

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

Monday, February 13, 2012

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

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Reading and disposal of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of City Council from Monday January 23, 2012.

CLMN SUSTER: Mme. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Garfield Heights City Council dated Monday, January 23, 2012 as submitted.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: All in favor say Yea. All opposed?
AYES: Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: The Yeas have it.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: We will move on to the reports of the Mayor and his Directors. Mayor Collova, you have a report this evening I'm sure?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Yes I do. Thank you. I have a few notifications that I would like to present to Council today. First off I want to talk a little bit about and I'm sure Engineer Dave Krock is going to get into this shortly but we have a project that's going on again at Henry and McCracken. I'm going to read it to you:

"This project will not require the closing of Henry Street again but will certainly be a noise issue with 24/7 construction. The MC3TC contract documents require the work around

the clock when we're moving the existing culvert and constructing the bottom portion of the MH12-1. We intend on starting this work within the next 10 days to two weeks. As you may recall Shaft 12 is near the intersection of Henry and McCracken, behind the Recovery Room. They should be conducting 24 hour operations for around a month. This should allow us to finish continuous operations before residents' windows are open."

So once again we will have a little inconvenience in your area, Nance, but the big picture is a good one.

Last meeting we talked about the rubbish issue that has been going on. We had many complaints through my office, through the Service Garage, through the Police Department about people that were putting their rubbish out a couple days in advance; leaving the cans out too long so we talked about putting a program together. Chief Sackett will be able to answer those questions. I want you to know that right now it's already started. We have auxiliary police at no cost to the city out on weekends and they will be scheduled other days to go throughout the city. The letter reads:

"Dear Resident:

Please be advised that you have violated Garfield Heights Codified Ordinance Section 913.04 by placing your rubbish on the tree lawn earlier than permitted. The Mayor, City Council and police have received citizens' complaints concerning these violations. In an effort to reduce these complaints without taking enforcement action you are being issued this warning letter. In the future we hope that you will wait until the appropriate time to place your trash out."

This letter was going to get into the times, from April 1st to October 31st 6 p.m. from November 1st to March 31st it's 4 p.m. Again, the first time they're not going to issue a ticket. It's going to be the letter. They are going to keep a bank. If they go back a second time a ticket will be issued. We're working on that one right now how we're going to do it. What's actually going to happen but once again, people, it's very simple. You have to put your rubbish out at certain times. We want the neighborhood to remain clean. So please try to run with that so you don't end up paying \$150.00 or more for a ticket.

Another bit of news. Dominion East Ohio. This was sent:

"Dear Public Official:

The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) approved Dominion East Ohio's use of an automatic adjustment mechanism known as the AMR Cost Recovery Charge to allow Dominion to recover certain costs associated with deploying automated meter reading technology throughout its service territory. Once the AMR technology is fully implemented Dominion will read customers' meters monthly which will eliminate the need for estimated customer bills and will improve usage information for budget billing purposes. Dominion estimated its February 2012 application will seek an AMR cost recovery charge of 55 cents per month per customer based on the estimated schedules for AMR costs incurred by Dominion during calendar year 2011. The current AMR cost recovery charge is 57 cents per month per customer. Dominion's use of AMR technology will enable Dominion to continue providing safe and reliable natural gas service to our more than one million customers. We appreciate the opportunity to serve your

community and look forward to answering any questions you may have regarding this notice.”

So it's another little ding. I don't know there's a whole lot we can do about it but I wanted to make you aware of that.

Something that's pretty interesting. I received this letter from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District:

“This is to all elected officials, candidates for office and political parties. The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management District wants you to recycle your campaign signs. Following the March primary the Solid Waste District will be collecting election signs for recycling at its facility located at 4750 East 131st Street in Garfield Heights. We are conveniently located off I-480 at Broadway. The District is a non-partisan recycler. We encourage all candidates and elected officials and Ward Clubs to round up election signs so we can keep them out of the landfills.”

This is something I think is going to be pretty good. After all these elections you see these signs laying all over and so these would be a good place to give them—to the Solid Waste.

A little bit of good news to report. This is actually an e-mail that was sent from Thomas Nemetz, Fire Chief:

“I am happy to inform you that through the hard work of Lt. Dave McKee, the Garfield Heights Fire Department has been awarded an AFG Grant, in the amount of \$124,296.00 This grant will cover the expense of the NFPA required fire gear for all of our firefighters. The new fire gear will replace the old fire gear which will be outdated at the beginning of 2013.”

This is huge. It saves the city \$125,000.00 so that's something good. It was a good job done by Lt. McKee.

One other thing we're going to do this year is last week I was at a Block Watch and after the Watch was over one of the residents came up to me and asked me, you know, with all the things that the city asks the residents to do, pay rubbish fees, etc. wouldn't it be nice if the city could give us something back? Anything? Something small. Anything to show appreciation. We thought about it and there's not a whole lot the city has to offer, but we are going to try some things and see how it works out so what we're going to do first is we're going to do something in the winter and again in the summer. Saturday March 10, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. we're going to do a free admissions, skate rental and raffle. It's a Winter Appreciation Day. We'd like to extend to our residents an afternoon of ice skating on us for all of their patience and understanding during this tough economy. Get there early. Use your admission stub for the Lucky 7 free drawing. Tickets will be pulled at approximately 3:00 p.m. Please provide proof of residency for admission. Please understand the rink has limited pairs of ice skates. If you have your own skates, please bring them. Hope you join us for an afternoon of winter fun. We're going to raffle some stuff off. We're going to make it a nice day. We understand that not everybody ice skates and so not everybody is going to be able to take advantage of this but this will certainly be a good thing for the ice skaters.

What we're going to do this summer is we're going to have each Ward of the seven Wards have a Summer Appreciation Day and we're going to give them two days, a free weekend, at the swimming pool. It's going to be some of the same things. We'll put a differently colored wristband on them to show that they're there from that Ward. We're going to have prizes. We're going to have some of these wonderful Council people bring different types of little goodies for the people, and I'm sure they're all in favor of that. You can tell by their smiles. No. This is something that I think will take off much better than the ice skating because everybody enjoys the swimming so it's not a lot and I know people are going to say yeah, big deal, but it is something. It's something we can do and I hope everybody appreciates it. We're looking forward to doing it.

I want to bring this up. One of the priorities this spring will be striping the streets. We know the streets are in need of striping. We have been working and getting some different kind of paint; some different kind of prices to get this done. That's going to be one of the priorities as soon as the weather breaks and Tim has the equipment on the road. We will be looking forward to doing that because it's been needed for a long time.

With that said I'm going to get into ordinances. Ordinance 6-2012. Before I get into ordinances I do want to say one more thing. The last meeting we had Melanie from the library here and talked a bit about the temporary location of the library and she couldn't even though Dudley was putting the pressure on her she wouldn't give up the location. She's going to be here today. She's going to give a report again today. She's going to tell you about this library. It's unbelievable what they have planned and she will be doing that shortly.

Ordinance 6-2012. Annual agreement with the city of Bedford Heights to house prisoners. It's something we do on a yearly basis. Ron can get into it more or the Chief if need be. Ordinance 7-2012. Agreement with Cuyahoga County to continue the Juvenile Diversion Program. We're stepping up the program. We have, thanks to some mischievous kids, we've had quite a few young men and ladies volunteering for the program. We're running out of work for them so we're doing some other kinds of things that we'll be talking about once the County approves them. This is a great program not only for the kids but for the city of Garfield Heights because they're doing their community service. Instead of them going down to Juvy detention, we're allowing them to do community service and if they do the community service and they remain clean from any kind of incidents for one year it is removed from their record and will never be on their record that they were involved at all. With that, Mme. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you, Mayor. Any questions or comments on the Mayor's report? I just have one. Mayor, I'm not putting on a bathing suit for anybody and I'm not putting on ice skates either.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I'm with you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Moving on to our Law Director Tim Riley. Do you have a report?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Thank you, Mme. President, I have no report tonight.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any questions for our Law Director? There being none we'll move on to Police Chief Robert Sackett. Do you have a report tonight?

POLICE CHIEF SACKETT: Thank you, I do not have a report tonight.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any questions for our Police Chief? There being none we will move on to Service Director, Tim McLaughlin. I know you have a report.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: I have a short one. For the last two weeks we've had some really nice weather and winter came right back. The biggest things that we've done in the last two weeks is we spent a lot of time temporary patching with cold patch. The roads took a beating. It's not as bad as last year. Last year we had a lot more holes, a lot more sections that kept falling apart. We've had like three crews out trying to get big areas and stuff. McCracken Road's one of them. That will be a great relief to us when that gets repaved. We've had the tree truck out and did some tree work especially with the windy days some branches got blown down, etc. but otherwise I was looking today and versus last year we've used almost 350 man hours less than last year. The snow at Cleveland Hopkins where they record it, last year we had 50" at this time and they said we had 40". I think we've had more, but it just depends. The weekend storm was the wind made it very difficult to handle. It was going back over and over and over because every time that you cleaned it it would blow it closed, but I thought the guys did a pretty good job on it. We try to get it done in an efficient manner and not stretch it out because the weekend's all overtime and it's just adding into the budget. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anyone have any questions for Tim McLaughlin? We'll move on to Recreation Director Bob Dobies. Do you have a report this evening?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Yes, I do. Mme. President, Council Members, good evening. Just a couple items. Our soccer program has begun practices the last week and a half. Regular games begin tomorrow, February 14th and will continue till the end of March. This is one of our most popular programs and we look forward to another exciting season.

Sunday February 26th the Citizens for Garfield will be doing a fundraiser at the rink. Come have a fun afternoon on the ice from 2:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. I know it doesn't seem like it, but T-ball and softball signups are around the corner in March.

I would like to remind all that this week we will entertain the 19th Annual Melt the Ice Hockey Tournament. The tournament will run today. I just got an updated schedule. They are starting today this evening at 6:30 p.m., tomorrow evening at 6:30 p.m. It starts Wednesday at 7:15. They are off Thursday and Friday all day starting at 8:30 a.m., Saturday all day with games starting at 7 a.m., Sunday all day, with games starting at 7 a.m. and Monday are the finals with games beginning at 7 a.m. and the championships beginning at 10:45 a.m. We have 34 teams participating this year, which is, I believe, four more than last year and the teams are coming in from Akron, Toledo area, the surrounding areas plus Pennsylvania, the Meadville and Pittsburgh areas and from New York, representing Chautauqua and Buffalo areas. This tournament benchmarks the end of another successful youth hockey season and in honor of Mr. Chuck Reha, one of our founding fathers of the program so please make room on your calendars for an exciting weekend of hockey. I know over last year this not only provides a tournament for the kids to participate in but this brings in a numerous amount of people. We had well over 2,000 people come through last year so it just enhances the city on a whole.

Last, as the Mayor commented in his report, the Recreation Department will earmark March 10th at the ice rink for Residents' Appreciation Day. We will have open skating from 1 to 6 p.m. This is for residents only and proof of residency will be required. In consideration of all of us going

through some difficult times together we hope to provide a fun-filled afternoon with ice skating and some giveaways. Hope to see you. Thank you. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for the Recreation Director? I just have one. Mr. Dobies, when we have a hockey tournament like that, do we make a lot of money?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: This is part of the program, but yes, we do, because what we get out of it is what happened this year is we doubled the size of the Munny Program in itself. So with that alone we went from 43 kids to 104. Half of those people are Garfield residents too. This initiates an initial collecting of funds so to speak in the beginning. This tournament is run as a city tournament. Then what normally the club does is participate in giving another donation and they buy their extra ice other than the weekend ice. Weekday ice will be purchased too so we do make money off of it.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: OK. Anyone else have any questions? There being none we will move on to City Engineer Dave Krock. Do you have a report?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I do, Council President, thank you. Just to follow up what the Mayor said about the Shaft 12 with Regional Sewer. The residents in the local area will be getting a notification by mail so those who live close will learn a little bit more about it. In the next couple weeks they should hear something on that.

In Ward 7 we have a project that the County does--Thraves and Grannis sewer--which was supposed to start last summer and it looks like now it's going to start towards the end of March. That will run through the spring.

As we spoke by e-mail earlier, Ms. Marincic, regarding the Ward maps, we will be looking into that. We do have all the census data now so there may be minor changes to the Ward maps coming up based on the 2010 census data, but we'll share that with you before everything gets finalized. That's my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. I have one question regarding the Henry Street project. How loud will the noise be? Will it be primarily above ground or underground or?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Most of that work will be in the culvert areas there but we do expect it to be normal construction noise; however, it will be at abnormal construction hours so that's where the notice comes from.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: They have to do this around the clock?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: As I understand it the way the concrete pour is going to go it needs to be done around the clock.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any other questions for our City Engineer? There being none we'll move on to Finance Director Ron Tomola. Do you have a report this evening?

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Thank you, Mme. President, no, I do not, not this evening.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for our Finance Director? There being none, we will move on to Economic Development Director Noreen Kuban, do you have a report?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, I do, thank you, Mme. President. I am still accepting ideas for CDBG Grant applications. We are eligible to apply for two grants, one is \$300,000.00 and the other is \$150,000.00. I've had public hearings and I've been going to different groups like Block Watches to talk.

Also on March 13th we're going to have a Fair Housing Seminar. It will be here from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. and we will be having that meeting in the main dining room. We'll be sending out letters to realtors and I believe we also send out letters to landlords with landlord registration information.

Also in March we're going to have a Foreclosure and Mortgage Assistance Event that will be on March 24th, which is a Saturday. We will have that from 9 a.m. till 12 p.m. We're going to have several different groups here: Neighborhood Housing Services, ESOP. The Court mediator will be here as well. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for the Economic Development Director?

CLMN DUDLEY: Maybe I should have asked Tim? I was not sure which one of you to ask. I was looking at a paper I'd seen where the County said they were going to be changing it and they would be providing grants that would not need no matching funds. Would that mean that we would not have to put no money up on the grants and the County would pick up the whole tab?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Regarding CDBG as Noreen was talking about, that is true. There is no match there. That is the same with Turney Road as well. I'm not sure which item it was.

CLMN DUDLEY: Second. What all can the money be used for?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: It's usually for capital improvements. So we've used it to renovate a fire station, purchase a fire truck, sewer repairs, we've done some street repairs, parks, that type of thing.

CLMN DUDLEY: All right, Mme. Chairman.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anyone else have questions for our Economic Development Director? There being none we will move on to Building Commissioner, Mr. Bill Wervey. Do you have a report this evening?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Good evening, Mme. President. Just a short item. Marymount Hospital, the general contractor, Turner, is within a few days of turning the building over to the Clinic. That doesn't mean it's complete, but they will start installing their equipment and having some of their own people install equipment, but it's coming along and I believe they have surgeries scheduled for the latter part of March. That's all I have to say.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for the Building Commissioner? There being none that concludes the reports of the Mayor and his Directors. Now we will move on to

Comments By Citizens regarding items on the Agenda. Our Clerk isn't feeling well tonight so please have sympathy on her and be patient.

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: That's easy. If you would like to speak regarding any item on the agenda tonight please raise your hand and once I point you out, come and take the microphone. Anybody tonight? No one has comments on the agenda? OK. Now we will move on to ordinances and resolutions.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: We will begin with Ordinance 06-2012. Will the Clerk read the title?

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2012

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BEDFORD HEIGHTS FOR OUTSOURCING OF PRISONERS TO BE HOUSED IN THE BEDFORD HEIGHTS JAIL.

MOVED BY SUSTER TO CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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 Suster.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 06-2012 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2012

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RE-ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY AND CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT WITH RESPECT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMMUNITY DIVERSION PROGRAM FOR 2012.

MOVED BY VAUGHN TO CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 07-2012 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes and I'm glad to see this excellent program continue.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2012

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS HONORING GEORGE L. FORBES, DIRECTOR OF THE NAACP FOR HIS LIFETIME ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY.

MOVED BY DUDLEY TO CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: The Yeas have it. There's no Waiver of Rule 24 on this.

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, I would like to mention that just not his political life, but his achievements that he had done within NAACP was really great. Sometimes people have a misconception because when the NAACP comes into your community they always consider to take it the wrong way but it's just like several other organizations whether the EEOC when they come into it because something's wrong in a job or employment status. They come there for a reason and the majority of time (I don't say all the time) they are really trying to work out a resolution to an issue. I know he's been a good individual, I have utilized his services myself in the past and every time I went to them it was always a peaceful resolution that came out of it and the misconception that people believe sometimes that you have to be an African-American to be a member of the NAACP, that is absolutely nonsense. So with that, Mme. Chairman, I'd like to hope that I get good support on this resolution and I think it's well deserving and I tell people sometimes you have to allow the past to be the past. We're talking about what's going on now and what's going on towards the future. With that, I vote Yes.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Congratulations and I thank Mr. Forbes for everything he did for our community and I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Resolution 05-2012 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: That concludes Ordinances and Resolutions for the evening's agenda. Now we will move on to Miscellaneous Comments by Citizens and I'm going to have our poor sick Clerk read the rules.

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: Thank you very much. Well read. Any residents who would like to speak please raise their hand. Come up to the microphone. Give your name and address for the Clerk and spell your last name. You have five minutes.

Dave Boyd, 6074 Turney Road. With the paving of the Turney Road, I don't know who's going to answer this, I understand we got a million dollars the city's got to cough up for the water? Is that so?

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Maybe the Mayor could answer that?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Yes and I can refer to Dave if I don't get it right. What I think, Dave, is that it's going to probably be a little bit more than a million dollars to do the water work. We're working on getting that done also. We're looking at funding. We couldn't do it ourselves so we need funding for that.

MR. BOYD: How is the city responsible for a utility?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: What happens is when the grant was allowed. It's like why isn't the city paying for the whole street? When a grant or funding is allowed they put different parameters about what it costs so what they allow to be paid for and part of that is not the water line so if we wanted to do that we could pick it up or we could leave the old lines in there and not do the lines but what we'd like to do is get it all fresh and all clean. It's well needed and the engineer has been working on some funding projects for that.

MR. BOYD: So this is preventive maintenance more or less? They're doing it so.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: We could actually leave it the way it is. The problem is because of the age of it every time we have a water main break we're going to be digging up new concrete.

MR. BOYD: The shock of the work being done is going to break it up.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Very possible.

MR. BOYD: A second issue I have I guess there's no guessing here is the Mall garbage. That's not really getting any better.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: May I ask you what you mean by Mall garbage?

MR. BOYD: I live by Garfield Mall up there and whoever owns it I don't know if it's the bank or receivership or whoever owns it, it's no longer the Slyman Group, but they neglect their duties in keeping it clean.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Maybe I'll direct this to Clmn Vaughn. Do you want to comment on this?

CLMN VAUGHN: We've been trying. With the Mall being in receivership trying to get them to clean it up. They clean it up as you know, for a little while and then it comes to a halt. Mayor, do we know anything about the new owner?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Dave, let me say this. The new owners are going through their 60 day due diligence and once that is completed they will be able to put the proper paperwork in to take it over. Once they take it over the city plans (I've already talked to them actually) the city plans to discuss some of the things that are needed not only on your side but the parking area and some signage out front. So we will sit down with them and tell them what we expect. Tom and I have talked about this numerous times along with you. The only reasonable answer is some sort of a fence or some sort of large shrubs to cover that whole area. We will be doing something. I know it's been taking a long time but this foreclosure.

MR. BOYD: 18 years.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Not quite 18 years, but I'll say 18 months and that's a long time.

MR. BOYD: I've been through it for 18 years.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I understand your frustration because I was at your house and saw it.

MR. BOYD: Can you push for the fence?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: We're definitely going to try. All right?

MR. BOYD: All right. I ain't going away on this.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I don't blame you. I wouldn't either.

CLMN VAUGHN: We're trying, Dave.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you, Sir. Anyone else?

Melanie Weiss, 5409 Turney Road. Soon to be 5400 Transportation Blvd. I passed out a bookmark that the library put together explaining their temporary location will be at 5400 Transportation Blvd., Unit 6. We will be moving some time in March, beginning of April. At Joe's Block Watch I had everybody do a little imagining exercise with me. I said everybody close your eyes. Just humor me and everybody close your eyes for a minute. I would like you to remember the last time you moved. OK. You can open your eyes now. Next time you come to see me at the library keep in mind that I have to move all that. Not physically thank goodness but it's quite a task but I have to tell you nothing has been more exciting in the recent years since I've been here than this move.

Our temporary location isn't going to be ideal because it's temporary but there are some really good things that are going on that we're going to offer that we haven't been able to in our location now. Some of those things are first of all our current hours are going to stay completely the same so yes we'll be open on Sundays, we'll be open during the evening, we will have more story times than we've had in the past because we'll have a dedicated story time room. We will have three more computers than we have right now. We will also have a specified children's area which means that we will have computers in that area as well. We will have a customer pick-up which means when you come to pick up your holds you can go right to the shelf and get it and we'll also have self-checks. We will be a full service library at our temporary location, which is pretty great. We're very excited about all of it. Any questions you have? I'd be more than happy to answer.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mme. Chairman, if I may? Melanie, we discussed this before but for Council, the down time that there will be from the move? How long will it actually be closed before you open up the temporary?

MS. WEISS: It won't be any longer than a week.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: OK.

MS. WEISS: OK?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Can you very briefly explain to Council some of the new technology that you're going to be bringing to the new library?

MS. WEISS: To the new new library or the?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Actually the temporary one you talked a little bit about.

MS. WEISS: We're the only branch right now because of the space and because of the layout that we do not have self-check. If you've been to a branch that has customer self pickup and self check it means that you don't have to wait in lines anymore, you can come get your stuff, you can check out, you can leave. So no more oh my gosh how long is this going to take? It's not going to be like that at all. What's really exciting about that is we're going to have a self check in the children's area too so parents can teach their kids how to do that so when we move to our new new space everybody will know how to use that new technology and will be ready to go.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Melanie.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anyone have any more questions? Thank you.

MS. WEISS: One more thing I would like to talk about is a letter that I passed out to all of you. We've had some difficult times at the branch. It has not been an easy transition with school getting out early for us. I worked with our marketing department. We put together a letter that's going to be available on the school Website to residents, parents, etc. I can also tell you with the cooperation of the Police Department we do have off duty police officers right now from 2:00 to 6:00. That was done out of necessity. Unfortunately with idle time comes problems and because of that we find it very important that all residents feel welcome and they continue to come to the library. I'm not going to read this to you but it does explain why we have made this step. It's a temporary step. We've had to do this in the past but I just wanted to explain to you why. Also included is our library rules of conduct. We take these very seriously and we do on occasion ask people to leave. We restrict them and we have gone to Court as well when needed when there's been issues that followed that. So the last paragraph I would like to read to everybody in this room.

Great libraries require the care and commitment of many and that includes all of you up here. We are committed to providing the best possible library service we can, but we also need your help everyone's help to ensure that the Garfield Heights Branch can remain a favorite destination for residents of all ages.

Does anybody have any questions for me?

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: OK. Your timing was impeccable. Thank you. Anyone else wishing to comment tonight? There being none, we will move on to Miscellaneous Business and we're going to begin with Clmn Suster.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

CLMN SUSTER: I only have one thing tonight. I think everybody knows this past Saturday night the Garfield Heights Chamber of Commerce had their Annual Award Dinner and I would like to congratulate the people that were honored there that night. For the Business of the Year they had First Federal of Lakewood, the Organization of the Year was Rock Community Church, the New Business of the Year was Playmaker's Sports Grille, the Chamber's Ambassador of the Year was Zack Williams and the Citizen of the Year was Chris Piazza. I would like to say something about Chris Piazza, living next door to her, is that the things that she gets involved in you know from the time that she starts till the time that the project or whatever she gets involved in is done 100%. I've seen her get involved with the Historical Society, with the plant sale they had this year. She could have 300 plants in her back yard. The next thing I know her husband's driving up he's unloading his truck and he's got another 300 plants and they are potting all these plants. I've seen her at meetings in her garage pertaining to these plants. I got involved with some of the projects that she did. I can't remember the name of it years ago when she was with Koinonia Homes raising money for Koinonia Homes. Everything she does she's impeccable about what she does. Last Wednesday I had to go pickup my grandchildren from school. I was coming home and I was on the corner of Turney and Granger and I'm looking over and I see this lady with a dustpan and a hand broom sweeping up glass off the sidewalk. I said no, it can't be. Yes it was. It was Chris Piazza. She happened to be going by. She saw a broken bottle on the sidewalk, went home, got a dustpan and she cleaned up and that's the type of individual she is. That's why I think the Chamber made a great choice in making her the citizen of Garfield Heights. She's been involved in so many different organizations in the city. I think the Mayor had a hard time putting together a proclamation for her because if they would have put every organization down that she was involved in they needed two pages and usually a proclamation is only one page. Am I correct, Mayor? That's all I have.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: That's enough. She is a whirlwind, isn't she?

CLMN SUSTER: Yes, she is.

CLWN MAHONEY: I would just like to wish Clmn Nenadovich and his wife, Bernie, Happy Anniversary and Clmn Vaughn, Happy Birthday and wish everybody a Happy Valentine's Day. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Clmn Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: I'd like to congratulate all the winners the other night. Our Block Watch will be the last Thursday of February. I invite everybody to come and join in with us. We'll be planning our road trip to the casino so I need as much input from everybody that's going along with us. I wish everybody a Happy Valentine's Day and let's have a good week. Thank you.

CLMN DUDLEY: First of all I'd like to congratulate our very own The Rock Community Church, Father Bernell. He's a great individual and I really like him a lot. He's really involved in the community and Chris Piazza for her part too. Like I said it's good to have people within our community and our city doing things like that. Also I'd like to wish everybody a Happy Valentine's Day and I'd like to thank our Police Department. We had an incident up in Ward 1

the other day which you probably had saw and I really appreciate the quick response that you all was able to grab a couple of those jokers because it could have turned out a lot badder and we could have been looking at somebody's life being lost so once again like I said we got one of the quickest responding departments they has. Our other departments are great too, OK, Bill?

With that, we know the issue is coming up about the school, etc. is coming up on the ballot once again. I'm always going to wish them the very best, but I have to make one comment and I still say that the millions of dollars that we are putting into the Cleveland School District is absolutely ridiculous. I believe that we should take that money. We should bring that money home. Every child within the city—it's not a Black and White issue—it's not a Ward 1, I believe Ward 3 issue It's not about the children like that. It's about that every child should have the same access to the educational programs provided in the city. None should receive anything more than the other. We can take that \$3 million and put it in and lower that levy if not erase that levy. I think we need to give it consideration. This is something I did meet wit the school district prior to September. I saw the September levy come; I saw the November levy come. We are in a hurting situation. A lot of people are hurting financially. We would have took that into consideration I believe we could have put something in play. I did offer my services. I have met with Cleveland several years ago and I offered my services to go down there again. We need to keep every dollar we can in this city and not give it to another city.

Once again Happy Valentine's Day to everybody and thank you, Mme. Chairman and once again thank you all for the support on that resolution. I really appreciate it.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Must I say you look very dapper this evening. It has not gone unnoticed.

CLMN DUDLEY: This is for Black History Month. I wanted to mention. Thursday, the 23rd of February at 13455 Dressler Road, Family Life Center, we are having our 7th Annual Black History Program. It's great entertainment. Everybody is welcome. We have refreshments. You come up, you have a good time. It starts at 6:30 p.m. and it's great. The Mayor has been to quite a few of them. We got a fellow called the Dazzler and he dances on skates. He looks like he's 20 years old but he's actually 70. He's great. Look forward to you all attending. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Clmn Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mme. Chairman. First of all, Tracy, keeper of the cards, thank you very much for the card. I also want to wish everybody a Happy Valentine's Day.

As always, remember the Vets. The holidays are coming. We'll be talking about Memorial Day, 4th of July, Flag Day. That's all coming up. Not only remember the Vets and remember the country that we're standing in. The Vets helped us keep it. Let's remember that and say thank you. With that I thank my wife for 41 years.

CLMN GLENN: I attended the Awards Dinner and it was a good, festive night. I want to congratulate Chris Piazza, Citizen of Garfield Heights and a special acknowledgement to Playmakers that won for best business.

I want to announce that Block Watch 4 is up and running. We installed new officers in our Block Watch. We now have a Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. We'll be off and running shortly. Be patient. We'll be there. To that I wish everybody a Happy Valentine's Day. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Wait a minute. I'm last. Give me a chance. I just wanted to say congratulations to Chris Piazza. She is one of the only people I know that retired from her job and went to work. It seems like she's putting in more hours all for free and dedicated to this community and everyone she encounters every day. God Bless her for retiring so we could put her to work. I want to wish everybody a Happy Valentine's Day and now, Mrs. Mahoney, is there something you want to say?

CLWN MAHONEY: I'd like to make a motion to adjourn.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: OK. All in favor say Yea. All opposed say Nay. The meeting stands adjourned.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:47 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Nancy Marincic
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council