

# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

## CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, February 9, 2015

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

**INVOCATION BY:** Councilman Michael Nenadovich

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Roll call please.

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

**READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:**

**CLMN BURKE:** Mr. President, I make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the city of Garfield Heights Monday, January 26, 2015 as written.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On the motion made by Mr. Burke, all in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed? That passes.

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

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:** None.

**LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE:** None.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** There being none we will move on to the reports of the Mayor and his Directors. Mayor, do you have a report for us this evening?

**REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:**

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Mr. Chairman, yes I do. Thank you. Good evening, Council and residents. Tonight I want to start my report by talking a little bit about our Christmas Lighting Contest winners. We had a great group of entries into our contest this year. There were many houses turned in. We had a crew go out and choose what they thought was the best for each Ward. Tonight we have asked the Ward winners to come up and we also have a grand prize winner. If we could do that right now? Mr. Chairman, with your permission I would like to call these winners up? If you're here please come up in front of the microphone and I will meet you there to give you an award.

Ward 1. The Hurley Family.

Ward 2. The Sanchez-Aponte Family.

Ward 3. Cleston and Linda Hensley.

Ward 4. We don't have a name, but the address was 4948 East 86<sup>th</sup> Street.

Ward 5. Susan and Tony Kolcinko.

Ward 6. Chris and Helen Szemacs.

Ward 7. Alexis Bogucki and Scott Acevedo.

Also the Tagliarini Family. Would you please come up?

First of all we appreciate what you do in the city. It makes the city look great during the Christmas holidays. We'll take a group picture afterwards.

This year's citywide winner of all the Wards is the Tagliarini Family.

*(A group photo of the contest winners with the Mayor and Council was taken.)*

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Anybody that received the award or anyone else if you need to go somewhere you don't have to stay for the whole meeting. It would be nice if you wanted to stay and see what's going on in Council and the city but if you do have to go, we certainly understand.

I'm going to continue with my report. Council I would like to talk a little bit about our Family Resource Center. We received a yearly report. I placed it on the desk for everybody. I'd like to read a little bit about this. This is one of the huge successes that this Administration put in just a couple years ago and it's been an unbelievable success. It starts off by saying what is the Family Resource Center? It is an office where Garfield residents of all ages from all walks of life are welcomed and embraced by an unmistakable caring spirit. First and foremost we listen to the needs of each resident whether they call for help or walk into the Resource Center. Each person is respected and guaranteed confidentiality. While the Resource Center cannot offer monetary help we try and match the needs of the residents with a resource that can. Some of the issues we help residents resolve this past year included mental health resources, evictions, domestic violence, foreclosure, employment, addiction issues, utilities, family issues, clothing, food and homelessness. There were 428 intake calls taken; 166 walk-ins, 122 administrative meetings. It turns out the Garfield Heights Family Resource Center residents of all ages. The chart below displays how many adults and youth were served in 2014. They served 376 youths and 518 young adults. So they are doing a great job. The lady that's responsible for this has been absolutely unbelievable. Ruth Pollack has done an absolutely great job. She's a member of the Cuyahoga County Heroin Task Force, Marymount Hospital Community Advisory Council, the Garfield Heights Chamber of Commerce and on behalf of the Family Resource Center, Ruth has been invited to speak throughout Greater Cleveland about her accomplishments and what she does. There was a couple years ago Chief Sackett and myself and Judge Nicastro sat down to talk about this program. It started from a talk in my office to we are the talk of the County with this resource center. She does a great job and this is her annual report and when you see her, please give her a pat on the back because Ruth does a great job. Thank you for that.

Next I wanted to talk a little bit about Turney Road. God, it's going to look great soon. Let me tell you folks, we know it's a mess. We really do. We know there's potholes. We try to stay on top of them. The construction equipment that's going over that pavement makes it tough. They fill those holes in the morning and by afternoon they're back to potholes. It's a tough project. It's not easy. When you call my office and talk to me about the mess on Turney Road, believe me, we know about it. Dave Krock our Engineer, is in contact with the construction company on a daily basis. We know that this is going to be a mess for a couple of years but there's no way around it. We have to put a waterline in first because if you didn't do that you'd just be breaking the new resurgence up to fix these water main breaks that are breaking constantly all over. Bear with us for two years. I've been down that road. I know how bad it is. You have to slow down. People are calling saying they are getting flat tires; their rims are bent. I understand that there's a problem here and it's hard to see the holes when the snow's there, but please be careful and

if you can avoid Turney Road by all means, do that, but this is a great project that we have being done in Garfield Heights. We certainly want to take advantage of it.

With that said, there's another project I wanted to talk about and that's the multi-street resurfacing Phase II. It has been awarded to the city of Garfield Heights. The OPWC has awarded the city a grant for \$508,000.00 for the resurfacing of four streets: Greenview, Runnymede, East 117<sup>th</sup> and East 132<sup>nd</sup>. Waterlines also will be replaced with the project paid for by the Cleveland Water Department. The total project cost is \$1,695,000.00 and there is no cost to the city. This is done completely by funding that our people have been able to go out and acquire. I know this makes a total of about 11 streets that we're having repaved and I know that's not a lot in the city of hundreds of streets, but boy, it's a start and these streets need it bad and we're able to do that without any funding thanks to the County for them being so gracious to help us out here. We're going to continue pushing on them to get as many streets done as we can.

The last thing I want to say before I get into legislation tonight is we had a resident, a great resident, a young lady by the name of Josephine Lakota, Jo Lakota, who was a big part of the city. Every time we had an affair, Jo Lakota made bakery and the bakery was phenomenal. Every time I asked for anything and I always asked Jo to make bakery for us, she did. A big part of the community. She passed away last week and she is going to be sorely missed. I wanted to announce that because everybody in Garfield Heights is important to the city. Every resident is, but some of them stand up and they take that little extra step and Jo really did. So we're going to miss Jo Lakota. To her family and to her friends our deepest respects. My wife and I give our deepest sympathies along with Council and the entire city. Thank you very much.

OK. Tonight's ordinances 64 and 65 will be the Second Reading on the commercial vehicle parking penalties. Ordinance 4-2015 Noreen's going to get into in her report.

Resolution 1-2015 is approval to apply for the community for the Community Recycling Awareness Grant from Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District. We need to put this in. They offer us money to do some great things as far recycling projects. They've helped us before and we're looking for more help from them with this grant.

Mr. Chairman, the last thing I have to say is by a majority of the residents have asked me to portray this to Council. Please talk into the microphones, Council, because they're telling me they can't hear you at home. So make sure you speak up, because we don't have the best sound system and we need to make sure everyone talks directly into the microphone.

With that said, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Mayor. Are there any questions of the Mayor on his report? Are there any questions of the Mayor on his report? I have one. A lot of people are going to be asking this question. How were those four streets chosen to be resurfaced?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** I can give you an answer. We do an evaluation of the streets to see the worst streets. We put in a very large list. Dave Krock will certainly get into that in his report. He'll take off on this. The County then comes out, I believe, and gives their choice of what streets they think meet the specs to approve. Dave can get into that on his report, Joe.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Thank you.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** What were the streets again?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Greenview, Runnymede, East 117<sup>th</sup> and East 132<sup>nd</sup>.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Any other questions? We'll move on to our Law Director Tim Riley.

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you. Police Chief Robert Sackett. Do you have a report for us this evening?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** Yes, I do. Thank you. A lot of you probably heard. It was in the news recently about the security breach at Anthem Insurance Company. I have some additional information on that. In addition to the security breach itself, other scammers moved in to try to take advantage of that situation. If you get any e-mails from Anthem, do not open them. If you get any phone calls, ignore them. They're scams. Anthem will contact you via U.S. mail. That's the official way and then they do whatever they do about this security breach. If you're a victim of the security breach don't become a victim a second time by falling for one of these scams. They're going to ask you for your information and they're going to use that for identity theft. So just be aware of that.

Also in relation to scams, it kind of pains me to have to say this because I've said it so many times, but it happened again. The age old bank scam where somebody calls a resident and says I'm from the bank and I'm investigating an employee. Please help us out. Take some money out. Give it to me and you'll be helping catch a bad person. It's a scam. It worked again in Garfield Heights I'm sorry to say. Please be aware of that, pass it on if you have relatives that are older than yourself because that's who they prey on. Please pass it on. If you have to, be a little nosy with your relatives and make sure that they're not doing it because what happens is we didn't get a report. This wasn't reported to us by the resident. It was by the bank so naturally people they feel a little embarrassed and they don't want to report it.

On a bit of a lighter note, a couple years ago there was probably some of you here when we swore in the new K-9s. If you remember one of the dogs (Arlo) was able to put his paw on the Bible to get sworn in. That picture hit the Internet and actually it did us some good because it got us brought to the attention of the foundation that gave us free vests for the dogs. So that was obviously a good thing. Now I just came to find out that a guy in California wrote a book called K-9s in the Courtroom, geared obviously toward K-9 officers, and he asked permission to use that picture so now that picture is infamous on the cover of a book. The only good thing about is that it's mainly Arlo and he was able to keep Officer Merchant and myself out of it. With that you have my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Chief. Is there any questions of the Chief on his report? Is there any questions of the Chief on his report? There being none we'll move on to Service Director, Tim McLaughlin.

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. The last two weeks basically there's been a lot of snow as we all know. The storm that started on Super Bowl Sunday at five in the morning we were called out. We worked 38 hours straight to clear the streets. We had four main crews during the nighttime and during the day I had to rotate. We

only had so many drivers. For the last two-week period we had 81 hours out on the trucks times the amount of employees that are out. It worked out to be 320 man hours in two weeks and we used 931 tons of salt in two weeks. That's a huge amount, but streets freeze, other things that went on, it was difficult at times because people were having Super Bowl parties; streets were full of cars. You couldn't tow or ticket everybody. We tried to work around that. Some people did not cooperate and left their cars out the whole storm. We did have problems with snow plows and residents blowing all the snow back into the streets. We did the best that we could. I think within eight or ten hours after the final snow on Monday we had the streets cleared that were passable. I thought we did a pretty good job for the type of situation that it was.

We also tried to start working on the sidewalks and the bridges around all the city buildings, getting them cleaned. That was very tough too because of the large amount of snow and ice. They froze and the snow blowers would not work. You had to chip at them and salt them and come back to them.

Also we've been trying to do as the Mayor mentioned, the best we can with patching the streets. Every street has some holes. We're trying to get the big ones so they don't do any kind of damage. Warner Road hill we been on for three days. Turney Road we can be on Turney Road twice a day. It's what it is with the cold and the popping and the traffic and like the Mayor said on Turney with all the construction, but we're doing the best we can with that too. With that you have my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Does anybody have any questions of Mr. McLaughlin on his report?

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Tim, are we utilizing that new machine we bought to patch the holes?

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** No, we haven't had it out for about six or seven weeks. You cannot use it when it's raining. The gravel and stuff has to be dry. Plus with 12 drivers and working 38 hours straight there's not a whole lot of guys left. I use mechanics, maintenance guys and custodians on buildings, etc. to get the streets cleared of snow. Probably in another couple weeks that truck will be out. I'm hoping for a good March, but once the weather's half way decent for a period the truck will be out right away.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** You guys are doing a good job with the snow.

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Are there any other questions of Mr. McLaughlin on his report? There being none we'll go on to Parks and Recreation Director Bob Dobies.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Mr. President and Council Members, good evening. Just a couple items this evening. I would like to remind everyone that this weekend we'll entertain the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Melt the Ice Hockey Tournament. The tournament starts Friday, runs through Saturday and Sunday and Monday. Friday, Saturday, Sunday it will start at approximately 8:00 a.m. and run till 10 p.m. Then the championships on Monday will begin at 8:00 a.m. This tournament benchmarks the ending of another successful youth hockey season and is held in honor of Mr. Chuck Korelko, one of our founding fathers of our program. Please make room on your calendars for an exciting week of hockey and come out and support our local youth.

Futsal, our indoor soccer program, has begun practices over the last two weeks. Regular season games begin tomorrow February 10<sup>th</sup> and will continue to the end of March. This is one of our most popular programs and we're looking forward to another exciting season.

As we wind down the ice season, the Rec Department will host March Madness, a residents appreciation and skate day, with a reduced admission on March 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Proof of residency is required.

Although the snow is still on the ground we may not be thinking of spring yet, but t-ball and softball notifications will be sent out shortly to all last year's participants. Signups will begin March 2<sup>nd</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> for t-ball and March 23<sup>rd</sup> through April 24<sup>th</sup> for softball. T-ball is co-ed for five to seven years olds and girls' softball ages are from seven to 17. We'll again partner with the city of Bedford in girls' softball. For any more questions or information please call the Rec Center or visit our Website. Thank you. That concludes my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Mr. Dobies. Is there any questions of Mr. Dobies on his report? Is there any questions of Mr. Dobies on his report? There being none we will move on to our City Engineer, Dave Krock.

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** Thank you, Mr. President. I want to follow up on the question for the Mayor regarding how these streets were selected. Essentially the way this works is we're in a competitive environment with all the other cities in Cuyahoga County so there is a scoring system, a number of different questions and really what it comes down to is the condition of the street, the condition of the utilities like water mains in our project, health and safety issues, a whole number of different things, but we are each time trying to select the best project we can and put forward when we're picking the streets that will score well. We were probably one of about 20 projects selected so of the 50 some communities we've got to do a good job of scoring, right so that's how those get picked. That's my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Thank you. Is there any questions of Mr. Krock on his report?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Mr. Krock I'd like to thank you for the work you did. Just to make sure I have this right because three of these streets are in Ward 2 the water lines will be done this year?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** This project won't start until next year. It will be a 2016 construction. Phase I of this project will be this summer so this is our second one we've gotten just like this.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** OK. So then the ones that were recently approved won't get done till 2016?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** That's correct.

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Dave, I know that we have quite a bit of bad streets, but when you look at streets like Rexwood, I mean you can't even walk down Rexwood. We had some flooding issues too, but you can't even walk down that street without touching a patch. It's just patch,

patch, patch on top of patch, etc. Did they actually go around and look at all these streets? We said the same about Orchard. Did we actually go down every street and look at every street? I don't see how Rexwood wouldn't qualify?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** Every year we do a pavement condition rating on all of our streets. We do it internally and we rate them all between one and 100. Many of these streets are terrible, I agree and they work for that, but what they don't have is the waterline may not be as bad as it is on a different street so everything comes together and we pick the ones that score the best because we want to give our best shot as a city to get scored.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** You can tell them that their waterline isn't bad because they be flooding on Rexwood. I don't think they know it and the street don't know it either. Thanks a lot Mr. Chairman. Thanks, Dave.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** Absent

**SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS:** Absent

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Are there any other questions of Mr. Krock on his report? There being none we'll move on to Economic Development Director Noreen Kuban.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Regarding Ordinance 4-2015. This is an amendment to a contract that we had to make some street improvements at the Overdrive project, which is at North Granger Road. The city applied for a grant and received a grant on behalf of the company to make some street improvements and part of this was job creation. In the grant agreement they indicated that the city was to be the job creator, which is not correct. The Overdrive Company is the job creator. This clarifies/corrects that.

Regarding Resolution 1-2015. This allows us to apply for a grant from the Solid Waste District for recycling awareness for our residents. That concludes my report.

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

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** I don't have anything new to report this evening Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** There being none we'll move on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's agenda. Would the Clerk please read the rules?

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Is there anybody here that has questions on tonight's agenda? It has to be on tonight's agenda. OK.

Gladys Smith, 11206 Briarcliff Drive. My question is to police officer or whatever?

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Chief.

**MS. SMITH:** Chief. OK. Have the Police Department cut the policemen in the area? Because on my street when I first moved over here I know a lot happened in 15 or 20 years, but you hardly ever see a police car come down the street.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Excuse me, Ma'am. You'd have to come back towards the end of the meeting. We'd have another part for you to talk. Right now that is not on tonight's agenda. OK?

**MS. SMITH:** OK. Keep it in mind then.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Does anybody else have any questions on tonight's agenda? There being none we'd move on to Committee Reports. Are there any Committee reports?

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** There being none we'd move on to Ordinances and Resolutions beginning with Ordinance 64-2014. Would the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCE NO. 64-2014

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 351.14(c) OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS IN RELATION TO COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING PENALTIES.

Motion by MARINCIC to PASS FOR A THIRD READING:

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. We will go on to Ordinance 65-2014.

ORDINANCE NO. 65-2014

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 351.18 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS IN RELATION TO PROHIBITED PARKING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.

Motion by MARINCIC to PASS FOR A THIRD READING:

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** We will move on to Ordinance 4-2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2015

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO AMEND A GRANT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS AND THE STATE OF OHIO . DEVELOPMENT SERVICES AGENCY.

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:

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 04-2015 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION 01-2015

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMUNITY/PUBLIC RELATIONS/GRANT COORDINATOR OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS TO APPLY FOR THE 2015 COMMUNITY RECYCLING AWARENESS GRANT.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Resolution 01-2015 passes with 7 Yes votes. That concludes Resolutions and Ordinances.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** We will move on to Comments by Citizens. Would the Clerk please read the rules.

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Is there anyone in the audience that has any comments to make that they have discussed with somebody in the city?

Gladys Smith, 11206 Briarcliff Drive. Again my question is to the Police Chief. I want to know have we cut the policemen? Or where are they? I see a lot of them on Turney Road. Now when I moved over here 20 years ago now I would see a policeman at least come up my street maybe three or four times a day. But now I don't see them and I come home and my husband isn't home and what made me start thinking I got out of the car and I thought this man was watching me. He was going up the street but he waited. I said oh my God. What am I going to do? I said well I'll just wait a few minutes and stay in the car, but I don't see the policemen and we need our policemen here in Garfield. I'm not speaking about all this other stuff.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** You lived there 20 years? A couple things have happened in 20 years. Are there less policemen now? There's a few less policemen on the road than we had 20 years ago and 15 years ago due to the financial problems this city went through. That's no different than most city departments. The other thing that's happened in 20 years is the call volume has gone up a lot. I don't know the exact numbers from 20 years ago. Probably 30% easily it's gone up and the calls will become more serious. I can assure you we don't ignore Briarcliff. That area is kind of quiet so there's probably less reason or particular reasons

to be there at any given time. You see them on Turney Road because they're going from call to call to call. I will tell them to pay attention to that area and if you have any particular problems like the one you mentioned always call us. We'll always respond to a call. If there's anything else that you want to discuss in general, you can call me at this office any day you want.

**MS. SMITH:** When your areas change it seems like because of the cars. You can't get cars. They cost too much.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** We get cars. We're not out there walking. We have cars.

**MS. SMITH:** No, I don't want them to walk. I'm talking about just being in the area. If I see the police. Maybe they got new cars? But they just don't come through anymore. You got to speed it up down the street.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** I'll tell the guys on the shifts to pay attention.

**MS. SMITH:** We are citizens and I can't move as fast as I once have so it bothers you, you know?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** I'll do what I can for you, as far as getting cars there. Like I said if you have a particular problem call us.

**MS. SMITH:** I want to see the Police Department and the Fire Department. We need that you all. I don't hate for somebody to call me over the phone and the police we shouldn't have to call and ask for donations for nothing. Fire Department should not have to ask for anything. The Vets either. But seems like this is a thing now. Seems like they're begging but you're out there for me.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** I'm not sure what you mean about calling for donations. It's not us officially.

**MS. SMITH:** They ask for donations.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** That may be an organization and you can do with that request what you please, but as far as the Garfield Heights Police Department, we're funded by the General Fund and we don't ask for donations just to keep our operation going.

**MS. SMITH:** I should hope not because we should be paying enough taxes?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** And you do.

**MS. SMITH:** So we can have our police and fire fighters.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** And you have them out there and they may not have as much free time as they had 20 years ago to drive around and just be visible, but I assure you that they're out there and if you have a particular problem I can also assure you that we'll be there rather quickly.

**MS. SMITH:** OK. Thank you.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Does anyone else have any comments or questions they'd like to ask? That they've talked to someone in the city about before?

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** There being none, we'd move on to Miscellaneous Business beginning with Clmn Nenadovich.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** First of all I'd like to wish everybody a Happy Valentine's Day. It's coming up next week. Also the start of Lent.

I'd keep it short. The Vets 4,185 lives gone. Again, remember we started at 2,500 when we first sent them over. So we're losing these young men and women daily.

A little bit of a positive note. There's a group in this city that is called Kiwanis and they have what they call K-Kids. This is through the school system. It's with the cooperation of the schools. One of the things they did this past month and being that I work with the Vets, etc. William Foster collected a rather large donations from the kids in the school of toiletries for the disabled Veterans and through an organization called the Paladin Knights that was distributed to the Wade Park VA home for the Veterans to use free of charge. They collected quite a large amount of toiletries and through Ms. Honchecker and Mr. Patton that was donated to the Wade Park Veterans home so keep that in mind. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Clmn Glenn.

**CLMN GLENN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Valentine's Day is coming up. Just remember your loved ones.

Remember the snow's going to be going away in another month and a half. The snow will melt and everything's going back to normal. The Service Department is doing a great job. They just get overwhelmed when they get a large workload in a short amount of time. Just bear with it and we'd get through it.

Turney Road's going along good. It's going through Ward 4; 3. They're doing a good job. It will be fine when it all comes to bear that we'd have a nice new Turney Road. Thank you, Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. The only thing I have tonight is I'd like to wish all the ladies a Happy Thanksgiving. I'm stuck on Thanksgiving. I don't know why? Happy Valentine's Day. I'm sorry. I don't mean to be rushing things. I've done that before. That's all I have. Happy Valentine's Day. I almost said Thanksgiving again. Mr. Burke.

**CLMN BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I also would like to wish all the ladies a Happy Valentine's Day.

You know, I just want to appeal to some of the residents out there to make sure you clean your crosswalks, your sidewalks and try to bring those trash cans in. I drive around Ward 6 sometimes and it could be two days after the trash pick up and there's still a trash can out there so I know maybe we won't get you now, but we will get you sooner or later for leaving that thing out. So just try to be helpful and bring those in.

Another thing I wanted to say was that I always look for something positive here in Garfield Heights and I believe it was either Thursday of last week or maybe Friday of last week. I tuned in the Channel 5 news and they said something about Garfield Heights and I thought oh here we go again. But it was actually a story about Sonny Johnson, Jr. and how skilled he is as a young basketball player and they're saying that he could be the next LeBron James. Who knows? I just thought how great it was to actually have a positive story about Garfield Heights so I thank Channel 5 news for doing that.

Last but not least I want to remind everybody that I have a Community Awareness Meeting on Wednesday right here at the Civic Center at 7 p.m. If you can all attend we'd love to have you. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Clmn Vaughn.

**CLMN GLENN:** Mr. President. I have a question for Burke. Can you tell us who is going to be there and what the agenda is?

**CLMN BURKE:** Yes. I'm going to have Noreen Kuban and Bill Wervey. We're going to talk about some of the vacant homes and what procedures actually go through about getting them demolished if they're in bad shape. Now, I want to caution people because you can't just go out and tear down a house because it looks bad. You can go ask the city of Barberton right now. They are in a lawsuit because one of the banks is actually suing them because they tore down a house that they thought was bad, and maybe it was? But the bank is actually claiming that they have not notified the bank that this house was in that bad a shape. Maybe they would have fixed it up? So there's a lot of things that are involved in bringing down a house or determining which houses are bad enough to be demolished. We're going to talk about that on Wednesday night at 7 p.m.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Clmn Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. February 25, 2015 we'd have our Block Watch at St. Monica's School. Please come. The last one we had Bonnie Hackett, our new dog warden, who was informative. Not sure exactly who we're having, but all are invited.

Everybody, we've had a lot of complaints. You know we've got a lot of people walking in the streets right now with the snow, etc. Please be careful. If people are not going to shovel their sidewalks, etc. people are going to be walking in the streets. Get those walks shoveled, etc. please be careful when you're out there driving.

The other thing is it's a good time now to be checking on our elderly neighbors. Make sure they're all right. Give them a hand with that driveway or that sidewalk. You know those kids are home from school on snow days. It wouldn't hurt them to go out and do a little shoveling, you know?

I want to wish everybody a Happy Valentine's Day on Saturday. Not Arbor Day or anything like that, but Happy Valentine's Day. That's my report, Sir.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thanks, Clmn Vaughn. Clmn Dudley, do you have anything this evening?

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Yes. First of all I want to talk about what was mentioned in the chambers by several Council Members including myself. I had thoughts on this. When you put your garbage cans out in the snow you have to be careful putting them in the street, just like Nenadovich saying because it don't allow the plow to plow up close to the sidewalk like it should so it kind of creates the over effect when you come down you can't go around another vehicle. What I do, I shovel a spot and I shovel up another spot almost every other day so I can kind of sit them on top of the snow but not block the street. You definitely got to be careful because I seen a car actually hit a garbage can and when he hit it in my case I'd of been pissed off by the garbage can. (They don't like the word pissed so my garbage can I would have been kind of sore) about my car being damaged by the garbage can that should have been on the curb.

Another thing it's like I drive a truck and you do not want a semi sitting in that driveway so if you got a boyfriend or friends or girlfriend who drives or owns a truck you don't want to put it between the houses because when you turn it on that vibration is incredible. Plus it's going to sink those streets. They can't take the weight those streets. They're like four ton streets and you can't put the weight on that. Keep your semi because I have no mercy if you get cited. Keep your semis off the sidestreets, especially in Ward 1. Keep them off the streets.

I got to put this on to see this part here. Congratulations to the Hurley Family I tell you they do a great Christmas design. I really like what they had. My children are crazy about it when they turn around and go up and see it. They know off Henry Street. It's a great street and congratulations to them winning that.

Also what I wanted to mention if you get a chance for a Happy Valentine's Day to all of you and your loved ones. Enjoy your wives, your girlfriends, your boyfriends and your husbands, etc. and have a great time. Appreciate the ones you love and spend some time with them. But I also want to leave a note for if you get a chance to go back to the Old Testament and look into the Book of Esther. I'd like for you to take it and look at Chapter 1, Verses 1 through 20 and read that story. He summoned her and she didn't come and he summoned again and we'd understand why she didn't come. But it puts the point out where sometimes enough is enough and sometimes you have to say no and then sometimes you have to say that you're not going to take too much again. Read the story. Read the Verse 1 though 20 and on another day you call me to the side and I'd explain to you what I meant by that.

I wish you all the best and have a safe Happy Valentine's Day with your loved ones. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Clwn Marincic.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Thank you. Chief, who trained the dog to put the paw on the Bible? Do you know?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** Who did?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Who trained the K-9?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** I think Dale actually.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** He must be glowing right now and so proud right now.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** He'd be glowing more if his picture was on that book.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Maybe he picked out some paw autographs for the book? I think that's just wonderful. Tell him I think that's great.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** I'll pass that along. Thank you.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** OK. I'd like to wish everybody a Happy Valentine's Day. I would also like to say that I think all of our departments in our city are wonderful but our Service Department for the last three weeks really shined. I had to drive through Maple Heights and Bedford one day last week and they couldn't hold a candle to Garfield Heights streets. Our streets were 10 times better and I'm really proud of them. Thank you so much. Other than that I'd like to make the motion we adjourned.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On the motion by Clwn Marincic to adjourn the meeting all in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed? Meeting adjourned.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:53 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Joseph Suster  
President of Council

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Barbara Molin  
Clerk of Council