

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

Monday, February 27, 2017

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

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Thomas Vaughn

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

EXCUSED: Burke

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Chairman, I would like to excuse Clmn Burke this evening.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Clmn Vaughn to excuse Clmn Burke this evening, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?
AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster
ABSENT: Burke

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Reading and Disposal of the Minutes of February 13, 2017.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion that we accept the Council Minutes for Monday, February 13, 2017 as written.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Clmn Nenadovich to accept the Minutes of February 13, 2017 as written, all in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?
AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa
ABSENT: Burke
That passes with 6 Yes votes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Wed I move on to the Reports of the Mayor and his Directors. Mayor, do you have a report for us this evening?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, yes, I do. I want to start off by saying that Building Commissioner Bill Wervey, as most of you are aware, has put in his papers to retire

and will be leaving us physically March 27th. So we have recently brought on (after many interviews and much research) we are bringing on a young man to fill that Building Commissioner's spot. We're going to bring him in as an interim commissioner to work with Bill for a couple weeks to get the feel of what's going on. I'm going to introduce him at the next Council Meeting. He is a Building Commissioner from another city. I want to be able to talk to the Mayor of that city before I broadcast what is going on. So I'm not going to reveal the name today. I think it's the right thing to do to let his Mayor know that we are taking his building commissioner although I understand the Mayor already knows. I think it's the proper way to go. I will bring him in at the next meeting. I think everybody's going to be very pleased with this young man. He comes with great experience. He's been a building commissioner and worked in building departments for 20 some years. He's very sharp; very educated. He has all the certificates that are needed. This will be coming up in legislation at the next Council Meeting and at that time I will present him to all of you. I think you're going to be very happy.

The other thing I wanted to talk about is the security cameras that we talked about going up are in fact have started. Six of the cameras are up in the area of Garfield Heights Fire Station No. 1. They are now going to move over to Fire Station No. 2. I had an opportunity to see how these cameras work today and it is amazing how clear it is and I think it's going to be a big help to the community. It's going to take some time. There's more to it than just hanging cameras on the poles. Some areas have to be rewired and some innovative ideas have to be done to put them in locations that our police want them in so it will probably take a few months in the summer, but they are going out and they look great. I think we're going to be very pleased with that.

I wanted to announce this and I know the time is short, but we have a group called Garfield Heights United that has asked me to present a town hall meeting to answer questions about the city and talk about ways that they might be able to help the city. This is a group that most of us here on Council know. They've been doing some pretty good work; coming up with some pretty good ideas and I think this is a good thing for the city. I think the involvement of getting residents involved in the city is a great thing. So tomorrow at six o'clock, we are having a town hall meeting. They have given me a list of questions that they'd like me to answer along with the Police Chief. We are certainly going to do that. We will also take any questions from anybody that wants to attend that meeting. We will have this Council Meeting on the air first thing tomorrow morning so that some people that see it through the day can also know about this meeting. I think this is a good thing. I certainly would like to see all of Council there if their schedules would allow.

The next one: the Granger Road Clearing Project. As a part of the tree clearing that will be occurring on Granger Road Hill, First Energy will be deenergizing the power to the light poles on the north side of the street. It is anticipated that approximately five light poles will be dark for approximately two weeks depending upon the speed of the tree-clearing contractor. All other light poles on the hill will remain operational. It is expected that these light poles will be impacted starting on March 1st for approximately two weeks. If you get any calls from your residents that are concerned about this, it's done intentionally so we can get that clearing done. This is a great project. It's going to be another safety thing for the community. I thank Dave Krock and Fritz for working this through. This is being done free of charge to the city. I think we got a very small piece of this- very small. This is a total of \$1 million project. We appreciate that. That will be getting started around March 1st.

The last thing I want to talk about before I get into legislation is looking at our Councilman from Ward 1; I want to talk about the Black History Event that was at Garfield little theater last week. I want to tell you what. There were quite a few people that attended. It was a great event. I can't

thank the people that put it on not for everything they did. If you never went to one you have to go just to see and hear some of these things went on. They talked about the gentleman that was an inventor. He invented the streetlights. He invented the safety gear that goes over the firemen's heads. Some of the things he did, this was a Black American that did this and he couldn't even get credit for doing it because back in those days if you weren't White you couldn't get credit. You wouldn't be announced in the paper. They would announce all the people that worked for him, but they wouldn't announce him. I say that because this is the second or third probably fourth year that they have brought in some speakers that are unbelievable. Last year they brought in the driver for Martin Luther King, who told stories that you would never believe so it was a great event. Mike, thank you for putting it on and for all the people that were involved. You guys did a great job. It was a great program. That lady that sang was phenomenal. She was really great.

Let's get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 10 and 11 is a 1% increase for police and fire that we have been approving for everyone in the city. Everyone at this point will have received that 1%. This is almost the last piece of the puzzle. The ASCME Union has refused the 1%. They would rather negotiate. I think it's a mistake on their part, but that's what they chose to do. So everyone has been given that 1% increase. Ordinance 12 allows us to purchase eight sets of fire gear, which is much needed. Our fire gear is way too old so this is something that we need desperately for our Fire Department. Ordinance 13 makes an exception to the domestic violence in our nuisance law. If you have any questions about this, Mr. Riley can respond. Ordinance 14. We are increasing the number of patrolmen from 36 to 38. This is to cover retirements and an overlap of bringing new guys in and replacing the guys that are retiring. Ordinance 15. We're looking at changing from plywood boarding on vacant houses to clear boarding. It's for esthetic reasons. It looks too bad when you got this plywood boarding up these windows. This new clear board- it almost looks like a window. It's very esthetically pleasing. It's more expensive for the landlords or the banks or whoever owns the property. We think it's going to certainly upgrade the neighborhood. So I urge Council to pass that. Ordinance 16. We're going to be applying for body cam system. A grant for our Police Department.

Resolution 7. We're applying for a joint grant and application being prepared by the city of South Euclid on behalf of five communities of the First Suburbs Consortium for grant funding from the Cleveland Foundation. We're looking to get some money from the Cleveland Foundation and split it up amongst these five cities where the money is absolutely needed for inner-ring suburbs such as ours, South Euclid and some of the others.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Are there any questions of the Mayor on his report? Are there any questions of the Mayor on his report? There being none, we will move on to Law Director, Tim Riley. Tim, do you have a report for us this evening?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Just to say that if anybody has any questions on Ordinance 13, feel free to ask them. I can clear up any questions you might have. That's all I have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of Mr. Riley on Ordinance 13? Are there any questions of Mr. Riley on Ordinance 13? There being none, we will move on to Police Chief Bob Byrne. Do you have a report for us this evening?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. I just wanted to voice my support for Ordinance 10 and 16. Sixteen being the grant for the body cameras. Nowadays

these are pretty much standard equipment. We are able to obtain some grant money. We do have to put in a little bit, but I think it's a step in the right direction so I do ask for Council's support on that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of Chief Byrne on his report? Are there any questions of Chief Byrne on his report? There being none, we do move on to our Service Director, Tim McLaughlin. Tim, do you have a report for us this evening?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. We've had some cold patch crews out getting some of the large holes on the mains and on some of the side streets. Not getting everything because I'm hoping that the asphalt plant will open up early because of how nice the weather's been. We're trying to take the ones that are safety hazards. I have gotten some calls why didn't you do the whole street? But it's better to wait a little while for the hot patch.

We've also had the Vac-Haul out cleaning some catch basins that are usually problem ones after a lot of rain and after the winter.

Both sweepers have been out. We've put some on the side streets and some on the mains. The ones on the side streets it's kind of rough to put them on the side streets because anything that's loose they pull it up and it just makes more holes for right now. I mean, I usually send them down before I patch with hot patch because it pulls everything up so it gives you a better idea what you need to patch, but we've had them on some of the side streets because they've been so bad.

Also, we've had two really large water breaks on Broadway that we spent some time with. One was the second one at 135th and Broadway in the middle of the street. A couple weeks before that there was one at the corner of E. 135th and Broadway. Hopefully the city of Cleveland has that fixed. We have barricades on there right now but we will be taking it out and putting the concrete in and stuff shortly. Then on Friday, we had a huge water break at Broadway in front of De Pompei's by the bridge. Actually, it was in the sidewalk and in the apron but it blew. The police closed down traffic on Broadway between 131st and Broadway because it was so bad. That's been repaired. We do have to fix that with the concrete for a more permanent situation and we do bill Cleveland. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Are there any questions of Tim on his report?

CLMN GLENN: Tim, I want to thank you for getting the street cleaner out a little early. It really makes a difference on some of these streets. I do like for you to explain to some residents. I get complaints about water breaks. For some reason they think it's the city's responsibility. Would you explain how that process really works?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Yes. Cleveland Water is the water authority. They are in 56 cities. You pay your bill to Cleveland Water. The city of Garfield Heights is not allowed to touch the water lines. We can shut them off; turn them on. Everything goes through Cleveland. Because I call them and tell them there's a water break, they don't run right there. I mean this has gone on for a lot of years. They do tell you you're on a list by priority and that's the way it goes. Other than fixing the street at the end of it, that's the only thing that we have a responsibility for is fixing the road after they've done the repairs and then we bill Cleveland for it. I think this year we've billed them for 135 openings of water repairs in the city. I think this year we've probably been on track for about the same situation.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, Tim for your explanation.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Absent.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. The only other thing I would like to say is that I've had some people talk to me about filling in the potholes and they are very grateful for the ones you have filled so far. Anybody else? There being none we will move on to our Finance Director Barb Biro. Do you have a report for us this evening?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO: Thank you, Mr. President, I do not.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. I know that Dave Krock isn't here tonight, but we have Fritz Alderman. Do you have a report for us tonight, Fritz?

CITY ENGINEER FRITZ ALDERMAN: Thank you, Mr. President, I do not.

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

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS: Yes, I do, Mr. President. Thank you. I just wanted to report that I received a printout of some data from the Greater Cleveland Food Bank for the Garfield Heights Program from October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016. I just wanted to make Council aware of how important the Food Pantry Program is to the city. We distributed 31,710 pounds of food during that time period, with an additional 3,260 pounds of fresh produce, which we are trying to focus on for the residents. This provided 26,425 meals. We were able to serve 2,338 people which included 566 children, 958 adults and 814 Seniors. So again the Food Pantry Program has been growing over the years, but we certainly are serving a lot of our residents. They actually put a retail value on the amount of food that we have gotten from the Cleveland Food Bank for that period (which is about a year) and it totals close to \$53,000.00 worth of food that we have distributed to residents. Through September 30th it cost the city nothing. I just wanted to make Council aware of how important this program is and to thank the volunteers and staff that put on this program. It really is serving a lot of residents.

We also had an outside audit done by the Ohio Association of Food Banks in the month of December. I got a report back that we were found to be in 100% compliance. So I am also told that's not an easy thing to do. I just wanted to thank the volunteers and the staff who help run the program. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Anybody have any questions of Kathy on her report? Are there any questions of Kathy on her report? There being none we will move on to Economic Development Director Noreen Kuban. Noreen, do you have a report for us this evening?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Mr. President, no, I do not have a report tonight.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Absent.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: That concludes reports of the Mayor and the Directors. We'll move on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's agenda. Would the Clerk please read the rules.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:

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

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

David Mays, 8250 Green Drive. I'd like to recommend that Council pass Ordinance 10 and 11 because I think the Police and Fire Departments deserve this raise. In fact, as a resident I think they deserve more. Thank you.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none, we'll move on to Committee Reports. Do we have any Committee Reports this evening?

CLMN VAUGHN: No, Sir.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none, we'll move on to Ordinances and Resolutions, beginning with Ordinance 10-2017. Would the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LUMP SUM PAYMENT OF 1% OF THE BASE SALARY FOR ALL SWORN POLICE OFFICERS.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

ABSENT: Burke

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

ABSENT: Burke

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

ABSENT: Burke

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with myself.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

ABSENT: Burke

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 10-2017 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A LUMP SUM PAYMENT OF 1% OF THE BASE SALARY FOR ALL FIREFIGHTERS.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster
ABSENT: Burke

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:
AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster
ABSENT: Burke

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:
AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster
ABSENT: Burke

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Councilman Vaughn.
VOTE ON ADOPTION:
AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster
ABSENT: Burke

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 11-2017 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FIRE HOUSE FOR THE PURCHASE OF (8) EIGHT SETS OF FIRE GEAR FOR A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$22,000.00.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:
AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa
ABSENT: Burke

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:
AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa
ABSENT: Burke

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:
AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa
ABSENT: Burke

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Councilman Nenadovich.
VOTE ON ADOPTION:
AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa
ABSENT: Burke

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 12-2017 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 555.01 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS TO MAKE AN EXCEPTION FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE BEING CONSIDERED A CRIMINAL ACTIVITY NUISANCE.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:
AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster
ABSENT: Burke

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:
AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster

ABSENT: Burke

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Councilman Vaughn.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster

ABSENT: Burke

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 13-2017 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 30-2016 TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PATROLMAN POSITIONS PERMITTED IN THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster

ABSENT: Burke

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster

ABSENT: Burke

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster

ABSENT: Burke

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Councilman Vaughn.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, I just want people to know that you do need these additional officers. You can see now that you have certain circumstances going on that we are stretching them paper thin. Even though a lot of things are going on in our city it has not been done by people in our city. They outside. Some of them coming in, but you know we need the additional officers to make the city safer than what it already is. It is relatively a good safe city. With that, Mr. Chairman, I vote Yes.

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster

ABSENT: Burke

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 14-2017 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 1361.09 AND 1371.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS TO COMPLY WITH RECENTLY PASSED HB 463 WHICH OUTLAWED THE USE OF PLYWOOD BOARDING ON VACANT/ABANDONED HOUSES.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa

ABSENT: Burke

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa

ABSENT: Burke

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Councilman Nenadovich.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN DUDLEY: Once again, before I vote, I'd like to say that the plywood did make If you have to live next door to that plywood, it really made your home and made your property look bad. It ain't worth running the city down. With the new clear plex whatever they put up there, it looks a lot better. I saw some on my end and I think it was a great idea. With that, Mr. Chairman, I vote Yes.

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa

ABSENT: Burke

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 15-2017 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 54-2016 THAT AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED THE MAYOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE, TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, A DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FOR THE PURCHASE OF A MULTI-USER BODY WORN CAMERA SYSTEM FOR THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster

ABSENT: Burke

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster

ABSENT: Burke

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster

ABSENT: Burke

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Councilman Vaughn.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster

ABSENT: Burke

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 16-2017 passes with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-2017

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO PARTICIPATE IN A JOINT GRANT APPLICATION BEING PREPARED BY THE CITY OF SOUTH EUCLID ON BEHALF OF FIVE COMMUNITIES IN THE FIRST SUBURBS CONSORTIUM FOR GRANT FUNDING FROM THE CLEVELAND FOUNDATION.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

ABSENT: Burke

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

ABSENT: Burke

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with myself.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

ABSENT: Burke

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 07-2017 passes with 6 Yes votes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT SUSTER: That concludes Ordinances and Resolutions. We will now move on to Comments by Citizens. If the Clerk would 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: Do we have anybody that would like to speak this evening?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. There being none, we will move on to Miscellaneous Business beginning with Clmn Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Chairman, I have nothing tonight. Have a good week.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. Clmn Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: You should have saved me for last. No, I want to make it quick. I want to throw some thank yous out there right quick. Like you say it was a great program- the Garfield Heights Black History Program. It's all about American and African-American heritage. I want to thank the Mayor and the First Lady because every year without question they always offer what do we need, whatever it takes to help us out. We do appreciate that, Mayor. Also Jeannie. I also want to thank Mrs. Tubbs and her staff that worked hard to put this program together. I appreciate Captain Thailing coming out. He done a great job there, Chief. We appreciate them. I want to also thank Council as a whole, but also to Clmn Joe LaMalfa. Because of him, somebody is watching a 40-inch beautiful TV right now. I appreciate this guy, you know. He has a big heart. Also for Clmn Matt Burke who is not here tonight for his gift that he put up. And also Clmn Mike Nenadovich and the other Members of Council has some previous obligations but they make a perfect pair. If I need them they always there for me to count on. So I appreciate all of you guys. I want you all to know that, Mr. Chairman.

I will go down the list and I will make it quick and fast here. I just wanted to thank some of the sponsors and God bless us because, maybe with the exception of three of these sponsors. The program was on the 17th. By the 19th all of them has already agreed to become sponsors next year. I never had it that quick, people. Never. I'd like to thank Metro PCS, which is also a Garfield business here. McDonald's on Turney Road, Lucas Funeral Home over in Mike's Ward, I appreciate them. Bos Q is that new place that been worked on on Broadway I believe, down in Mike's Ward also. Bos Q is owned by a fellow name Lawrence Lang. They was nice enough. They really helped the program. You know Connie Prince and Parnell Jones the Parnell Jones & Sons Funeral Home, Also, Lorenzo. People don't know about how he travels around the world

training dogs for people. He was a sponsor this year. PC Wireless on East 131st, East Side Eats, Cash USA, and Open Pantry. I do not want to forget.

It was a great show last year. We had Clarence Bos. The Mayor mentioned he was Dr. King's driver in late 1959 or so up until the early 60s. He had a lot to say. This year we had Ms. Sondra Morgan who was Curt Morgan's granddaughter and there were some great slide shows that went along with that. I'd like to thank them and even my sons and family who volunteered their service. It was a great program. Next year I look forward to more people coming out because it's a great educational thing for your family.

I also don't want to forget Mr. Hero's on Turney Road has always been a supporter and supplying food and gift cards. The same thing is Subway's up on East 131st. So I thank everybody who showed up and I thank all those who for some reason you couldn't make it this time. Ms. Wendy there took a lot of pictures for us. I have the disc in front of me. Once again, I thank the city of Garfield Heights for their support of the program. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Joe.

CLMN LAMALFA: I want to say it was a very nice program. I enjoyed it. The lady was a real nice lady, too.

I just got one thing about Tim. You think we will get reimbursed for that money that paved the waterline? It's not like Trump waiting for Mexico's money, is it?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: You can ask Barb Biro, but I think they pay pretty much on time.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is that it, Joe?

CLMN LAMALFA: Yes.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I can't top that. I have nothing.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: March 7th we're going to have Ward 4 Block Watch. The Mayor and Police Chief hopefully will be there. Our guest speaker is going to be a Juvenile Detective from downtown. He's coming out so all you folks that have questions about juveniles, what's happening with the juveniles, your questions will be directed at him and maybe he can give you some good answers hopefully. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. I would like to thank my colleagues tonight for passing Ordinance 10-2017 and Ordinance 11-2017. I know it's not a lot of money for the safety forces, but it's at least something. Also for passing the ordinance for the Fire Department to get new gear. I mean if you see some of the things that these guys wear when they go out on the fire, it's not because they mistreat them or anything. It just happens when they're out.

That's all I have and I would like to make a motion that we adjourn the meeting. All those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed? Meeting is adjourned.

AYES: Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn
ABSENT: Burke

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:39 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Joseph Suster
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council