

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, January 11, 2016

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

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Thomas Vaughn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Roll call please.

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

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Reading and disposal of the Minutes of December 28, 2015.

CLMN BURKE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, City of Garfield Heights, Monday, December 28, 2015 as written.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Clmn Burke to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Garfield Heights City Council of December 28, 2015, all in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

AYES: Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster
That passes with 7 Yes votes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

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

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Yes, Mr. Chairman, thank you. I have a short report. I received notification from the Regional Income Tax Agency about a breach in security and I like to read it to Council.

Dear R.I.T.A. Member:

I am writing to inform you of a potential data security incident that may affect you and your resident taxpayers. We value our relationship with you and want to make sure we

are handling this event in a manner that addresses any concerns you may have. On November 10, 2015, while preparing to destroy a limited number of DVDs used as part of our previous backup system, we discovered that one of the DVD cases was empty and the DVD was missing. We immediately began an investigation and on November 17, 2015 determined that the missing DVD most likely contained back up copies of income tax documents submitted on or before June 2012. Unfortunately, these documents include taxpayers names, addresses, Social Security numbers and possibly date of birth. If the taxpayer included financial information with their Municipal Income Tax document this data may also have been contained on the DVD.

We conducted a thorough investigation to try and locate the DVD and we carefully searched our facility and, at our request, a third party offsite storage vendor searched its facility twice for the DVD but has been unable to locate it. From our investigation, we believe the DVD was most likely destroyed in accordance with our process for unlabeled DVDs. If an unlabeled DVD is found, it is shredded and destroyed.

However, out of an abundance of caution we are communicating with taxpayers about this incident and offering them credit monitoring and identity theft protection services through Experian. Approximately 50,000 individuals representing less than 2% of tax accounts handled by R.I.T.A. will be receiving this communication, which may affect your residents. As part of R.I.T.A.'s continuing efforts to improve security we implemented a more secure process to back up this type of data. The new process was already in place. We discovered the DVD missing.

The Regional Income Tax Agency feels very comfortable that this information was destroyed and never got out to anybody else, but just to err on the side of caution they wanted everybody to understand what has been taking place. I'm certainly be glad to answer any questions that I can answer. I have a little bit of information here, but the best thing to do, if you have some information, is to call the Regional Income Tax Agency and they can give you a better understanding. With that, Mr. Chairman, (I know we have no legislation tonight), you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mayor. Does anybody have any questions of the Mayor on his report?

CLMN GLENN: Mayor, do you have the State of the Union time and place?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: The State of the Union is a good question. It's coming up real soon. It is at the Knights of Columbus Hall. It's put on by the Chamber and unfortunately, I do not remember the date. Sorry about that, Gene.

CLMN GLENN: January 20th, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you for that information. If you could put a speech together for me I'd appreciate that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Is there anybody else that has any questions of the Mayor? There being none, we'll move on to Law Director, Tim Riley. Do you have a report this evening?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, no report tonight.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Acting Police Chief Bob Byrne. Do you have a report this evening?

ACTING POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: No report tonight.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Service Director, Tim McLaughlin, do you have a report for us this evening?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: I have a little short thing. You know the weather's been great and we got some extra things done that we normally would not do, but for the winter weather fans I think this week's going to be the start off of the real winter. Hopefully we have everything set and up and ready to go. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. Are there any questions of Tim on his report? There being none, we'll move on to City Engineer Dave Krock. Dave, do you have a report for us this evening?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Absent.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I have nothing more than what's on my written report, but if there's any questions, I'm happy to take them.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. Finance Director, Barb Biro. Do you have a report for us this evening?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO: No, I do not, Mr. President.

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

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS: I do, actually a real fast announcement. I wanted to let Council know that we were recently informed that our request for funding through the Older Americans Act was accepted for the year 2016. We did not see any decreases in our reimbursement amounts or the yearly meal allocations, which we have seen over the past several years. We kind of stayed the status quo for 2016. So we will continue to receive 13,132 meals, which will cover both our congregate and home delivered Seniors who receive our meals, as well as just a little over \$20,000.00 in reimbursement that we get through our Federal Nutrition contract. So it's good news. We didn't get a reduction as we've done in past years. So that's the good news. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Is there any questions of Kathy on her report? There being none, we'll move on to Building Commissioner Bill Wervey. Do you have a report for us this evening?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Absent.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Just one thing. All our paperwork and orders to proceed are into the Land Bank in Cuyahoga County Community Development regarding the demolition. We started working with the Land Bank over the last couple weeks, doing asbestos abatement and asbestos assessments. Towards the end of last week they started taking permits for demolitions. I think we issued eight or nine demolition permits toward the end of the

week and two of the houses are already down. Hopefully, keep your fingers crossed the weather works out and we go forward.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. Are there any questions of Mr. Wervey on his report?

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none, that's the end of the Mayor's and Directors' reports so we'll move on to Committee Reports. Do we have any Committee Reports this evening?

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We also do not have any Ordinances or Resolutions.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Next we will move on to Comments by Citizens. Would the Clerk please read the rules?

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone that has any comments to make this evening?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none we'll move on to Miscellaneous Business beginning with Clmn Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The only thing that I have to announce is on January 19th at 7:00 p.m. I'll be calling for a Safety Committee Meeting with all members and if all Members of Council would please attend, I'd greatly appreciate it.

Just drive safely out there, folks. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mr. Vaughn. Mr. Dudley, do you have any comments this evening?

CLMN DUDLEY: Yes, Mr. Chairman, thank you. First of all, I'd like to remind everybody we're going to have our Black History Program. It's going to be on February 19th at the Performing Arts. That building over there. It's going to start at 6:30 p.m. and myself and Janice Tubbs we've been working very hard on this program. We have a great keynote speaker this year. The guest speaker's going to be as well. Also, we're going to have some nice raffles. The raffles is free. We're going to raffle off some cell phones and other prizes also. If you come and you're not there when they raffle off--we call your name--we move to the next person. I look forward to everybody attending. You'll have a great time. You're going to be quite impressed with one of the individuals Ms. Tubbs was able to locate. In my wildest dreams, I didn't believe we would be able to get somebody there. So I'm encouraging everybody to come out and learn a little about

your history. We are going to have some good events going on and I do like to see the room packed. Definitely be there. We are going to have some refreshments also. Everything is free. I appreciate the school always supplying that facility for us to have this program. It is a great program.

I do also like to take a moment to congratulate Maple Heights Mayor Annette Blackwell. She is a good person, also a neighbor, as well as the new Council over there. Boy, did the people speak. That is beautiful. I look forward to interacting with the Mayor as I have done in the past.

Also, we will have the Ward Club on Tuesday, January 26th at 7:00 p.m. Our speaker for the club is going to be our very own Chief Byrne. People are looking forward to meeting Chief there. He better answer a lot of questions that you all are asking me. I look forward to that meeting coming up.

One other thing. We had a gentleman at the last meeting here that made a comment in reference to an individual being able to speak on a very first time without having to always call Council. I am not speaking for the whole Council, but I always thought before that was kind of a dinosaur law and I think sometimes you come here and you ain't had a chance to contact somebody, we still should be able to hear your comment because I think you should be allowed to come up to the mic and say what you have to say. If we ever had a chance to address this issue, then fine we can address it, but the reason I say that is because some people would tell you they don't feel comfortable sometimes going up to the individual themselves. That is my personal opinion. That is not speaking on behalf of the other Council Members at all.

Once again, starting this month and into the month of February--Black History Program. That is a lot of events going on during the week. Coming up Martin Luther King birthday. Take the minute there. Go out and enjoy yourself. Kind of learn about your history, learn about the history of others. I always say once and all, if you want to learn about somebody you got to understand their culture. When I was in Germany, I worked hard to understand the culture over there. When I went to Korea, I worked hard. I didn't try to take my culture to them. I tried to understand their culture by interacting with them and most of all by listening to them. With that, I thank you, Mr. Chairman. I am looking forward to you, Chief Byrne, at the meeting. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Mr. LaMalfa, do you have anything tonight?

CLMN LAMALFA: No, I don't have anything tonight, thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I have nothing tonight.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Yes, Mr. President. I do like to mention three people that are no longer with us in Garfield Heights. Raymond Koren, longtime resident, passed away. Also two of my pinochle buddies, Adolph Glinski and Ben Mitchell. Both of them were in the military. They were Veterans. That is all I have to say.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. I have nothing this evening so I do move on to Clmn Burke.

CLMN BURKE: Thank you, Mr. President. The only thing I wanted to say was I am planning on having a Community Awareness Meeting this Wednesday, January 13th, right here at the Civic Center at 7:00 p.m. Our guest this month is going to be Pernell Jones so we look forward to everybody attending. It's open to everybody. You don't have to be from Ward 6. Anybody can attend.

I would also like to remind everybody that the next Council Meeting is going to be Monday, January 25th. With that, I have nothing else.

I'd like to make a motion to adjourn.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Mr. Burke to adjourn the meeting, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:15 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Joseph Suster
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council