

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, February 23, 2015

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

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Gene Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Roll call please.

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

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

CLWN MARINCIC: Mr. President, I make a motion that we accept the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, February 9, 2015 as presented.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Mrs. Marincic, all in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. 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: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, yes I do. We have many great businesses in the city of Garfield Heights and they all come to the plate when needed. Every now and then one business shines a little bit and we would like to talk about one. Recently the Cleveland Plain Dealer held a competition for the Best Wings in Northeast Ohio. I am proud to say that Playmakers here in Garfield Heights was the Grand Prize Winner. Since their first day here in Garfield Heights they have been a great addition to our community and they have always been willing to step up to the plate to help whenever they can. I want to congratulate Jerry, Justin and Megan on a job well done. Again it's something positive that was reported about Garfield Heights and that's a great job. What an accomplishment to be the best in Northeast Ohio so congratulations to Playmakers in Garfield Heights.

I want to talk a little bit about the potholes. We all know how the potholes are and how they are going to be once the thaw hits. We know there's going to be plenty of potholes. I just want to assure everybody that right now as we're saying over and over and Tim McLaughlin, the Service Director, said in his reports, right now when you put the cold patch in (it's the only thing available) it's tough to fix these potholes because the cold patch lasts until enough cars go over

or one semi goes over and pulls it right back out. We're going to continue to do the cold patch and do the best we can until the hot patch is available, which is usually about the first week of April. What we're going to do, Council, with your approval, and it will be coming up for legislation shortly, we're again going to bring on some temporary people with the OK of the Union. We had to go with the Union first to try and get a jump and a head start on these holes to help us get them filled. It helped us a lot last year. We're prepared to do whatever we have to do because we know there's going to be plenty of potholes out there so we're going to do our best and we owe it to the community to do everything we can to make these roads a little bit better than they are.

I want to talk a little bit about the Waterline Capital Improvement Plan. Recently through Dave Krock we submitted 22 streets to be paved. Even though we submitted 22 we're hoping to get some of those 22, the more we get the better but I wanted to give you a little idea. We submitted four in Ward 1, three in Ward 2, three in Ward 3, three in Ward 4, three in Ward 5, three in Ward 6 and three in Ward 7 for the 22 streets. As I said hopefully we'll get as many approved as we can. We have a good group of streets that are going to be done this year 2015. We have another group of streets that are going to be done in 2016. We hope that these could be scheduled for 2017 if not sooner.

But I wanted to talk a little bit. I received an e-mail today and I've been receiving several e-mails from residents that are very unhappy with the condition of the roads in Garfield Heights. Today I got an e-mail that compares us with Independence. Why do Independence's roads look better than Garfield Heights? The plain truth is simply that Garfield Heights roads are probably 150 years old and Independence's roads may be 30 years old. Please don't call me up and say Independence is 40 years. I don't know what it is, but we know Independence is a lot newer city. The Independences, the Beachwoods. Those cities that are newer, certainly their roads are going to be better than ours. Their waterlines are going to be better than ours. We go back a long time so it gets a little tougher to get the road conditions good. To give you an example, many people say why don't you just pave them? Just to give you an example, the 22 roads that Dave has turned in to get paved, 22 roads, comes to a total cost of over \$11 million for those 22 roads. If we were to get them all done it would cost \$11 million. We have upwards of 200 streets in the city of Garfield. Do the math, folks. It's nearly impossible. It absolutely is impossible to have that kind of money. I don't even think Beachwood would have that kind of money to pave all their streets. It is a tough project. They go by a point system and they try to get the worst streets first. We know how bad Warner Road Hill is. We know how bad Silver is. We know how bad some of the streets are. Right now our best shot is to go to the waterlines. Some of the streets that are very bad, waterlines are newer so they don't rate as high as some of the ones with the worse waterlines that have breakages, etc. so we're doing everything we can to keep this going.

As soon as the weather breaks that Duro Patch machine is going to be out there. I believe that it is going to help immensely, but it's not the cure-all. It's going to take time, but I want to assure everybody we're doing everything we can and if we had the money in the bank to get the roads fixed, we would do it tomorrow, but there is no money to get it done

And I know somebody has recently said what is the Mayor doing with all the Federal money that come in? I haven't found the Federal money that come in yet. They obviously know something we don't know, but if they do have an idea of money at the Federal level that's available to us we're more than glad to take it. Quite honestly it's not an easy job and our guys are doing as good as they can to keep the roads patched. I give the Service Department a lot of credit. They're out there and sometimes it's an impossible job. They're doing the best they can and I'm

very happy with what they're doing. We will continue to try to get this thing done. Dave Krock and Pat Salemi, Noreen everybody's out there trying to get every available piece of funding to get this stuff done. We will continue to do so.

With that said, I'm going to get into tonight's legislation. It's quite light. Ordinances 64 and 65 is up for the Third Reading. That's about the vehicle parking. We've gone over that a couple of meetings already. Ordinance 5 has to do with the appointment of Auxiliary Police Officers and Chief Sackett will get into that in his report.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of the Mayor on his report? Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: Last year when we were doing the paving for the streets when they put the notification out it was like maybe on a Tuesday that I even heard anything about that they was actually hiring for a position to pave streets. It don't take a rocket scientist to pave streets. When that notice came out, by the time people heard about it, there was a complaint that by the time they heard about it it was Wednesday and I believe the applications were due Thursday. Is there going to be any way that we can get the information out a little earlier so people can come down and actually fill out applications for them positions?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Here's what we're going to do because we're going to try to make this thing work as good as we can. We have a crew that we used last year. We had six or seven gentlemen of which probably most of those we will not get again. We're going to give them first crack. Then we will probably put it in the paper. We have 50 applications from Garfield Heights residents that we took last time. I'm going to tell everyone at Council right now, if you know somebody let them contact the Service Department. This is your notice. Right now. Because if the don't read it in the Garfield Leader I don't know of any other way we can get the information to them so if you have e-mails and you want to have people contact us, now's the time to do it and they will start probably the beginning (I'm sorry. Neighborhood News. I'm dating myself.)

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Everybody makes mistakes. Anyone else have any questions of the Mayor on his report? There being none we'll move on to Tim Riley our Law Director.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: I have no report tonight, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Chief Sackett?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: Just a few things. I want to talk about Safety Town. It may seem a little early but I'm hoping it won't be zero forever. I would like to encourage the parents of kindergartners when they sign up for kindergarten they will be able to sign up for Safety Town at the same time. Registrations March 18th so if you're here it's a worthwhile program and it's my understanding they're going to adjust the hours to accommodate working parents somewhat this year so hopefully we'll get a little better turnout.

In regard to Ordinance 5, it has to do with the Auxiliary Police, the appointment of that. Essentially through the years the whole Police Academy system has changed a bit. Now guys have to go to the Academy before they can get hired as a regular police officer. If they don't get hired in a year that Academy commission expires. What we want to do is make it so we can hold their commission as auxiliaries here. We look at it as a recruiting tool. We can recruit more qualified candidates that already have the Academy to our Auxiliary. Therefore, we get a chance

to get to know them. They get to know us. When the time comes to take the Civil Service test if they've done well for us and they like being here it's a way of testing them out so to speak without taking the risk and we should draw a lot more qualified candidates to the regular Police Department in that regard.

Also the last thing. Dennis Welch has been with our department for almost 26 years. He's currently a sergeant. He started in 1989. Naturally he started as a patrol officer, worked as a narcotics detective, he's currently a shift supervisor. He is retiring and if you know Dennis wish him well and I would like to take this opportunity to wish him and his family well and good health and well on retirement.

With that you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Chief. Are 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. Off the top the Mayor mentioned that there was 50 applications and all six employees that worked here last year seasonal on the roads were Garfield Heights residents. We look for that right away to make sure that we get our residents in first.

I shouldn't have to talk too much about snow. I know the people have been calling me wanting to talk about it but it's not nice things. Again, we were out 17 hours on Saturday. Between the cold and the snow it's just a continual circle. What's magnified it I know is that the water breaks have increased. We probably had 90 of them since October. There's five outstanding right now that are extremely difficult to deal with. We have to send the loader out every day to dig them out; get the ice. We've been piling it on the side. We were hauling it but by the time you put the ice in the dump truck and you drive it to where you're going to dump it it's all froze to the dump truck so it's kind of a battle. On some of the streets the ice buildup is so bad some of the cars can't even pass so we're working on that and Cleveland, we call them every day but they get to one or two and maybe another one opens up? They're backed up too because of the weather situation all throughout the water system.

The Mayor mentioned about patch. Tomorrow I'm going to Warner Road Hill. I'm going to try to possibly close off a lane. I'm going to see where the worst parts are and close them off for the rest of the winter and run two lanes there. We're going to see what happens because we were down there the other day when all the crews put two tons on it. Two days later it looks like mine city again. There's no keeping it. Every day. Every day I can't get down there and take care of it. So possibly I may be closing off portions of the lanes there depending on what's the worst part of it and try to push the traffic into one up and one down. Tomorrow we'll see how that works out. We've tried patching. We're out there. Also sidewalks. We're having tough times with the sidewalks because by the time that we get them the plow drivers are off the trucks so we can't get to the sidewalks they're frozen with ice. You can't chip them. You'll be in one spot forever so we're trying to salt them and keep them as passable as we can but it's come to a point where it's worse than last year. I thought the last year was cold, but what's been consistent now in the last month has been very hard to deal with and we'll do the best we can and let's hope spring is in 26 days or whatever and it will be there.

That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Tim, before we go on. How is the snow removal equipment holding up?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Today wasn't a good day. Out of the big trucks that we use there's eight of them. There was four of them with damage today. You're talking about 1985, 1987, 1994s. Springs go. Today they called me and there was three or four things. They just can't run. They're getting run hard and we're doing the best we can. Half the fleet has a little problem right now but hopefully what I was told by my mechanics by the end of the week we can have them back in working order.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: I know the guys are doing a great job. It's cold out there. The question I have for you is that besides the potholes can this new machine seal up cracks?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: I'm sure it could, but.

CLMN GLENN: Not now. In the future.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Yeah it can do that. The machine, like the Mayor said, it's not the cure-all. We're going to be able to use it. Yeah in the future but again when you go into stuff like that you need all the different things, but yes it can do it.

CLMN GLENN: OK, thank you, Tim.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: 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: The Recreation Department will host March Madness this Sunday March 1st from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. it's a skating appreciation day with a reduced admission of \$5.00 including skates. Proof of residency is required.

T-ball notifications were sent out. Signups will begin March 2nd through March 31st.

That's all I have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Any questions of Mr. Dobies on his report? Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Bob, is there any word that was sent out yet? I had a call about Little League. Is the Little League Foundation doing anything this summer?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Excuse me. That's not under his report. You'll have to wait.

CLMN VAUGHN: Yes.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mrs. Marincic.

CLWN MARINCIC: Mr. Chairman, is it possible we could go back to Chief Sackett? I forgot to ask him something.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK.

CLWN MARINCIC: Regarding Safety Town is it only open to Garfield Heights residents?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: Last year we opened it to the outside people who inquired because we had to fill it. If it fills up, we would restrict it to Garfield Heights residents first.

CLWN MARINCIC: Is there a charge for non-Garfield Heights residents?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: Yes, there's a charge for both. Off the top of my head I don't know what that is. It's somehow minimal, but yeah they both get charged.

CLWN MARINCIC: Thank you. Sorry, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Any other questions of Mr. Dobies on his report? Is there any other questions of Mr. Dobies on his report? There being none we will move on to our City Engineer, Dave Krock. Dave, do you have a report for us this evening?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Thank you, Council President. No report this evening.

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Absent.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Social Services Director Kathy Rush-Parssons. Do you have a report for us this evening?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS: I always do. Thank you, Mr. Suster. And I've been gone for a few weeks so I'm playing catch up. We are currently taking appointments for the free tax preparation services offered by volunteers through the AARP. All appointments are scheduled for Fridays from now through April 3rd and electronic filing is also available. They started that last year. If you'd like more information regarding the documentation you need to bring with you to file or you'd like to schedule an appointment, please call us at the Senior Center and we will schedule an appointment. I can tell you that they fill up very quickly. We are already booked into the last week of March. So they do fill up quickly. It's a wonderful service and it is all free.

Tuesday March 3rd we will be taking a trip downtown to the Hanna Theater to see the play Dial M for Murder. The cost is \$17.00 and advance registration is required.

Finally we'll be having our Annual St. Patrick's Day Party on Tuesday March 17th. The Garfield Heights High School Jazz Band will be performing. Tickets will go on sale next week and as always for more information you can call the Senior Center.

I would like to just take one little moment to thank Mr. McLaughlin for running my department while I was gone. He did a pretty good job. He did a fabulous job. I think it was wonderful for him to get down there and spend some time with the Seniors. Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin.

That's my report. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. You didn't say how much the tickets to the St. Patrick's Day luncheon was?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS: I believe they're \$3.50. The St. Patrick's Day Party. That includes the entertainment, treats, music, etc.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. Are there any questions of Ms. Parssons on her report? There being none we will move on to Economic Development Director Noreen Kuban. Do you have a report for us this evening?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, Mr. President. Briefly, we have talked about the Demolition Fund. We have submitted our application. The total amount we have applied for is \$950,000.00. We have indicated that there are 110 houses that we hope to have demolished. So we will be getting out notices to adjacent property owners when the demolition starts--probably late spring and through the summer and fall.

That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. I have one question if I might? What do you think our chances are for getting that \$950,000.00?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: I think they are very good. It depends on how much other cities apply for. I think we are probably one of the applicants that are applying for the most money. I know other cities are more in the \$100,000.00/\$150,000.00 range. Don't forget the fund has \$50 million and it will be continuously renewed as these demolition fees are replaced.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. Mrs. Marincic.

CLWN MARINCIC: Ms. Kuban, when we demolish a home and hopefully we get all 110, does the empty lot become available to the adjacent property owners to purchase?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, if we have title or if there is not a title issue we will offer it to adjacent property owners. Many of these properties are still owned by a bank or the owner and there is usually a lender involved so the foreclosure process has to be completed and then it will go through tax sale and we will be able to get it before tax sale. So the ones we will be able to get title to we will sell to the adjacent property owners and it might take a period of time for the foreclosure process.

CLWN MARINCIC: It could possibly take years?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: I tend to think that lenders will let them go before that because otherwise they will have to maintain the property.

CLWN MARINCIC: Thank you. That is all I have, Mr. Chairman.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Absent.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Is there anyone else with questions of Mrs. Kuban? There being none we don't have Mr. Wervey here this evening. We will 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 anyone here this evening that would like to make comments on tonight's agenda? Is there anyone here this evening that would like to make comments on the agenda?

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none we will 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 ADOPT ON THIRD READING:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 64-2014 passes with 7 Yes votes. Would the Clerk please read the title of 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 ADOPT ON THIRD READING:

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Council Members and the members of the Administration who all worked so hard to make these two pieces of legislation possible. For those who aren't aware of what this is aimed at, this is aimed at large commercial trucks and vehicles parking illegally on empty lots in the city. Hopefully none of you have experienced this, but several residents in Ward 2 have woken up to semi trucks parked next to their houses, starting up all night long, idling, keeping them awake. One of them was only 15 feet from one of my residents side doors. Everybody on the Council has experienced this problem. This will put an end to it. And I once again thank everybody who played a part in helping these two ordinances get passed and I happily vote yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 65-2014 passes with 7 Yes votes. We will move on to Ordinance 5-2015.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2015

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 128.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS IN RELATION TO THE APPOINTMENT OF THE AUXILIARY POLICE FORCE

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:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: I am pleased to announce that Ordinance 05-2015 passes with 7 Yes votes.

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 that would like to speak this evening? Is there anyone that would like to speak this evening?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none, we will move on to Miscellaneous Business beginning with Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, Mr. President. Tuesday March 3rd, Block Watch for Ward 4. It will be at the Civic Center 7:00 p.m. We are going to have a Juvenile Judge, Judge Kristin Sweeney, to answer all the questions we have about juveniles in this city. It should be an interesting meeting. A lot of questions could be asked and answered.

Also if you have an elderly neighbor, due to the large volume of snow, help them with the garbage cans. It would be appreciated. That is my statement.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you very much. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Dennis Welch for all of his service within the city of Garfield Heights. I wish he and his family well. I know what it is to be retiring and I think it's the greatest thing since popcorn.

And as Mr. Glenn had mentioned about our elderly neighbors I think especially with this cold weather I don't know if some of these people would even know if say a water pipe was broken in their basement or something like that. If you could check on them it would really be very neighborly of you. People aren't even shoveling snow anymore which is a sore subject with me, but I don't think it's ever going to happen in our day again. That's all I have. Mr. Burke.

CLMN BURKE: Thank you, Mr. President. I, too would like to echo and say thanks to Sgt. Welch for his service to the city of Garfield Heights. I wish him the best of luck in retirement. Lord only knows I have a long way to go before I can retire.

Tim, I just want to say your guys do a great job out there. I travel quite a bit around Northeast Ohio for my daily job and I was in Cleveland today and those streets are horrendous. I was in Strongsville last week. Those streets were bad. I have to say you and your guys have done a

vey good job this year keeping our streets clean and safe for the most part. That's all I really have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you. Mr. Dobies, I have a question for you now. Is Little League reforming this year?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Unless you heard something different, yes. Mr. Merrick (the current president) stopped in and unfortunately I missed him. He was supposed to stop back but he never did. So I will contact him and if there's something different and I don't know about it at this point in time. But as far as I know, I know there's two travel teams already for sure.

CLMN VAUGHN: Right. This question came from somebody that had moved into the city and is longing to play ball. They had not heard anything so that's why.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: They have a little ways to go before the applications come in.

CLMN VAUGHN: OK. Thank you.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: As soon as I get something everybody will know.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you and if you could, please drop me an e-mail so I can get back to these people. I appreciate it.

Ward 7 will have their Block Watch this Thursday, God willing, depending on the weather. If it's bitter cold I'll send out notifications. Is the Police Department coming to speak?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: Yes. Officer Hayes and the K-9s.

CLMN VAUGHN: Right. We'll meet in the St. Augustine Room at St. Monica's and all are welcome.

Everybody, I see a lot of people everybody's out walking in the streets right now because people aren't clearing their sidewalks on Turney Road. Please be careful. We do not need to hear of somebody getting hit by a car or fatally, you know, ill, because of this. So everybody please take care. Watch out for the Seniors and young people. Check on each other. This is just a terrible time of the year. We're all locked up. Take time out to make a phone call.

Sgt. Welch. Wish you well. Good luck. Twenty-five years on the force. Good job.

Tim, I want to say I've been getting called out to the hospital at three or four o'clock in the morning. The roads are clear. I'm not having a problem getting out. Your guys have been doing a great job. I know we've had some issues with certain things but the guys really have to be commended. They've got to be tired, they're cold and I really appreciate all they do. That's all I have, Sir.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thanks, Clmn Vaughn. Clmn Dudley, do you have a report for us this evening?

CLMN DUDLEY: Yes. First, I'd like to wish Sgt. Welch all the best in his retirement. It's nice to be able to retire and enjoy yourself and think about spending all your time with the family and then you want to go back to work. I wish him the best. I appreciate the job they done. I tell you they've been really helpful in making Ward 1 what it is today.

Also I wanted to say if you haven't had a chance to watch any of the DVDs about Black History, you really should watch this one I got from the library called the Sisters of Selma. You got to really see how these nuns they participated and how they stood up even when the Archbishop told them he was going to put them on a bus if he come down and caught any of them participating in the demonstration. I won't go into detail, but it's a great DVD. You can't watch it now because I still got it, but I'm going to take it back in about another week. You really going to enjoy it.

I'd also like to wish a former Congressman who turns 90 years young today, Louis Stokes. He was at the awards Friday night and his mind, etc. is as sharp as when he was young. He was very impressive and I enjoyed the speech that he gave so Happy Birthday out there to you. I will still call you Congressman, Louis Stokes.

Also I send congratulations to Congressperson Marcia Fudge for receiving the award on Friday. It was a great speech and I had a great time in attendance there.

Also because of the weather and I hate to do this first time ever, we will be moving our Annual Black History Program from this Thursday. It's scheduled to be eight below zero and that's not the wind chill factor. We're going to reschedule it during the summer because I am looking forward to having former Congressman Stokes come out and actually speak there so we will give everybody a notice on that.

The Ward 1 Club meets tomorrow at 7 p.m. up here in the first floor room. Forgot the room number so excuse me on that. They meet bi-monthly now. If you would like to attend please come out and attend it. That would be great.

I want to say about your garbage cans, once again be careful and don't put those garbage cans in the street because I see a lot of them laying by the time I go to work. A lot of them been hit and they lying in the street so be careful. Also the plow driver can't get up on the curb and do a good plow job because of them garbage cans sitting in the street. Do like I do. When you get a chance hollow out a little spot where you can sit the garbage cans on. That way they can get them, lift them up and sit them right back on the spot. My cans are never in the street. Most of all be safe. I saw a fellow coming down the hill 131st to make it quickly Friday night or so, it was snowing and he was a little too fast and slid down the hill. Me and my family were trying to come up the hill. That could have been a bad collision. Take your time. It's better to be late and get there than not to make it at all.

I wish everybody a belated Valentine's Day and hope you enjoyed yourselves. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mr. Dudley. Mrs. Marincic.

CLWN MARINCIC: Thank you. I, to, would like to wish Sgt. Welch a happy retirement and congratulate him on his 25 years of service to our community.

I would like to thank our Service Department and echo my fellow Council Members comments. I, too, had the unfortunate experience to drive through some other communities. Our streets are great compared to other communities. We are working on less than half of our normal employees and we, Mr. McLaughlin? So it is remarkable what we are getting done. Other than that hurry up springtime because I can't take it anymore. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I also wish Sgt. Welch a happy retirement. A lot of people retire as just another day. This man is getting out alive, unhurt and that's a big plus to the service that he was providing us.

I'll keep it short because I'm losing it. Nobody applaud. I just want you to remember my Vets. Over the 4,100 mark.

Council people stay warm.

With that I make a motion to adjourn.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion by Clmn Nenadovich to adjourn all in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed? Meeting adjourned.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Joseph Suster
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council