

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, February 25, 2013

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

INVOCATION BY: Council President Nancy Marincic

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: All present.

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: We are not going to Reading and Disposal of the Minutes from the last meeting because they are not quite ready yet so we will attend to those at the next Regular Council Meeting.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: We will move right on to the Mayor's report. Mayor Collova, do you have a report this evening?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mme. Chair, thank you very much, yes, I do. First off, I have a letter from the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center I'd like to read.

"Hi Jennifer,

I am hoping you can share the following information with the residents and businesses in Garfield Heights. Cuyahoga Valley Career Center will host a Student Job Fair on Thursday March 7th from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. The event, which is free to students, will be held in the Commons at CVCC, 8001 Brecksville Road, Brecksville, Ohio. Students ages 16 and older looking for seasonal or part-time employment are encouraged to attend. To see the list of employers go to the CVCC Website www.cvccworks.edu Employers looking to hire students ages 16 and over are also invited to attend. There's a \$30.00 registration fee for the employers, which includes a six foot table, dinner and event promotion. Employers are encouraged to register as soon as possible."

What this is, is this is something really good for young men and women that are going to need some part-time work or some summer work so I would hope that the residents of Garfield Heights take advantage of this. This is something that could be really good for the kids and

make some money for them so the parents don't have to keep giving them all the money that they are giving them now.

Next is, I have a letter from the Fire Chief, Thomas Nemetz. It says

"Dear Mayor, Council Members and Ron:

Please be advised that I have been notified by The Department of Homeland Security that we were awarded an AFG Grant in the amount of \$24,120.00. The grant money will be used to purchase needed equipment to help support our goal as firefighters to protect the life and safety of our residents. With these funds, we will purchase thermal imaging devices, used during fires to locate trapped and/or injured people and a generator that will be used on our main line engine to run our rescue equipment and protect our firefighters by illuminating the scene.

I also want to inform you all that 43 of our firefighters have been fitted and received a complete set of fire gear, which includes a coat, bunker pants, helmet, boots, hood and gloves. The new gear arrived just in time as our present gear was 10 years old and outdated, according to the NFPA Standards.

We are still waiting in hopes for two other grants requesting a total of \$567,000.00. The AFG Grant would provide us with a new ambulance and the SAFER Grant would pay the salary and benefits for two firefighters for two years. We asked for and obtained an endorsement from Senator Sherrod Brown for our SAFER Grant .

Thank you.
Chief Thomas Nemetz"

This is really good news because this helps the entire city when our firefighters can be equipped with the newest and latest technology so those are good things that are happening.

One of the other things I wanted to talk about is once again we are having and I want to remind everybody that we are having that Drug Awareness Program called Hidden in Plain Sight. It's on April 9th at 6:30 to 8:30. It's here at the Civic Center. Our Pat Salemi and our Ruth Pollack had an opportunity to attend one in North Royalton. They said it was unbelievable. Something that all parents and grandparents should attend. This is really educational. It gives you an idea of some of the things that could be going wrong with teenagers before they actually go bad. This is really supposed to be a great program. We're excited about having it here. They're going to work along with our police. Our police are going to be involved in this. Remember that no children will be allowed. If you come with a child you will not be able to take the child in and we're not going to have any place for the children so make sure if you are telling somebody about this you tell them it's for adults only. Again that's April 9th from 6:30 to 8:30. I urge everyone to attend.

Last I just wanted to say that we took a little field trip today myself and Judge Nicastro, and a few of the people from here the law clerks and Pat Salemi and Ruth Pollack and we went to Elyria to look at the Boys and Girls Club that is in Elyria. I was very skeptical about what the Boys and Girls Club was all about. I didn't know much about it. I did a little research on it. It was interesting. I walked into this place and I was in awe. What a great program they have for the kids in Elyria. This had everything. I mean this had computers, it had an exercise room, it had basketball courts, it had pool tables, ping pong tables, it had a recording studio, it had a dance

studio. It was something that you couldn't believe. They put a lot of money into this. It all comes from grant dollars. There has been some talk amongst the Court, the schools and the city about trying to do something with a Boys and Girls Club. We are in the very early stages of seeing how it could fit into Garfield Heights, but it's something we're looking at.

With that said, tonight I want to get into the legislation. Tonight's legislation Ordinance 12 I am asking you to approve the AFSCME contract. You've all received a copy of the contract. I think that this contract is very fair for both sides. I want to commend AFSCME on doing a great job as far as understanding the condition of the city and working with us. They did a great job and everyone that was involved with our side of it along with their side of it I think it's a great contract. Ordinance 13, Ordinance 14 Ron is going to get into some of it in his report. Actually what we're doing is we're putting some policies and procedures in place as were outlined in the 2009 audit. We're getting around to it now and at some point in time we hope to have all of that completed, but this is a good start on it. Mme. Chair, with that said, you have my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you, Mayor. Mr. Suster already has his hand up.

CLMN SUSTER: The only question I have is, is there any kind of timetable that we'll know on this grant the firemen applied for?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Actually I can't answer that, Joe. I don't know what the timetable is. I can find that out for you.

CLMN SUSTER: I didn't know whether we had to wait three months, four months, five months?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I really don't have an answer on that.

CLMN SUSTER: Thank you.

CLMN DUDLEY: A quick one, Mayor. Have you ever been to the Boys and Girls Club that sits down on Broadway and Union? That's a nice one in there too.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Actually, Mike, Pat Salemi and Ruth Pollack were there last week to check that one out and they came back with the same report. It's very good.

CLMN DUDLEY: It's a nice place. It keeps a lot of kids off the street. You'd be surprised how the teenagers go there. They don't go no places like you would think they do and they fussing and fighting, etc. They don't. They go in there, they play, they get along together, they interact with computer systems, games. etc. It keeps them busy but most of all it keeps them off the streets and gives them a place to go and a lot of the staff members in these Boys and Girls Clubs, like you saw yourself, Mayor, interact great with the children. It becomes a bond and trust between them. It would be great for the city and help the city out a lot.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Actually Mike, a couple of the things you said was exactly what they were talking about. The first thing that the kids do after school for their after school program is they have to come in and do their homework. They work an hour on that homework and then they get into the programs after that. They see the success of that program is how well the staff is. How well the staff gets along with the kids and they work very hard at putting a good staff together. It was very interesting to say the least.

CLMN DUDLEY: I'm good, Mme Chairman.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anything else? Anyone else have questions? There being none we will move on to Law Director Mr. Riley. Do you have a report?

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any questions for our Law Director? Police Chief Sackett, any report?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: No report, thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for our Police Chief?

CLMN SUSTER: Chief, I have mentioned this a couple times. I don't know if you applied for it or anything. The vests for the dogs?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: We have not applied for anything and I don't think there's any grants. I was talking to the dog guys the other day and they're going to decide if it's something to pursue.

CLMN SUSTER: I know last time PAWS came out and I don't know which of the dogs got it but they gave it to him free and if we could give some money as we know there was a lady at Mr. Glenn's Block Watch party that said she's willing to pay for one of them.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: She sent me an e-mail. Keep her in mind if that's a purchase they want to make.

CLMN SUSTER: OK.

CLWN MAHONEY: Chief, regarding the vests for the dogs, when I was talking with Dale not too long ago he said that something you have to wait until the dogs are a bit older. Is that the case?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: Yeah you definitely wait. I think it's two years till they fully grow, but he knows more about that. He'd pick the right time.

CLWN MAHONEY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anyone else? I have one. Chief, I can't remember what was the name of the last dog? Do we have them already?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: Jax. The first two dogs are on the road. They've been fully trained. Jax is on the road. He hasn't been through school so he's just getting used to riding in the car, he starts school March 18th,

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you very, very much.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: You're welcome.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anyone else have a question for our Chief? Now we will move on to our Service Director Tim McLaughlin. Mr. McLaughlin, do you have a report?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mme. President. The last couple weeks there's just two things that we've been doing: snow plowing and potholes. As soon as we're done cleaning up the snow it's time to repatch the holes and we're doing the best we can. It makes a big difference not having McCracken to go and put 100 tons on, so that takes a little pressure off us. Basically we're just going to try to fill the big holes until the hot patch plants open and that's all I have.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Mr. Suster, you have a question?

CLMN SUSTER: When about do the hot patch plants open? In April? Would that be about it?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Yeah, I mean every year I guess it just depends if they have projects, you know, Kokosing and all them they all work on freeways, etc. It changes but it's usually the end of April; first week of May.

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anyone else? There being none we will move on to Recreation Director Bob Dobies. Do you have a report this evening?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Mme. President and Council Members, good evening. T-ball signups will begin Monday March 4th and continue through Monday April 1st. Softball signups will also be starting March 4th through Tuesday April 30th.

As the Mayor commented we will have a representative at the CVCC Student Job Fair Thursday March 7th from 3:30 to 6:00 taking applications for life guard positions.

A reminder to all, as we get closer the Rec Center will close again this year May 1st through May 19th, which is a slow period so we may prep for the pool season.

With only three weeks to go I ask our residents to join us Saturday March 16th as we bring back an event that was quite popular, which is a City Easter Egg Hunt but tying in with St. Patty's Day. This is a little different twist for another Residents Appreciation Day. We will be offering free skating from 1:30 to 4:30, music, prizes, free raffle, face painting and a coloring contest for the kids. Residents can bring their camera. We will have a visit from the Easter Bunny and a few other visitors. The forms for the coloring contest will be available at the Recreation Center beginning February 11th and due back by Saturday March 9th so we may be able to display them for judging.

Last I want to congratulate our many skaters who participated in our Melt the Ice Tournament. Our Pee Wee A Team took runner-up honors while our Squirt A Team took home the championship trophy in a 5-4 overtime game. Our Pee Wee B Team has advanced from this past weekend to play in the Cleveland Suburban Hockey League Tournament and will play in the championship game Saturday in Wooster, Ohio. We wish them the best. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Mr. Suster?

CLMN SUSTER: Mr. Dobies, is there any way that we could have a resolution made up for those two teams?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Yeah, I'll have to get the information from the commissioner.

CLMN SUSTER: Tim has a form you have to fill out.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Really?

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any other questions for our Recreation Director? There being none, City Engineer Dave Krock. Do you have a report?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I do. Thank you, Mme. President. I want to report on a couple projects. First of all Rockside Road. There's a pre-construction meeting March 7th that I will be attending. What we're hoping to hear there is exactly where the contractor plans to start the project. It will be starting as soon as spring but where they plan to start and how they plan to work around the festival in the summer and all that so we'll be getting some instruction on that.

Granger Road bids in about two weeks so the good news there is we're progressing through the program and in a few months we'll see the Granger Road Repaving Project start as well.

And I want to just let Council know that at the next Council Meeting we hope to have legislation together to come before you for the \$75,000.00 we got from O.D.O.T for the Granger Road Hill issue with the rocks. So we'll have that next time. That's my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions? Mrs. Mahoney.

CLWN MAHONEY: I just want to say good work on securing that grant. We will be able to on the next meeting just accept the grant. We'll be able to accept the grant because that's pretty much what the legislation is that you're looking at?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Yes, it will be two things. It will be to accept the grant and it will be to authorize us to proceed getting the plans and things done.

CLWN MAHONEY: Thank you. Sorry for my confusion.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: That's OK.

CLMN SUSTER: Dave, I think at the last meeting I asked you if when Dennis Kucinich gave us a million dollars for Antenucci and that, was there any stipulation in there that we couldn't put sidewalks along Antenucci Blvd.?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: That earmark as I recall covered both the sidewalk on Antenucci as well as the extension of Transportation Blvd. so both of those kind of need to run together. We have to see whether that could be split or not. It's all considered one project.

CLMN SUSTER: It isn't where say, if monies were set aside for that, that you couldn't do those sidewalks now even though Transportation Blvd. isn't done?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I think I'd have to check on that.

CLMN SUSTER: Would you do that for me please? With me, I go over to the Sports Center on Antenucci now. That's what causes the problems. And it's amazing. I make all my appointments for early in the morning and it's amazing how many people are walking down that street in the dark.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Yeah, you can see a trail on the grass there.

CLMN SUSTER: The trail is there because before the snow comes, when it snows they're all walking in the street. I just don't want to see anybody get hurt over that.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I'll check on that for you.

CLMN SUSTER: If you would I would appreciate that.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Is that all you got?

CLMN SUSTER: Of course.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any other questions for the City Engineer? Finance Director Ron Tomola, do you have a report?

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Just a brief one. I'd like to comment on ordinances 13 and 14. This is continuing on with setting the policies and procedures that were called for in the report on accounting methods that was done in 2009 when the city went into fiscal emergency. We did the investment piece at the last meeting. These two tonight there's probably going to be about six or seven others coming in the future. The one I'm working on right now is purchasing policy. Then we'll get into data policy, there will be a few other ones. If you read in 13 I think it's the third paragraph, identifies every section that we were audited on under the financial audit that was done and each one of those sections will ultimately have a policy associated with it. So you have any questions, feel free to ask.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any questions, Joe?

CLMN SUSTER: No.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anybody else have any questions? Let's move on. Do you have a report?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, I do. Thank you. I knew we read about some homeowner foreclosure issues in the newspaper. I just wanted to announce one more time that the guidelines for assistance for foreclosure problems are if a homeowner has suffered a 10% loss in income or has medical expenses totaling more than 7.5% of their annual gross income in the last five years they can qualify for up to \$35,000.00 in mortgage assistance. What people should do is visit the Website www.savethedream.ohio.gov and if you go on-line and input the data they will determine whether you are eligible and then you can apply directly on-line. But I know we've seen articles recently.

Also this Thursday on the 28th we will be having our Second CDBG Public Hearing. It will be at 6:00 p.m. here at the Civic Center. This is a public hearing to generate ideas for our CDBG applications. Last year we were off cycle. We had a year and a half to use our grant funds. This

year they are tightening up the schedule. Grants are due at the end of March. If you are awarded the grant half the money must be spent by the end of July and the final invoice must be sent in by the end of September. Then the 2004 grant will commence with public hearings. The application will be due next October or November and we will be back on a year and a half cycle. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Doesn't leave us much time, does it?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: No.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anybody have any questions?

CLMN DUDLEY: Noreen, two questions. First question. You said on the 28th?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, at 6:00 p.m.

CLMN DUDLEY: And the second thing do we have the Save a Dream on a scroll? So much stuff on that scroll it messes with your eyes. You got to turn your eyes away from the TV for a minute or two. Have we had that on a scroll on the Government Channel? On the Website?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: That I don't know. I'll have to double-check. We do have the NHS Counseling Services. Let me double-check on that.

CLMN DUDLEY: If not, can you put it on there for us?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Sure.

CLMN DUDLEY: All right, Mme Chairman.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anybody else?

CLMN SUSTER: Noreen, I'd like you to do one more thing for me if you would? Repeat exactly what you said about the people that could get this \$35,000.00. We were at a meeting last Tuesday evening and a lady came to talk about this \$35,000.00. Not only the \$35,000.00, but they don't want people to lose their homes anymore. They don't want to see any more foreclosures. They will give you this money as long as you fit the criteria, but if they can't help you there are a lot of other people out there that can help you. So don't be afraid to ask for it. If you want to repeat that? I know this will be on TV and I just want to make sure that people know and are able to take advantage of it.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: It is a 10% loss in income over the last five years so that could be someone who is laid off, have reduced hours, reduced hourly rate. So as long as you have lost 10% of your income if you are a two-person household and one spouse is laid off that would be eligible or if your medical expenses exceed 7.5% of your gross income then that would make you eligible. If you have a lot of out-of-pocket expenses or if you pay your monthly premium and then if that were the case you would want to go to the Website and see if you are eligible for the \$35,000.00 in assistance.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: It's either/or? Correct? Anyone have anything else? We will move on to Building Commissioner, Bill Wervery. Do you have a report this evening?

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any questions for our Building Commissioner? There being none we will move on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's agenda. Are you up to reading the rules? OK.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA:

CLERK: Comments are strictly limited to brief statements not to exceed five minutes with comments limited to the legislation on the current evening's agenda.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: No citizen may speak more than once. Everyone is limited to five minutes. If you would like to speak on the agenda items, raise your hand. Anybody?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: There being none we will move right into the agenda beginning with Ordinance 12-2013. Will the Clerk read the title.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2013

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS AND LOCAL 2729 AND COUNCIL 8 AFSCME, AFLO-CIO.

Moved by MAHONEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I am pleased to say that Ordinance 12-2013 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2013

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING SECTION 125.01: DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 13-2013 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2013

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 125: DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS BY THE ADDITION OF SECTION 125.06: CUSTODY AND DEPOSIT OF FUNDS.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 14-2013 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: That concludes the legislation on this evening's agenda. Now we will move on to Miscellaneous Comments by Citizens and I'm going to have our Clerk read the rules again.

CLERK: Comments shall be restricted to any problem a citizen has which has previously been submitted to their City Councilperson or to the city hall department directly involved. If submission of a problem to a department or a Councilperson has been made and there is a lack of service rendered in this regard, then the problem may be presented during comments from citizens at this meeting. It is the intention of this rule that no request of a first nature be presented on the floor at this time.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Comments are limited to five minutes. No citizen may speak more than once.

Matt Burke, 13108 Granger Road. I just want to make a quick announcement if I could, being the Garfield Heights Baseball League Commissioner. We will be having our signups. If you get onto our Website, which is www.ghbl.us. You can find out more information about how to get your child signed up.

The other quick reminder I have is a friend of mine, fellow Ward 6 resident, Sally Templeman, has pleaded and asked me to make an announcement that they are having a Block Watch meeting in conjunction with a few other Wards on March 6, 2013 right here at the Civic Center. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Anyone else wishing to speak this evening?

Bob Halan, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. I want to please everybody. I have nothing to say. Good bye.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anyone else wishing to speak this evening? There being none we will move on to Miscellaneous Business from Council. Mr. Suster is going to speak first.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

CLMN SUSTER: I just want to say one thing. I'm glad to see that our good friend from the Neighborhood News, Ellen, is now walking versus riding in a wheelchair. I didn't know this until two weeks ago. Ellen was in a very bad car accident and the few times I had seen her come in here in a wheelchair I was concerned, but I never talked to Mike. He only calls me when he wants me to buy an ad. So when he called me about the ad I asked him about Ellen, but I'm so glad to see that you are up and around. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: OK. Mrs. Mahoney.

CLWN MAHONEY: First of all, I want to thank you for your exquisite taste in your invocation this evening.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you.

CLWN MAHONEY: Second, on regarding the Boys and Girls Club, I think that's a great idea. I think it's something that we should get active in more. Congratulations to the community hockey team and that's all I have.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Clmn Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, and again, your prayer was an excellent choice. A couple weeks early but that's OK.

Anyways first of all I'd like to announce that on Thursday evening we will be having the Ward 7 Block Watch. It will be at St. Monica School/St. Benedict's in the Augustine Room. This week's speaker is going to be the management staff from Planet Fitness telling us how to become fit and what actually goes on up there. We ask everybody to come and join us. It should be a good time.

I also was asked to put a plug in for if anybody would like a fish fry. We're running good fish fries up in Ward 7 at St. Monica's every Friday night from 4:00 until 7:30 p.m. So stop on in.

Mayor, I really think the Boys and Girls Club would be an excellent addition to the city and I look forward to working on that. That's about all I have to say. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Mayor, I also think the Boys and Girls Club would be a great asset to the community and the more you look into it I hope you keep us apprised at what's going on.

I was wondering. Do you have any news about Bridgeview?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: The only thing that I can say is that it's hard to talk because Crain's hasn't come out with a new report because we are still under some confidentiality restraints, but I can tell you that the new developer and the old developer are waiting for a ruling from the Court. That seems to be what is holding everything up right now. My understanding is that ruling should be coming out very shortly. What very shortly means exactly I'm not sure. When they tell

me very shortly I'm looking for the next day, but I can tell you that it is moving along. We are in contact with the new developer and things are moving in the right direction.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I'm not surprised at how many people read Crain's because I've had so many people approach me that know what's going in there and they just want it to start now. So I know it's going to be a big success. Thank you for the update, Mayor. Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Yes, last week, February 27th was the birthday of the first President of the United States, George Washington, so I'd just like to acknowledge George Washington as our first President that started this country.

I'd like to also say that our Block Watch will be the first Tuesday of the month. We're going to have Ruth Pollack there making announcements on the Senior Citizens programs that she sponsors. A person by the name of Shari Midelle/Mayday is going to be here on mortgages for some of the homeowners here. And that concludes my announcement.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. I have a request to go back to Clwn Mahoney.

CLWN MAHONEY: First of all, I'd like to apologize because I'm out of sorts this evening. Secondly, I wanted to ask everybody if we could get a moment of silence. It's been a year since those kids were killed in Chardon and it has affected a fire fighter in our community. She was the aunt of Danny Parmertor. So if we could have a moment of silence for those three boys that lost their lives, I would appreciate it.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Absolutely. Beginning now.

(Moment of silence.)

CLWN MAHONEY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: We have one more. Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you. Just want to say, Tim, good job this winter so far. Great. You've done a hell of a job in my book, even if you wake me up at two in the morning.

The other thing is I checked the past week the paper and we haven't lost one more Vet. We're still at 3,873. I didn't see any new ones in the past week, but that's good news in a way but again, remember the Vets in your prayers. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Clmn Dudley. Now what are you going to say first?

CLMN DUDLEY: I'm going to have to thank my buddy sitting next to me. We don't thank Bill enough. Honestly, we don't.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: You're supposed to say I saved the best for last.

CLMN DUDLEY: Oh, no. We already know that part. Skip it and get right to the point. I want to thank Bill because a lot of people don't know we had a bad house. I mean we had some terrible houses in Ward 1 and I tell you he's been a great help. The special one that was down there by Dressler and I called it one of the worst houses I had. The garage was caving in and the Mayor and me we went on and we had talked about that with Bill here and I got a e-mail the other day

that they are finally taking this house down. If you go up 13517 (I hope I ain't giving nobody's wrong address and I had the wrong house taken down), but it was long overdue. He put a lot of work. It takes patience and a lot of time people don't realize. It's not just put a house and let it be torn down tomorrow. But he put a lot of heart into it. A lot of work into it and I was glad to receive that message because when that house go down it's going to make the whole Dressler and Lawrence area look like I said 110% better, you know? He has really been instrumental in getting other houses taken down in the Ward and they was maybe 10/15 yrs overdue so for that I thank you, Bill, and we don't give you enough credit sometime.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: I'd like to add a lot of that stuff has to do with the Land Bank. There's a lot of people involved. Noreen's involved. I'm involved. Mike Loeffel from our office. Sometimes it goes slow.

CLMN DUDLEY: Well, we're going to thank them all then. We're going to thank Noreen. We're going to thank Mike for going out there and things that were built in the park and from the County that was instrumental in getting that job, but I'm glad to see that house go down and once again I thank the Ward and most of all I thank you all who give up your evenings to come out and just sit with us like this and that's really nice. But I really do thank you all because it shows that you have an interest in your city. I encourage people in this city. You should make at least one Council Meeting a year. If you don't do nothing just come once a year and see how your government operates here. You owe it to yourself. If you got a problem I'll get you a chair and present your issue when you come here.

I'm glad for the young lady who's feeling better after her accident and that she's out of the wheelchair and up and dancing. I wish you the best in your health.

With that, just one other thing I wanted to mention. If ever you got to watch a movie I would like everybody out there to watch this one movie. It really gets to you. It's called Mississippi Burning. If you haven't watched the movie you got to watch that movie. I tell you that movie it breaks me down every time I see it. I mean it's touching. It's a real story. The three young fellows went down to accomplish a mission and what they done down there in Mississippi was rough.

Keep everybody in our prayers and I look forward to the city moving ahead this year. I really think this is going to be a good year for us. I feel good about it. That's all, Mme. Chairman.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I'd like to make a motion to adjourn.

CLMN SUSTER: I second it.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: All in favor say Aye. All opposed. The meeting stands adjourned.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

Nancy Marincic
President of Council

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council