

# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

## CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, December 9, 2013

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

**INVOCATION BY:** Councilman Thomas Vaughn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you. Before we get started tonight we have Peggie Sikon as Clerk of Council because our regular Clerk of Council is home ill. So Peggie will be presiding for us this evening. Roll call please.

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

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. We can't do anything with the Minutes from the last meeting because of the fact that Barb hasn't had the chance to get them all typed up since she's been sick. So we will go to Legislation out of Committee.

**LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** The reports of the Mayor and Directors. Mayor, do you have a report this evening?

### **REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:**

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Yes, I do, thank you, Mr. President. I have several announcements to make this evening. I want to start off with the Garfield Heights Food Bank Donors. We had several donors donate food and cash for the Food Bank for the holidays and I want to announce them: William Foster Elementary School donated approximately 1,000 non-perishable food items; Creative Early Learning Center made a sizable donation; Chart Industries donated food, cash as well as hats and gloves; Garfield Heights High School made a donation; 188 Ohio Cop, 200 turkeys were donated from Sam Lucarelli and shortly after that donation Sam passed away. He certainly was a friend of the city, a friend of mine and we're going to truly miss him; Marymount Child Care was a donor; United Methodist Church is a monthly donor of food and hygiene household items; Overdrive donated two truckloads of non-perishable food items in addition to a substantial cash donation; Garfield Heights Women's Club made a cash donation; Kokosing Construction Company, a cash and food donation; Katherine Van Bolt, Senior resident who donates cash and/or different food items on a monthly basis; Florida Natural Growers, 83 cases of orange and grapefruit juice. There were several other very generous anonymous donors that provide food and cash donations on a regular basis. We actually have people that

walk into the Civic Center downstairs and actually hand us money and don't even want to be recognized for it. They just give money for the Food Bank so that's really great. We had the Swine sisters donate \$500.00 toward fresh produce. I just wanted to announce that the next food giveaway for this holiday season is Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. and again Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. You must be pre-registered. Call the Senior Center for info on signups. We truly appreciate these donors.

Next I wanted to talk a little bit about we talked about this at the last meeting, I want to mention it again. Garfield Heights's Walkway of Recognition. Garfield Heights is creating a Walkway of Recognition at the city's Welcome Wall over at the Turney Road fire station. Create a memory that will last a lifetime and pay tribute to the important people in life by purchasing an engraved brick paver. We've gotten quite a few people that are getting involved with this so if you need to, call Pat Salemi at 475-1100 extension 2425.

Next I wanted to talk about something that's been on our minds for the last year—the grand opening of Dunkin' Donuts. Dunkin' Donuts invites all of you to our grand opening. Our new location on Turney Road, 5126 Turney Road. The grand opening is December 12, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. They are already open. I was there yesterday. They did a great job. Great donuts.

Next I want to talk briefly about the Shop with a Cop fundraiser. Our Police Department and our safety forces get together under the direction of we all know Nick Demarco and Nick's been heading this up for quite some time. He has other people in it with him and I don't have their names in front of me, but we know Nick's been involved for some time. Tickets for the Annual Shop with a Cop fundraising effort are now available. Proceeds form the raffle benefit area children who receive a holiday shopping spree. Tickets are \$1.00 each and six for \$5.00 and can be purchased at the Garfield Heights Civic Center. The prizes include a 50 inch color television, an I-Pod and \$100.00 cash. For additional information contact the Garfield Heights Detectives Doug Dillon and Ted Brzezinski at 216- 475- 5840.

I also would like to announce that Local Union ASCME Local 729 is sponsoring a hat and glove collection to help area children stay warm this winter. Donations will be distributed during December 22<sup>nd</sup>'s Skate with Santa event. Hats and gloves can be dropped off at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, the Recreation Center, fire or police stations through December 20<sup>th</sup>. For information call the Garfield Heights Civic Center at 475-1100.

Finally, I want to say that the Christmas Lighting Contest is on once again. Participate in this year's Annual Christmas Lighting Contest by nominating your favorite residential display. One winner in each Ward and a citywide winner will be chosen. Nomination deadline 4:00 p.m. December 12<sup>th</sup>. Please submit nominations by mail, Garfield Heights Civic Center or by e-mail [jduber@garfieldhts.org](mailto:jduber@garfieldhts.org) or fill out the form and put it in the box at the Civic Center. If you don't have a form I suggest you use the e-mail.

So those are the announcements that I had and I also want to talk a little bit about the Garfield Heights Democratic Club is sponsoring a debate to be held here at the Civic Center for the three Democratic candidates for Cuyahoga County Executive. It will be held on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The candidates are Shirley Smith, Armand Budish and Bob Reid. So far we've had two candidates respond: Shirley Smith and Bob Reid. Both will attend and we're waiting on Armand Budish's response. I applaud the Democratic Club for this because this is an opportunity for the residents of Garfield Heights to ask the candidates what they're going to do for us. What they're going to do for the inner ring suburbs and especially what they're going to do for Garfield Heights. They always come to us. We have a great Democratic Club. They come to us for our

support and our vote and I think it's only right that the Democratic Club is proper in asking them what they expect to do for Garfield Heights. So we're looking forward to that.

We'll get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 56. This ordinance was on the agenda last month. It's only coming back on because they wanted us to add the May 6, 2014 date to this legislation and that's what we're doing. Riley can get into that if you have any questions. Ordinance 69. This ordinance is to set up a special fund for the Bridgeview Project and Ron Tomola can get into that if you have any questions. Ordinance 70 is a first reading on joining the Regional Dispatch Center. We had a Council session last week. There were quite a few questions asked and I believe most of them were answered. From that time I had a couple calls from a dispatcher and a jailer that brought up some very significant concerns. One of them had to do with staffing. Trying to get more staffing for the new center to go through which I think is an excellent idea and the other one was some safety concerns about how many jailers would be available. We are addressing the concerns about the jailers. We have already tried to address the concerns about the staffing at the new Regional Dispatch. Ordinance 71. We're looking to entering into an agreement with Krock Esser Engineering Incorporated to provide engineering services to the city of Garfield Heights for 2014. I said this many times. Probably one of the best moves that myself and this Council made was switching engineers. We probably went from anywhere from \$300,000.00 to \$500,000.00 a year down to about \$20,000.00 a year or \$25,000.00. it was a great move and we have a great engineer. Dave, you do a hell of a job for us and we appreciate it very much. I urge Council to pass that ordinance.

Resolution 28 is a resolution on behalf of the achievements of Nelson Mandela. When you think about it from prison to the presidency of South Africa, Nelson Mandela was a true freedom fighter. We recognize him for his efforts. Resolution 29. A resolution ratifying the appointment of Janice Tubbs as a member of the Planning Commission of the City of Garfield Heights. Janice Tubbs has served with me on the Planning Commission for the last few years. She does an outstanding job and we're looking forward to keeping her on. Along with Resolution 30, ratifying an appointment of Pamela Wilkes as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the city of Garfield Heights. Pam has also been on for some time now and does a great job and I urge Council to pass this resolution for Pam. Resolution 31 ratifying the appointment of Reverend Robert Jones as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the city of Garfield Heights. Rev. Jones has been with us for many years and he's done a great job and he really stabilizes that Board and we're looking forward to keeping him on. Lastly, an emergency resolution ratifying an appointment of Frank Leone as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals of the city of Garfield Heights. Frank has also served very well on the Board and we're looking forward to keeping him on also. I urge Council to certainly pass that. With that, Mr. President, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Is there anyone that has any questions for the Mayor on his report? No one?

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Anyone? Well he has no report so we have no questions. Next is Police Chief Bob Sackett.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** Thank you. I want to address a couple of questions that were brought up last Monday. The first one that was brought up was I believe one of the jailers mentioned that he had booked five people within his shift that day. We did some looking at the whole year as far as how many people got booked in. Obviously it differs day by day, but there's about three days when it's between three and four prisoners. I talked to the supervisor of the

jail. We feel when you take away the other administrative duties that that should not be a problem. There were two days that we actually did 10 and 11 bookings and this is from a period from 6:30 in the morning till 5 o'clock in the evening. We have a contingency plan and if in fact we get backed up and we can take them right to Bedford Heights using the transport officer as opposed to booking them in our jail.

The other thing that was brought up by I believe by a few people were how many phone calls do you receive in dispatch. We can analyze that many ways. I looked at June and July of this year predominantly because those were the two busiest months and I think you ought to take the worst case scenario. For those two months total phone calls were 24,600 and some. That does not really tell you much in and of itself. It breaks down to just under 17 calls per hour for the dispatch area and each call averaged out as just over a minute—61 seconds. So you can analyze that how you like. There's probably a few ways of looking at it.

The other thing that we were able to do with the equipment is we can determine in any given time period how much time the dispatchers spend on the phone and on the radio. Obviously they do other things, but this is probably a good portion of this job spending on the radio and the phones. Again, looking at July and August of this year, the busiest months again, the highest was under 30% per dispatcher for those two duties. That would be encompassing all the radio traffic and all the phone calls which if you filtered out what's not going to go to a Regional Dispatch Center would drop somewhat.

I plan on e-mailing Council and the Mayor all these stats with hopefully some kind of explanation. If anybody else wants to give me a call or stop in, you can take a look and if you have any questions tonight about them, certainly ask, but after looking at these stats I think that the staffing that is budgeted for at the dispatch center is certainly sufficient.

I also looked at in all four cities as a whole. Garfield Heights is more than 1/3 of that workload as far as the 911 calls. So that being said I think that at our busy times we have two dispatchers and we project to have six dispatchers at the dispatch center so I think it works out that we're going to be more than adequately staffed, but like I said if anybody has any questions, call me at the office, stop in, whatever you like. With that you have my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Anyone have any questions?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Chief, regarding the amount of calls. The calls that the dispatchers get are not always for police assistance, are they?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** Every call does not translate into a car being sent if that's what you mean?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Are there some that come through there that are just transferred to different bureaus?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** Yes, and that would be some of the call log that would be filtered out of the dispatch center.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** With the dispatch center if this ordinance were to pass, where would those calls go then?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** There would more than likely be a phone tree that say you want to get my office you push whatever and you get to me directly as opposed to going through a dispatcher. Some of the other cities have set up these phone trees. What we quickly learned from their experience is that rather than simply call the dispatcher and get transferred people that call administrative offices regularly just are educated and they learn to call directly and avoid the tree.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Thank you. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Clmn Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I got one question for the Chief and if you'll allow me to go back to the Mayor and ask him a question, but I'll ask the Chief first. You said there's going to be a certain time frame. What hours is it going to be that nobody's going to be at the police station? If somebody walked in, say running off the street for an emergency what hours would there not be a body there to assist somebody? Like it's 4 o'clock or 5 o'clock that there is nobody there? Or is somebody going to be at the station throughout the night?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** There would be nobody assigned to the station. There wouldn't be a desk officer, if you will. There will never be a time that it's shut down. Probably what would happen is there will be somebody there at a window between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. After that the transport officer would be the guy that's there if he's not on a transport.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** There would be just a transport officer from 8 p.m. until 8 a.m. the next morning?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** Yes. If anybody came in and needed the police for whatever reason they picked up the phone and it would be the same process that we use now.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Mr. Chairman, can I go back to my desk fellow down there? Hey, Mayor, when did we first find out? We had entertained it early in the year and we had voted it down. When did we get knowledge that it was back up? Was it about mid-November or something that they notified you that we would have to vote on this again?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Mike, I can tell you from the time that it was turned down that they probably were in talks with us at least once every week or two from that time forward. There were many issues and most of them surrounded funding that we would not even sit down and talk to them until we knew exactly what the number was. We would not guess at what the number was. We were in contact with them quite a bit and there was many times when they come up and said this is the money we're going to get and they were right, but we didn't move until we knew it was definite and that's when the Cuyahoga County Council voted on giving us the money and whatever the findings were so they were in constant talks throughout the year but we got serious once it was verified that that funding was there.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Mayor, we was never considered figuring we are the biggest city of this group and we were never considered maybe that we would be that host for the regional setup for the dispatcher? What was the reason why they would not bring up the city of Garfield Heights versus putting it in that one room? I was told there's like one room that used to be alcohol and drug meeting room and that was the one they was turning into dispatch. We was never given consideration that maybe we should be able to host the regional setup?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Let me respond to that. Back when the first came up and we turned it down as a Council and as a community, at that time we were in the talks with everybody else. We were a part of the group. We backed out at the time which left three cities in. They made those decisions where that would be. We were not a part of those decisions. We were not a part of those talks. If you remember it was supposed to be at Bedford Hospital. That did not work out. They have gone to Bedford Heights. But we were not a part of that. If we were a part of it back then which I still agree we shouldn't have been, but if we would we might have had a little more say into what was going on. They made the decision because there was only three cities involved and that's what they decided.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** So is it written in stone? Or do we still have the ability to further negotiate it? Because if we needed room I look at the Cranwood School. It would have been a nice police station/courtroom and an opportunity for a new dispatch. That building is better than the buildings that we have. Cleveland would let the building go; they not going to do nothing. That would have been a great set up to relocate all that, including the dispatch.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** You may be right, Mike. That might be the best of all, but they made that decision and what are you going to do? Tell them for us to get in you got to come to Cranwood School or we are not getting in? Those decisions have already been made. They have people on board that are getting ready to go out and bid. It's hard to turn that around and reverse it.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I would tell them it's a better location and consider it for the future.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** I'm curious. What makes Cranwood a better location than that one?

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I would say in the case of Cranwood I'm just looking in the future. We always have an issue with the police, a problem with the Court building. A building like that could have parking accommodated in the surrounding. Just a thought there that allows us an opportunity for growth. You could put a jail in that Cranwood School. You could put Courts down there and everything is on one floor and if you have a dispatch group you'd have room for growth. I ain't been over there yet but I was told there's one room that they have for dispatch but there's no room for growth.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Chief, can you respond?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** One of the reasons I believe they picked that was there was no cost to it. The hospital was going to give the room at no cost which was obviously inviting to the group to start the whole thing off but when they were looking for another location there was no cost at all to use that room. That room is 5,000 square feet and there is a lot of room for growth. It's set up that there can be as many as 12 dispatch desks. There is room for growth and would I like those in Garfield Heights? Certainly, but to tell you the truth in the Garfield Heights Police Department we don't have the room and our building is somewhat older than theirs so I think that while we might like that argument based on the facts I don't see Bedford Heights City Hall being a bad place.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** Absent.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Any other questions? Next we'll have our Parks and Recreation Director, Bob Dobies.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Mr. President and Council Members, good evening. I have no report this evening. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Next will be our City Engineer, Dave Krock.

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** Thank you, Mr. President. Just a brief report. I want to let you know that the last meeting we passed the contract with GPD for the Granger Transportation Project. Just wanted to pass along to everyone that the design has started and that we are looking forward to construction next summer. The Turney Road Waterline Project that we've been working on we hope to have submitted to Cleveland Water here toward the end of the month, so things are moving along and that's the end of my report. Thanks.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Any questions of Mr. Krock? There being none, we'll move on to Finance Director, Ron Tomola.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to explain a little bit about Ordinance 69. It's not really for the Bridgeview Project. It's for the Roadway Improvements for the Granger Transportation Intersection. It is required that we set up a new fund under State law. Any time that you are involved in an Issue II project you should set up a separate fund to account for all the monies in that fund or in that project and that's what this piece does. Thank you.

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Anybody have any questions for Mr. Tomola? There being none, we will move on to our Building Commissioner, Bill Wervey.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** Good evening, Mr. President. The only thing I have is out of the funds from the prosecutor's Detac funding for demolition--the houses--out of the 24 houses that we had listed, nine of them are down, about five or six of the others had the asbestos and other things abated from the properties and there should be another five down. Since we are going to meet next week there should be five or six down over the next month or so. That's all I have this evening.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Any questions of the Building Commissioner on his report? There being none, we'll go on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's Agenda. If the Clerk will please read the rules?

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

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Is there anyone that would like to come up and speak on tonight's agenda?

Rebecca Burkey, 8304 Vista. I just had to bring up the issue of the staffing again. I noticed a lot of people had questions to the call intake. Yes, I do see that a lot of the administrative calls will

be a relief to the dispatcher, but when you are talking about the amounts of calls we take and what time is invested in each type of call you are receiving, some of the situations. One dispatcher per city if you are all going, it's still bringing it down really tight to overwhelming. I don't know how to explain it to you without like trying to describe my job in detail, but each call you can take can be either brief or it can last two hours. It entails a lot of getting information, running the information, entering missing people, entering stolen vehicles, taking them out, other calls, you get a fire, OK, sometimes I've had to call the gas company, the electric company, Red Cross, answering to the men on the radio at the same time I'm conducting these things. You need another partner and I still just don't feel five or even six people to a shift is adequate. God forbid three or four cities should have a major emergency at one time which we can have three and four running at times. No, it's not a daily occurrence, but when it hits, it hits hard and I'd hate to see someone overwhelmed and they could not do their job and somebody's life was on risk for it. I really think that should be thought about more.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** If I can respond, Becky, I heard that concern from you before and I want you to know that I did talk with some people on the phone and told them I'd rather be overstaffed in the beginning than understaffed and adjusted accordingly and they said they would bring that up at a meeting. I've been assured, nothing is guaranteed. I've been assured that there's going to be six and I hear the word five yet. I don't know if that's going to happen in the middle of the night. I don't know how that works, but I've been assured there is going to be six and I have asked to look at putting another one on to make sure because I'd rather reduce later than to find ourselves short. So I did present that.

**MS. BURKEY:** OK. I guess my only last statement was I realize we have a deadline and it concerns paying a fee if we were to join the COG at a later date. I myself personally would just really like to urge you to consider would it hurt to sit back and see this thing take off and see that it works correctly and then pay a small fee and then we could take the risk of only getting on part-time than just jumping in before we know what's going on? We just ran a new system today and the overwhelming effort it took to coordinate and get the system—I would just hope you would consider it. What would it hurt if we paid a small fee at a later date?

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you. Anyone else have any comments?

Bonnie Hackett, 544 Brookline Court, Northfield. In regards to the jail, Chief, you said that would be a transport person/jailer whatever you're going to call that person, 8 to 8. Is that going to be one person, two people? How would that be split up? Like Monday through Friday and somebody else on the weekends? Or is any of that thought about yet?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** Certainly. 8 to 8 was the time that the window would be open (the records window essentially). Those hours are going to be staggered to expand that so they don't have to shut the door, so to speak, at 4:00 p.m. or 4:30 p.m.

**MS. HACKETT:** OK. Maybe I misunderstood because I thought you said a transport person would be there.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** After 8:00 there will be a transport person on duty. Now that person could very well be there if they're not transporting somebody. They are really going to be either at the station or transporting somebody.

**MS. HACKETT:** That would be from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 in the morning?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** That would be from 8:00 p.m. till about 5:00 a.m. or 5:30 a.m.

**MS. HACKETT:** OK. Do you know yet how many people you're going to keep for that? How many is going to be left in the jail during the day?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** Essentially the plan is to keep one jailer Monday through Friday. There has to be at least somebody that still can be a part-time jailer when that person's off. Those hours Monday through Friday they are going to be essentially what you'd refer to as your day shift hours but they could be tweaked a little bit to make sure that person's there to accommodate the most bookings.

**MS. HACKETT:** How are you going to determine who those people are going to be?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** The full-time person?

**MS. HACKETT:** Correct and the part-time person.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** That's between the city and the Union.

**MS. HACKETT:** OK.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** The transport people will be part-time people probably drawn from the people we got working in the jail now. That would be my preference certainly. There'd be one out at a time.

**MS. HACKETT:** Those transporters do they need to be certified in carrying their weapon? Or no?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** Do they need to be?

**MS. HACKETT:** Correct.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** No. They would use the jail van. Obviously you could bring up the situation where you get that violent prisoner and like we do now somebody brings a man and somebody follows a man. That happens on occasion. The same scenario would happen just in Bedford Heights then.

**MS. HACKETT:** Just to clarify something. That transport person would they transport once that prisoner is brought into the jail or are they going to assist and take that person right at the scene of arrest?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** Ideally at the scene of arrest. I think most situations would allow that person. You know you're listening to the radio. You get the idea there's going to be an arrest so you start going to the area. Whether the person's in the car or not yet, transfer him to the van and take him out to Bedford Heights.

**MS. HACKETT:** During the day while the jail is open is that just going to hold the people that are arrested that sit there during the day and hold people that come down from Court that need to be housed and at the end of Court day that's when the jail closes and they are transported?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** That's correct. You've pretty much summed it up. Yes.

**MS. HACKETT:** OK. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you. Is there anyone else?

Bob Halan, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. I voice my opinion on the reservation of having a dispatcher system of a conglomerate of four cities, but I can understand the point of view, especially now because we would be on the ground floor and we have more say-so. But my hesitation is looking down the road whether it be two years, 10 years, in my lifetime or in yours. Regionalization of the dispatch is a step forward for the County takeover of our cities and that's what I'm afraid of. Someday they may come around and say well we've done this with the dispatch now let's do it with the Service Department. The next step would be the police and fire department. That's what I'm afraid of. We'll lose our identity as an individual city. We'll lose our power as City Council, Mayor and Department heads because the County would take over. I have reservations about the County. I seen what happened in the past, the corruption and I don't want us to be under the gun, but I do look forward with the Mayor in going on this one step the dispatch because technically I think it would be a sound idea, but going beyond that I do have deep reservations. I know there's going to be involved the Unions and that might be your deciding factor of the rebuking of the total regionalization. I look forward to moving the city forward and maybe this part with the dispatch is a good step to do that, but I'd be very careful after that. Thank you.

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

Resident: Generalized speaking, correct? Not just in regard to the dispatch?

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** It's with the items that are on tonight's agenda.

Resident: Can I be open to just an idea in general? This is my first Council Meeting. I have never been to one before.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Did you want to talk about an item that's on tonight's agenda?

Resident: I have a couple I guess opinions on them.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Go ahead.

Brittany Corsi, 9811 Parkview Avenue. Two to three weeks ago I was issued a ticket for parking on our grass.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** That has nothing to do.

**MS. CORSI:** So I can't formulate a story?

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** We have a part in our meeting where it's called Miscellaneous Business.

**MS. CORSI:** So that's when I could speak?

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Yes, you can. OK?

**MS. CORSI:** OK.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Is there anyone else that would like to speak on tonight's agenda?

Anthony Kastelic, 6302 Dunham Road, Maple Heights. I work in the jail. I had a few questions or statements I guess. One, to me it sounds like we're shutting the jail but we're keeping the same amount of hours of business. In other words there's going to be 24 hours, seven days a week worth of coverage back in the jail or whatever you want to call it. Whether you call it a transport officer, a corrections officer, whatever. My question is would there be three full-time corrections officers? I find it hard to believe that there is not enough wiggle room to keep all three on as full-time considering that you are going to be operating 24 hours a day seven days a week, the same amount of time in the jail. No one has stated that the jail hours that are budgeted now are actually going to be cut. You're still going to have 24 hours worth of activity going on back there seven days a week.

My other question is how much is Bedford Heights charging the city of Garfield Heights to house their prisoners and how much is the city of Bedford Heights charging for the dispatch center to be there? I'm sure the city that each city that is out of the loop, Maple, Garfield has to pay a fee. To get rid of three dispatchers, two jailers as it stands right now is a cost savings of probably over \$400,000.00 a year when you include benefits. I have not really heard the difference between moving the dispatch center to Bedford Heights and what the cost to that is compared to what the exact savings would be for the city of Garfield Heights considering the amount of people that are basically going to lose their jobs.

Also I was wondering if anybody happened to look in because we were told that the police radios that the patrolmen are going to get are going to be free on a grant however you want to look at it. What the actual cost would be to put a 700 radio system in dispatch by itself without joining the other cities? I don't know that that has been said directly to us anyway.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Let me answer the first part of this question. Tony, when it's all broken down and we look at what we're paying now in our budget for the entire jail and dispatch operation and what we'll be paying under this new program the first year the savings is around and Ron, you correct me if I'm wrong around \$60,000.00 or \$70,000.00. The year after that it will be around \$160,000.00. At the end of the five year period it will be between \$700,000.00 and \$800,000.00. That's the savings if that's the question you asked. That's factoring in the extra transport officer, that's factoring everything in that we know about that as an expense and then we look at the difference in the budgets and my understanding is also that Garfield Heights will be paying 26% of that budget. As the Chief said earlier we are about one third of the calls so when you look at it in that respect Garfield's doing pretty good.

**MR. KASTELIC:** So what is that amount exactly? That the city's going to have to pay to go over to Bedford Heights? Is each city paying a fee in other words and what is that amount that they're paying?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** It's actually not a fee.

**MR. KASTELIC:** Are you just paying for the people that are going there and that's it? Are you just paying their salaries and 36% of the dispatchers that you take?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** Here is the way it's configured. There's a budget of \$1.8 some million dollars that's the anticipated cost for a year for the dispatch center. Our share of it is 26%. That's how the whole formula is figured. The reason it's 26% is because based on everybody's 2012 dispatch only budgets ours was 26% of the total. That's how they come up with that so I don't really think it's a fee.

**MR. KASTELIC:** So what's that amount that 26%?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** I think it's 465. I'd have to do the math again but I think it's 465.

**MR. KASTELIC:** So in essence you are basically paying for the dispatcher's salaries and benefits. You're going to be in a brand new center. I understand that, but basically if you add it out you are just paying for the cost of the dispatchers.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** The dispatchers are probably 95% certainly 90% of the total budget and that's what it is now.

**MR. KASTELIC:** Right so it goes back to my question had anybody ever looked at if Garfield would just get a system and a grant for a dispatch system similar to the one as far as radio frequency guess on their own as to oppose of going in? Because you are moving a lot of people and paying for their salaries to be over there if Garfield's going to contribute \$460,000.00 what will the cost to the city actually be if they put a new radio system in dispatch itself and didn't move over there? You're still going to pay for the dispatchers' salaries. What would the system cost itself?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** The radio system is pretty much not connected with this whole program at this point. Last year it was very connected. This year it's really not connected. Whether we do this or not, we're going to end up with 700 frequency radios.

**MR. KASTELIC:** So I guess it goes back to if you're paying the people's salaries that's the real purpose of moving over?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Tony, presently we have 11 dispatchers and we pay seven full-timers and four part-timers and we have eight or however it works out but we're talking about leaving us seven and four. That's 11 total. If we go over there and let's say we bring five or six, how do you figure the salary would be the same? That's where you're losing me.

**MR. KASTELIC:** No. I don't. That's what I'm asking. If the salary is going to be \$460,000.00 there, what is the actual savings compared to if you just kept the people where they're at?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** The savings is \$160,000.00 a year, Tony.

**MR. KASTELIC:** \$160,000.00 or how does it grow to \$160,000.00? Initially you say it's \$70,000.00 then it gets to \$160,000.00. It like tears itself up.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Everything is done by projections. We project what our cost is going to be in 2014, 2015 all the way through. Then they project what the cost is going to be for 2014, 2015 all the way through with the Regional Dispatch. That's where the difference comes.

**MR. KASTELIC:** OK.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** The reason the first year is lower is because there's a lot of costs associated with people moving, whether they get a job there or not, there is still costs associated with it. When you leave I don't know how much sick time you have but you're going to be expecting to be paid out for any sick time and that's what Ron has figured for the first year. That's why the first year there's less savings to the city. The savings essentially on manpower for the dispatch is \$160,000.00 a year. Because four can do it cheaper than one. That's what it comes down to as far as that goes.

The jail hours. The jail as it stands now is essentially a wash. The reason the jail's part of it is because it's not safe to have one jailer back there with nobody else in the building. The jail hours that you mentioned. There actually are going to be a little less hours because you're not going to have two jailers back there at times so there are less hours. So that's why it's not just as easy to keep it here.

The other thing you have to understand about the jail and you guys know this. Some others may not exactly know what I'm talking about is what the County pays. Right now we're doing pretty good because the County pays us for certain prisoners. That hasn't always been. We all know at a moments' notice they can change that and suddenly we go from \$75,000.00 a year down to zero which adds to the cost. There is a big push right now about exactly that. I don't think they have an exact plan on how the County's going to do it, but it looks like from the meetings they've had is that the County is going to end up very quickly housing all their own prisoners there and jails like us are not going to be able to house them. Our costs really don't go down, but our revenue coming in goes down, which increases the cost of the jail.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Mr. Kastelic, your time is up.

**MR. KASTELIC:** OK. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Is there anyone else that has any questions? Anyone else that has any questions on tonight's agenda?

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** There being none, we'll move on to Ordinances and Resolutions beginning with Ordinance 56-2013. If the Clerk would read the title please.

**ORDINANCE NO. 56-2013 (AMENDED)**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, KNOWN AS ORDINANCE NO. 121-1962, PROVIDING FOR THE REVISION OF THE BUILDING ZONE MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF CERTAIN PARCELS ENUMERATED AS FOLLOWS:

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On its adoption, starting with Clmn Nenadovich.  
VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 56-2013 passes with 7 Yes votes.  
AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

ORDINANCE NO. 69-2013

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ESTABLISH THE GRANGER ROAD / TRANSPORTATION BLVD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT FUND, NUMBER 402, WITHIN THE CITY'S BUDGETARY FUND STRUCTURE.

Moved by GLENN to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On its adoption, starting with Clmn Glenn.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 69-2013 passes with 7 Yes votes.

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

ORDINANCE NO. 70-2013

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A CENTRAL SAFETY FORCES DISPATCH CENTER TO BE KNOWN AS THE SOUTHEAST EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION CENTER ("SECC") THROUGH THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS ("SRCG") IN COOPERATION WITH THE CITY OF BEDFORD HEIGHTS, THE CITY OF BEDFORD AND THE CITY OF MAPLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to PASS FOR A SECOND READING:

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 70-2013 will be put on the agenda for next week's meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 71-2013

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH KROCK ESSER ENGINEERING, INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES TO THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS FOR 2014.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On its adoption, starting with Councilperson Marincic.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Before I vote I'd like to say one thing. Since we got Mr. Krock over here it's been a big difference. I had an issue with the stream discoloration and not only did he go out there and take a look but he got the Corps of Engineers to find where the discoloration was

coming from because a lot of people were very concerned. Even when we had the blockage you didn't have to call them twice. You called them one time and it's taken care of and I tell you you been the best we had since I been here and I really appreciate that and I vote Yes.

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 71-2013 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 28-2013

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS HONORING THE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENTS OF NELSON MANDELA.

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Dudley.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Before I vote I'd like to say one thing. It's really something to see somebody put their life on the line and be willing to go and be locked up over 27 years for something they believe in. But I want people to understand can you imagine in the city of Garfield Heights if you could only work in the city of Garfield Heights but you couldn't live in the city. At the end of the day you would have to go home. Could you imagine not being allowed to vote in the city of Garfield Heights but yet you worked in the city of Garfield Heights, but then again you couldn't live in it? That's exactly what he fought against. That was a country where he grew up. That was his country, but yet they had no rights. What we take for granted here they were incarcerated, they was killed for what we take as a luxury. You just can't imagine what he went through. Imagine what some of them people went through. It's good to believe this we have people and I tell you the people today won't even fight. Things that you all fight for right now. Won't be shot and won't be killed, but people won't stand up no more. What individual would be willing to put their life on what they believe in but people just don't fight the same no more. They lost their touch. They done lost their strength of belief. I want to tell people. You believe in something. You never ever quit, even when the odds are against you you must stand up. With that I thank you Mr. Chairman. I vote Yes.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Before I vote I want to say that I believe Nelson Mandela was a man of honor. He was a man of action. He was a true humanitarian. He will be missed and there will never be anybody like him again. I vote Yes.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Mr. Mandela was a martyr for his cause. I vote Yes.

**CLMN GLENN:** I'd like to say that Mr. Mandela was a non-violent person. Everything he accomplished he accomplished non-violently and became President of the country. I vote Yes.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** I would just like to echo what the other Members of Council have said. I vote Yes.

**CLMN BURKE:** I would also like to echo what the rest of the Council Members have said and just hope that Mr. Mandela, hope that some of the young kids today would follow in his footsteps. I vote Yes.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Resolution 28-2013 passes with 7 Yes votes.  
AYES: Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn

RESOLUTION NO. 29-2013

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF JANICE TUBBS AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO DURING THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2013 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Vaughn.  
VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Before I vote I'd like to say that me and Janice and her sister Joyce and her mom has been friends for numerous years. Every time you sit at home and you watch this on television that's the young lady who came and she met with the Mayor and the Mayor really embraced the idea and the reason why we got Council meetings being aired out to the residents who can't make it. It was her idea. I tell you she's one smart young lady and she's a good true friend and I tell you she is a strong lady. A strong woman. With that, bless her heart for being a good friend for plenty of years that we will still make our friendship and I vote Yes.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Resolution 29-2013 was adopted with 7 Yes votes.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 30-2013

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF PAMELA WILKES AS A MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2014 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Nenadovich.  
VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Resolution 30-2013 passes with 7 Yes votes.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 31-2013

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION RATIFYING A REAPPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF REV. ROBERT JONES AS A MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, FOR THE TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2014 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018.

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On its adoption, beginning with Mr. Dudley.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Before I vote I wanted to say I have known Rev. Jones for about 19 years. He has seen all my children. We done raised nine kids in the city of Garfield Heights and seven of them are like 27 to 33 years of age. He actually is a retired police officer out of the city of Cleveland 4<sup>th</sup> District. He's been a good neighbor and like a second dad to me and also like a grandparent to my kids because my father's actually in the city of Houston, Texas. With that he's a great individual and I think his input is great for that Board. With that I vote Yes.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Resolution 31-2013 passes with 7 Yes votes.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 32-2013

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF FRANK LEONE AS A MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2014 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On its adoption, beginning with Mr. Vaughn.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Resolution 32-2013 passes with 7 Yes votes.

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

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** We will now move on to Comments By Citizens. If the Clerk would read the rules please.

**CLERK:** Comments shall be restricted to any problem a citizen has which has previously been submitted to his/her Councilperson or to the city hall department directly involved. If submission of a problem to a city hall department or a Councilperson is made and there is a lack of service rendered in this regard, the problem may then be presented during Comments from Citizens at a future meeting. It is the intention of this rule that no request of a first nature is presented on the floor at this time. Comments shall be limited to five minutes. No citizen shall be heard more than once.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Is there anyone that has anything?

Brittany Corsi, 9811 Parkview Avenue. Would that be your Ward, Nancy?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Yes, it is.

**MS. CORSI:** So one of the issues that we had a couple weeks ago was parking on our grass. City ordinance I guess you're not allowed to. Not on the lawn, not on the sidewalk, not obstructing anybody's way of getting through the street, etc. We were ticketed. The reasons that we parked on our grass was because our windshield had been shot in, eggs had been thrown at our vehicles, writing had been done to them, vandalized from the children and youth on our street who play. We made calls to the dispatchers, yet it never seemed to be resolved. Sunday morning after I spoke to the Prosecutor who instructed me park in your driveway, don't park on the grass, if we have any other problems I'll make sure they're taken care of as far as tickets for parking. Sunday morning our vehicle was stolen from our driveway. This morning they found it completely burnt down. We had never had a problem parking on our grass to avoid these situations and listening to the Police Department and listening to the city. Park your car in your driveway. We parked our car in our driveway and now our vehicle is stolen. That is one of the issues that I wanted to bring up as far as the Police Department is concerned. I'm sure you might have seen my four-page letter?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** I most certainly did.

**MS. CORSI:** Now how do you feel about all of the things that I mentioned, now knowing that our car is burnt to nothing?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** Obviously I feel bad your car was stolen and burnt. When you were ticketed for parking on the grass, were you on the front or the back yard?

**MS. CORSI:** Our front yard because as ordinance you have to have a fence around your pool which doesn't enable all of our vehicles to fit.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** Don't get me wrong. You can't park in the back yard grass either. I guess my point would be I really don't think your car was stolen because it was in the driveway as opposed to on the front lawn.

**MS. CORSI:** If it is parked in our front lawn it's not in the front. It's more towards our porch which is right next to our home where our two dogs can see and sense somebody being there. We can also sense that and hear the noise versus at the end of our driveway closest to the street it's this far away from our sidewalk. We do not hear. We do not see. Even our dogs can't even sense that someone was stealing the car. Apart from that one of the comments I wanted to make on the dispatchers. I don't know what was discussed prior. I don't know anything that you guys discussed here. It's my first time being here, but if you want to solve the problem, you need the officers on the streets, not more dispatchers so they can get the calls of all the problems that are going on. We have to resolve the problems that are in our community versus let's set up more people since we have so many problems and we'll just have them keep calling and calling and then nothing happens. Our street after the parking ticket our street I called the Police Department and had it on special watch every night. Special watch on our street and yet our vehicle was stolen.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Brittany, can I ask you a question?

**MS. CORSI:** Sure.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Is your suggestion that we should change the ordinance to allow people to park on the lawns?

**MS. CORSI:** That is one of them because now when I have to go buy my sister a new car so she can go to college every day I'm not parking it in the same place.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** You really think that if everybody parked their cars on the lawn it would be a lot safer city?

**MS. CORSI:** No. However I do feel that a lot of things are being paid attention to that are not helping resolve any of the matters in this city. You know there's some small issues that citizens in the community is being ticketed for yet it's not solving any of the problems or getting rid of any of the crime. We've lived in our house for 23 years on the same street. We know what happens there. You guys don't. We know how to protect ourselves. We know how to be safe in our home. You guys don't live there.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** I got to be honest with you. I been around for a while and I'm not saying you're wrong, but this is the first time I ever hear that if you park on your front lawn it's going to be a safer city. It's the first. You may be right, but it would be very hard for the residents of Garfield Heights, I believe, to agree with you and if we were to come out and say. If you're talking about the dispatchers as a minor thing, but you keep telling the people that we need to have everybody park on the lawns to make Garfield Heights safe, is a major thing? I don't know where you're coming from?

**MS. CORSI:** That's why I feel like I'm at a point where I'm just hitting against the wall every time I try to explain something and you guys are just closing your minds off to the issues. It's like Obama being concerned with the Redskins when there's so much other things going on.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Give us an example. What are we concerned with and what can we do to help your situation?

**MS. CORSI:** For example, you guys want to restructure and make sure that the road is going through what is that? City View?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Yes.

**MS. CORSI:** OK. All those buildings look like a call of duty video. They're not even complete. There's grass growing on the buildings. You drive there and it's completely abandoned. It's falling off. Half the stores are not even open. Why are we wasting money to build a road where there's nothing when you could be building programs for kids that get out of school to reduce all the problems we have in this city? To reduce all of the violence?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** And that's a perfect example of what you said earlier about not coming to Council Meetings and not being sure what's going on. I suggest you come because the road going through to Rockside doesn't cost the city anything. We need that done to make those shopping centers come back to life. People that left there left because there's no road. That's the reason that's a very important issue. So those are things you have to. At least watch the Council Meetings on TV because that's what comes up and that's where you get that information.

**MS. CORSI:** I thought that they left because the methane was so bad that the foundation was cracking in half.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** See, that's again, misinformation. The methane problem has always been a myth. It's been a myth that Wal-Mart started. It was a myth.

**MS. CORSI:** So then the fans coming from the ground with all that stinky stuff that's just a myth?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** No, there's methane in every landfill, Brittany. If you see any landfills, you're going to see they have extraction systems to bring the methane gas out. OK? But we had the Director of the EPA from Columbus come in and say the site is perfectly safe. We had the Health Department come and say the place is perfectly safe. So we have to go with what the experts say. I have to agree with them.

**MS. CORSI:** How does it not cost us anything to build that road?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Because it's not our road. Somebody else is putting it in.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Brittany, your time is up.

**MS. CORSI:** All right.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** If you want, maybe after the meeting you can talk to the Chief more about your problems? OK? Is there anyone else that has anything they would like to say?

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** There being none, we will go on to Miscellaneous Business, and tonight we will start with Clmn Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup> we'll have the Ward 7 Block Watch. We invite everybody to attend. We'll be having our Christmas party. We will not have a guest speaker. Very low key. I ask everybody to come down and join us.

Today is the last day that Nicki will be up here with us. She is done with her assignment. She can go back and finish her last semester at Cleveland State. I want to say thank you. I enjoyed filling out your report card last night. Brought great joy to my heart to do it. It's really easy to make that "F" folks. No, she did a great job and I wish you a lot of luck and I look forward to seeing you involved in local government in the future. Thank you. That is all I have for tonight. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Mr. Burke.

**CLMN BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to actually say thank you to David Krock and also Tim McLaughlin who is not here, but those lights on Granger Road at that exit on Granger Road and I-480, those lights are up and running and the place just looks a lot nicer and safer now. So I want to say thanks.

I also want to remind everybody that there is not going to be a combined Block Watch meeting the first week in January. For whatever reason that group has decided to wait till February. That's all I have. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Thank you. I'll go next. I just want to remind everybody that there is a Council meeting again next Monday because we won't have one on the 23<sup>rd</sup> because of Christmas so that will be that.

I'd just like to read something that was on the Internet yesterday. I'll read it to you and then you can take your own thoughts out of it. When I tell you who wrote it you will understand. It says:

"No one is born hating another person because of the color of their skin or his background or his religion. People learn to hate and if they can learn to hate they can be taught to love for love comes far more naturally to a human's heart than its opposite."

That was written by Nelson Mandela. With that we'll go on to Mr. Glenn.

**CLMN GLENN:** Thank you, Chairman. I just want to remind everybody that we're going around in Ward 4, the whole city, the lighting of the houses, the contest. It's a fun thing to do and it lights up the city. That being said, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Mr. Nenadovich.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Yes, keep it short and brief. Saturday was a very, very memorial day December 7<sup>th</sup> a day when many, many thousands and thousands of people lost their lives so that you can come here and talk like you want to. So you can voice your opinion. December 7<sup>th</sup> Pearl Harbor Day. We're still losing men and women. We're losing our servicemen daily and I won't stop preaching about it till the day I die. The Veterans are very dear to my heart. The active service people. Say a little prayer when you go home tonight in your night prayers for all those people that lost their lives since conflicts started in this country, in this world and remember they're doing it for us. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ms. Marincic.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** First of all I'd like to announce that starting next year every other month beginning with February, then April, then June, then August, October and finally in December I'm going to hold a Safety Committee meeting six months out of the year. I will be able to announce the date and the time and the topic of each one once I contact my fellow City Council Members and get their opinion, but I can tell you right now the first one, possibly two are always going to be about individual Ward specific safety issues and concerns because no two Wards are alike. Mrs. Corsi, I can't thank you enough for coming up here. No one should have to go through what you went through. I'm hoping that with the help of our Police Department we can get to the bottom of this

We have a Block Watch meeting that is the first Wednesday of each month. There will not be one this January, but starting in February. They are at 7 o'clock in the main dining room upstairs. You not only learn about safety issues throughout town. There are a lot of topics of information that will keep you informed about the city. Also there's a Grapevine newsletter that drop off at your house. I try to keep everybody as informed as I can in that too. But thank you very much for coming up.

I would like to thank Mrs. Sikon for taking the time and putting us on her calendar for tonight. You did a fantastic job. And finally I'd like to wish every body a safe holiday season and remind you that there are pick pockets out there and people trying to get your credit card number and to be very careful. That's all I have for tonight.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Mr. Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Saved the best for last. All right. First of all I'm really sorry to hear about your car. I woke up one morning, not since I live in Garfield and went to get in the car and the car wasn't there. When I got it back the car had been just so soiled that I didn't even want it no more and just let them keep it in the impound. It was a beautiful '79 Chrysler. Beautiful car.

Second of all, just in case, I would like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas because we never know who all ain't going to make it to the next meeting, so that's my Merry Christmas to you all.

Last but not least, this is a short poem that I wrote thinking about Nelson Mandela and it says:

"For we are like stallions who roam on the prairie  
not caring about the other color for only we  
know that they are there but the most important thing that you must see  
is that color means nothing to me."

I wrote that myself about him. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. That will be all. Made it short today didn't I? And I'd like to make a motion that we adjourn.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. All those in favor of adjourning signify by saying Yea. All opposed. The meeting is adjourned.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:20 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Joseph M. Suster  
President of Council

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Barbara Molin  
Clerk of Council