like to comment on the Animal Warden Ed Jamieson. He does really a great job and I know just through conversation this weekend he went down to Columbus to get some things that were donated by some people in Columbus and I know he's been working a lot with Forever Friends, I believe is their name, that also helped with our cat situation. Ed does a great job and I just wanted to commend you because he works under you, what a great job that he has been doing.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: I will pass that on to Ed.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anyone else have anything for Mr. McLaughlin? I'm just wondering since winter is upon us now you could refresh the residents out there about how we plow? What streets are first?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: We have the main streets are always first because you have to keep those open for the safety forces. With Marymount Hospital here we have ambulances coming in our city from every direction, from Broadway, from Granger, from all different areas, the freeway and that's the most important thing. That's where we start off. Then we go to what we call the secondaries and the secondaries are around schools, hill areas, things like that. Last is always the side streets. Like I said it's been that program always. I mean if you go into any city it's that way but it usually takes us a little while to get to the side streets but the first two things are you know, the main streets around the schools then after that we go into the side streets.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: And if the snow parking ban is on and somebody doesn't move their car do you ever have it towed?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Well, we put the ban on and sometimes the Police Department's very busy during snows. If it's a total problem or we can't get around it or anything else we do press to get a tow truck out but there's times where you could tow 100 cars because some people just leave their cars out no matter what. The Police Department does help us out with that and it's up to my drivers. They call in on the radio if they're having problems in a certain area. Lots of times it's in the same areas and same streets. You have a lot of streets like in your Ward double houses off of Langton that's a problem area at times but we try to work around them and if we can't we have the Police come and ticket them.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any other questions for our Service Director? Recreation Director Bob Dobies?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Mme. President. Council Members, good evening. The 18th Annual Christmas Holiday Recital will take place Saturday December 15th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. please come out and support the Munny figure skaters performing their holiday recital. It will be a fun evening.

We are now taking registrations for Munny Futsol Indoor Soccer Program. We'll take signups through January 19th. Futsol is a co-ed program for those who will be five by February 1st and those not older than 15 by March 1st. Although our in-house hockey and learn to skate program has begun this past week we are still taking signups for the last 10-week session. This program was introduced for those who never had an opportunity to skate and would like to engage in the sport of hockey and learn on a basic beginner level.

As the Mayor stated, it may seem odd that we're bringing up grass cutting at this time but I wanted you to know that the program the Mayor instituted has gained momentum over the last three years and proves to be well worthwhile. I reported at various Council Meetings that this season we started with approximately 840 properties citywide. We ended up this year with 1,071—a 12% increase. This happens because properties become vacant during that period or we observe, the grass crew, Building, Service, along with concerned residents and Council informing us that properties have become neglected. We then visit the property, post and add them to the master list. A reminder that those properties have to remain posted for 48 hours

before we cut. I reiterate that because sometimes we get that call on Thursday and they are expecting us to come on Thursday or Friday and basically it has to be posted for 48 hours. Mr. Riley can explain why. But we don't take advantage of that. If we do get a call on a Thursday we're not going to cut that till at least Monday. If I'm going through a Ward I may just tack that on at the end. In other words I'll collect those properties that we have whether it's one, two, three, four, five and we'll get them before we leave that area. Sometimes we do it if I move on to another Ward we may come back and do those right away. It varies a little bit but I think our system we've corrected a lot of things and it moves very smoothly. We have a system that continues to pursue the owners and renters in an effort to make sure the properties are maintained in an orderly fashion. If not, again we post. Once you make the list we will check it. If you choose not to cut, we will. During the course of the season although there are 1,071 properties, most properties are visited every time we go out and cut. You may see the crews going up and down the streets without cutting, but they're checking properties if they need to be cut. Once you make the list we check them every time we go out. We average going through the city every three or four weeks so basically during the course of a month we go through the entire city. We visit it because we do that to check every property we visited 8,483 properties this year. That's an ongoing effort to check those properties because what we get sometimes too is that the crew will go by, the owner comes out and says don't worry I'll get it. OK. We give him the leeway. No problem, When those sheets come back on a daily basis I mark those addresses down "owner wants to cut". Again by the time we finish we're going back and checking. Most times they're cut. But sometimes we find that we've been kind of misled. So we do cut them then. We cut 1,831 properties as the Mayor pointed out but I'm happy to report that 6,559 properties were cut by owners. We have a lot of good people that want to maintain there lots and keep the city looking good. What does this mean? That the grass crew averages between 190 and 220 cuts every time we go out on a monthly basis. The grass crew also partakes city properties, Land Bank properties and I wanted to thank the grass crew for doing a great job again this season and the help from the Community Service with Vince Liotta and Len Piazza helps immensely too. So as the Mayor mentioned I think the grass cutting program has evolved greatly from an average of maybe 100 properties that they used to do to as I explained the properties that we do today. It gets done in a timely manner. Thank you. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for our Recreation Director? There being none we will move on to City Engineer Dave Krock. Do you have a report?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Thanks, Mme. President, I do not have a report this evening.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: OK. Any questions for the City Engineer? There being none we will move on to Finance Director, Mr.?

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Thank you, Mme. President and Chairman. I have no report tonight. I would however like to encourage Council to approve Ordinance 91 the new Building software for the Building Department. That's the same piece we got it finalized that was presented to you in the Budget Hearings earlier this year. That's it.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: That's it? Any questions for Mr. Tomola? I only have one. How are we going to end the year? In the black? A lot? Or a little?

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: You'll have an ordinance next week once I finish it and I'll be able to answer that question a lot better.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: OK. So no answer just yet. Economic Development. Noreen Kuban. Do you have a report?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mme. President. Regarding the ordinances that involve tax abatement these are recommendations from the Tax Incentive Review Council of which the Cuyahoga County Auditors Office or Fiscal Officer chairs. Wayne Williams sits on this committee. They annually and I believe Debbie Sarnowski also I just noticed her in the back. They annually review all the agreements. Ordinance 88 reduces tax abatements for a building from 75% to 50%. There are two buildings on this property but the reduction only affects one building. Ordinance 89 -2012 refers to a building on 96th Street. Since they were not in compliance the Tax Incentive Review Council is recommending that we collect taxes for tax years 2009, 2010 and 2011. In this case both of these taxes will be recovered and be redistributed to the schools and the city. And regarding 92 and 93 there was a change in ownership so this building there's 10 suites in this building. Eight suites are owned by one entity. Two suites are owned by another. So we just have to split that agreement into two agreements. That concludes my report.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Absent.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any questions for our Economic Development Director? There being none, that concludes the reports of the Mayor and his Directors. Now we will move on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's agenda. I'm going to have our 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. Do my timer people have their timers ready? Yes, they do. If you would like to speak tonight just raise your hand? Anybody?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: There being none we will move right into legislation. The first item on the agenda tonight is Ordinance 88-2012. Will the Clerk read the title.

ORDINANCE NO. 88-2012

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO AMEND THE ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT AND REDUCE TAX INCENTIVES GRANTED PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 61-2003 AN "URBAN JOBS AND ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT" BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS AND PIONEER BUILDING LTD AND DALAD CONSTRUCTION (ENTERPRISES).

Moved by MAHONEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Roll call on the adoption beginning with Clwn Mahoney.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 88-2012 stands adopted with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 89-2012

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO NOTIFY THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER THAT THIS CITY COUNCIL SHALL TERMINATE ENTERPRISE ZONE TAX INCENTIVES AS SET FORTH IN THE URBAN JOBS AND ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS AND 96TH ST. DEV. LLC AND MARICLARE, INC. FOR TAX YEARS 2009, 2010 AND 2011.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 89-2012 stands adopted with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 90-2012

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS WITH TAC COMPUTER INC.

Moved by MAHONEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion by MAHONEY to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Roll call on the adoption beginning with Clwn Mahoney.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 90-2012 stands adopted with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 91-2012

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PALADIN DATA SYSTEMS CORPORATION FOR A NEW BUILDING DEPARTMENT SOFTWARE PACKAGE, PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion by MAHONEY to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 91-2012 stands adopted with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 92-2012

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 37-2003, BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS PROPERTY, LLC AND ANRIPAR INVESTMENT GROUP LIMITED AND ORBIS RESEARCH & INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED, BY DIVIDING INTO TWO SEPARATE AGREEMENTS TO REFLECT THE CURRENT OWNERS OF THE REAL PROPERTY AND THE JOB CREATORS.

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 92-2012 stands adopted with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 93-2012

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO AMEND THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT ORDINANCE NO. 37-2003, BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS PROPERTY, LLC AND ANRIPAR INVESTMENT GROUP LIMITED AND ORBIS RESEARCH & INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED, BY DIVIDING INTO TWO

SEPARATE AGREEMENTS TO REFLECT THE CURRENT OWNERS OF THE REAL PROPERTY AND THE JOB CREATORS.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 93-2012 stands adopted with 6 Yes votes.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: That concludes Ordinances and Resolutions for this evening. Now we will move on to Miscellaneous Comments and I'm going to have the Clerk read the rules again.

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: Thank you. No citizen may speak more than once. You're limited to five minutes. Anyone that wishes to speak tonight just raise your hand.

Bob Halan, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. This is in reference to several obstacles the city has. I'm addressing this to the Mayor, all the Council people and all the Directors of each division and the citizens of Garfield Heights. Be forewarned of what's coming up. This city has a brink of coming out in the black, but through the State of Ohio, the city of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County it's putting us in a predicament. Last meeting we had a resolution regarding the House Bill Senate State House Bill 601 and its point was trying to put us under the thumb again of the State, forcing the people to vacate using R.I.T.A. as a tax collector and distributing the money back to Garfield Heights. Today's paper the Plain Dealer refers that the County and the State want to cut our budget again, not directly it doesn't say but it does say they want to close down the Internet cafes. We have two that's fairly successful in helping pull us out of debt. If we close this we will lose the revenue from that. If we do that again we go under the thumb of the State, of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County and we'll be back in the red. I urge not to let this happen. I'm forewarning everybody in Garfield Heights. I know we have no control over what the County does, what the State does but we have a say-so. They want to take our revenue away. I don't like it and none of you I'm sitting in this room and the citizens that's viewing this on the TV I beg you to help push this aside. We got to keep our income and keep building that income. It's a bad situation, but I don't want to be under the control of the State. They put us in this perspective situation and they want to keep us under the thumb. I don't agree with it. This is a good community and it should strive to stay that way. Thank you.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mme. Chair. Bob, if I could respond. You know I have to agree with what you're saying. It gets tougher and tougher to try to bring money into the community when you have to jump through all these hoops that the State and Federal government put in. It's funny that the Internet cafés came in here about two years ago or so. There was a lot of speculation about what kind of problems there would be. The Internet cafes turned out to be no problem at all. The people that went there were just like the people that are sitting in this room right now. We had no problems at all. They generated money for the city without a question. They made some Senior citizens and some other people enjoy being able to sit down and do some form of gambling even though it's not called gambling. It just seems to me funny that this has been going on fine for quite some time now and the casino comes into play and all of a sudden they're saying it's illegal, much like the Charity Poker that Nautica went on for a long time everything was fine and now it's illegal. I certainly can't say that the casinos had a direct part in this but I would certainly say it's awful coincidental. So thank you and I agree with what you said.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Anyone else wishing to speak tonight? There being none we will move on to Miscellaneous Comments by City Council beginning with Clmn Vaughn.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Council President Marincic. I want to ask everybody in Ward 7. We're going to be out tomorrow night looking at your Christmas lights. Just turn your lights on as we drive by and make a few more nominations. See you all next week.

Our Block Watch will be on December 27th at St. Monica's. It's going to be a social. All are invited. We're going to have a little Christmas party, so please come and join us. At that time we'll be voting for our new Block Watch Chairman. With that, that's all I have to say. Have a good week.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Clwn Mahoney.

CLWN MAHONEY: I'd like to mention briefly we had some issue with the sign on 480. I want to ask the Chief if he could comment on what the residents asked for and we were able to put up in regard to the freeway exit?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: The exit from 480 eastbound onto State Route 17 Granger Road. We put up a "no turn on red" sign there with restricted hours. The morning rush hour and the afternoon rush hour. That was done at the request of yourself and the residents. I believe that sign needs to be changed or added to it to make it only effective Monday through Friday. I think that was left off of the sign inadvertently.

CLWN MAHONEY: I just wanted to comment on that due to the fact that there were a lot of residents who had complaints regarding that and it seems to be working out fairly well. So they should be thankful that the sign is up there. Thank you to the Service Department and the Police Department for taking that concern for us. I have nothing else. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you, Clwn. Clmn Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: I have nothing this evening, thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Nothing?

CLMN SUSTER: Nothing.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: OK. I have a couple of things. First I want to remind residents that our next meeting is next Monday instead of having two weeks in between. Make sure you're here on the right day if you'd like to attend or tune in.

Also I'd like to encourage all residents out there to turn in parking violations. I was driving recently down Turney Road and saw probably seven in a quarter of a mile and I spoke to our Chief about it. He is encouraging all residents to please take part. If you see somebody parked illegally on the curb, on the sidewalk, too close to a stop sign, please don't hesitate to call it in. You're not going to get in trouble. They're not going to tow the person who called who turned them in. We need everybody to chip in and help us out here with this and call our Police Department. I appreciate that. I'm sure our Police Department will appreciate it too. That's all I have. We will move on to Clmn Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, Madame. I've been going around the Ward looking at all the lightings of the houses and there's quite a few of them this year so we're taking effort to get as many as we can.

I'd like to thank everybody that attended the Block Watch. We had festive food and refreshments at the Block Watch. Again I hope to wish everybody Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Clmn Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: What I want to say first is I want to thank all the residents for their support on Issue 54 that we got it through. It helped the city out a lot. And I wanted to thank the residents at St. Timothy and St. Timothy Park and Manor and let them know that we didn't forget about them. I know it's been a busy year for me and I didn't get a chance to spend the time with them that I should have. We're going to make it up next year

Also I want to mention too you know we have a Garfield Heights Historical Society and it's open every Saturday from 1:00 till 4:00 p.m. and it's a good place to take your kids if you got nothing else going on. It's free so take advantage of some of the things we have going on in this city. I tell you I thank you, Wayne. You do a lot for the city. Not to be paid. Joking with you, but you do a lot and I'm happy to have you as a part of the city also.

Also I wanted to mention we got some individual who is doing a lot of graffiti writing up in the Ward 1. Decided they want to write up signs and bus stops but I tell you when they catch you I don't like to take off of work but I'm going to take off of work because I want them to prosecute you to the fullest and if you're doing it past the curfew hours I'd like to see them prosecute your parents because your parents know you're not in the house. All you're doing is tearing the neighborhood down and if your parents know you're out there doing it then they just as guilty as you are. You don't need to live around here. You can pick somewhere else to go live. Because it's starting to get bad.

I also wanted to mention as far as the Ward 1 community you have the Ward 1 Club which meets the fourth Tuesday of every month right here in the Civic Center. I believe it's at 7:00 p.m.? And you definitely need to come out. The last meeting had great information. Stuff I didn't even know about the medical program so you come out there and we also have the Cranwood Ward 1 Club which meets the second Tuesday. So we already had two organizations and you

definitely come out and I'll be there 99% of the time and I'm more than happy to answer any questions that you may have if you got any questions for me or to just update you on what's going on in the community.

And most of all I'd like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a safe happy holiday. You never know what tomorrow brings so we don't know if we going to be here next Monday. I want to say that you know the departments in the city did a great job this year. I'm definitely proud of you all, proud of my colleagues, etc. and I look forward to a good year. The grass in the neighborhood was taken care of and our dog warden, Animal Warden, we got to have the best Animal Warden. He go to some of these houses that a lot of people wouldn't want to go to, but I be proud of all our departments whether it's fire and safety and service and economics.

I discovered I got to wear glasses. I be 52 years young next month on the 14th. Thanks to reading all of Ron's numbers this year I got to wear glasses for the next two weeks. Thanks for the McCracken that you put together for McCracken you knew that's been a killer in Ward 1 and those businesses up there so it's a great year.

Most of all stay safe this holiday and if anybody got to drink and you're throwing a party have a designated driver at the house. Probably not me I do drink on New Year's but have somebody else there. I don't drink at all. But have a designated driver for your friends and loved ones. Don't let them get in that car to drive. Either they going to be stopped by the police with a DUI or they going to fool around and kill theyself or kill possibly somebody else. So if you love them look out for them. Merry Christmas to everybody. Happy New Year should I not see you. Thank you, Mme. Chairman.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I'd like to make a motion to adjourn. All in favor say Yea. All opposed. The meeting stands adjourned. AYES: Vaughn, Mahoney, Dudley, Marincic, Glenn, Suster
ABSENT: Nenadovich

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:43 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Nancy Marincic
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council