

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, January 9, 2017

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

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Michael Nenadovich

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

EXCUSED: Glenn

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion to excuse Clmn Glenn from tonight's meeting.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Clmn Nenadovich to excuse Clmn Glenn this evening, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

ABSENT: Glenn

That passes with 6 Yes votes.

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council of December 12, 2016.

CLMN BURKE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the City of Garfield Heights for Monday, December 12, 2016 as written.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Mr. Burke to accept the Minutes of December 12, 2016 as written, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

ABSENT: Glenn

That passes with 6 Yes votes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Reports of the Mayor and Directors. Mayor, do you have a report for us this evening?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, yes, I do. First off, there is a drug-related program that will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017, from six to eight p.m. at the Garfield Heights Public Library. This is the flyer that comes with it:

This is sponsored by the Cleveland Clinic. It's a triple threat on our doorstep. Heroin, Fentanyl and Carfentanyl. This again, is Tuesday, March 7th, six to eight p.m., Garfield Heights Public Library, 5409 Turney Road. Cleveland Clinic hosts this open discussion with community partners and local experts on the heroin epidemic. This forum is designed to provide education, prevention and resource information to communities surrounding Marymount Hospital. The moderator will be Dr. Gordon Dupree, PhD, Garfield Heights City Schools. The panelists will be Justin Habnin, an M.D. from Cleveland Clinic, Marymount Hospital, Vince Caraffi, Cuyahoga County Board of Health and our own Chief Robert Byrne from the Garfield Heights Police Department.+

We all know about the epidemic with heroin with these drugs. It's absolutely crazy. You don't have to have a brother, a son, or a daughter that's involved with drugs to get the information from this. The statistics are staggering. One out of every five families will experience somebody with drugs. So let's try to get to this thing. Let's make it worthwhile for the people that are putting it on. This is going to be very informative and I certainly suggest to Council to let your residents know this is going to be a great program to attend.

This is something really good. I have some long-awaited great news for the city and even better news for Council and myself who have been getting beat up for the last six years on this.

Mayor,
A flyer from the Engineer. Good news. Attached are the bid results for Turney Road. Bidding is complete. I confirm that the County that they intend to award the bid to the low bidder and have scheduled construction to begin when the asphalt plants open in April. The start date will be firmed up in a couple of months at the Pre-Construction Meeting.+

I have been saying that Turney Road's getting done every year for the last seven years and I might be right this year, so bear with me. It's long overdue, but thank the County because this all free to the city. It's at no expense to the city of Garfield Heights so we appreciate the dollars the County and the State put in on this program.

The next thing I wanted to talk a little bit about is we got some more good news as I walked in the meeting tonight. Some good news for the people that had the flooding problem on 102nd Street. Engineer Fritz will be getting into that in his report. So more good news for the city of Garfield Heights today.

The next thing I wanted to talk about is I wanted to back down a little bit and say on behalf of the city of Garfield Heights, my entire family, I would like to send out our deepest sympathy to the Hopkins family. Mary Lou Hopkins, wife of former Garfield Heights Police Chief James Hopkins, died last week. Not only was Jimmy Hopkins the Garfield Heights Police Chief, but Jimmy, his wife Mary Lou and their seven children were long-time residents of our city and respected by all. Jimmy and Mary Lou will be missed by all. On behalf of the city, I send our condolences to the Hopkins family.

With that, I also want to say I want to thank everyone for their well wishes to get well. I came through surgery great. Suster, you can't take over. I survived. Thank you everybody for your good wishes.

I'll get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 1. To enter into a contract with the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation District for the purpose of public involvement and education regarding soil and water conservation for 2017. Ordinance 2. We amended our contract with Kimble to adjust the number of homes being serviced. That number has been in place since Kimble took over, which is probably 15 years ago and we sent out city hall and Kimble did an audit and got the numbers more accurate. Ordinance 3 allows us to advertise for proposals for various materials, services and supplies for the year ending December 31, 2017. This is a yearly project that we do each and every year. Ordinance 4. Over the past few years there have been several changes to our classifications and wage stages including the most recent 1% wage increase and the creating of a staff attorney position. This ordinance makes the stages possible.

Resolution 1. A resolution ratifying an appointment by the Mayor of Steven Green to the Recreation Board of the city of Garfield Heights, Ohio, for the term effective January 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2022. Resolution 2 allows us to apply for grant funds to purchase two vehicles each for the Police and for Fire. Good luck, Chief. I know you're waiting on that one. Resolution 3. We are sponsoring one of our local businesses to acquire an EPA Market Development Grant as we have in the past. Resolution 4. We are applying for a grant for our Senior Meals Program. We do this each and every year. Any questions--Kathy Parssons can certainly respond to those questions.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mayor. Before we go on, I would just like to say we're all glad that you did well through your surgery and glad to see that you're up and around.

The other thing I'd like to say is this heroin program. I don't know if it's like the one they had here two years ago, but if anybody did not have the chance to attend that one and you want to get an education and a half about heroin, make sure that you're available that night and come to the meeting. You'll learn a lot. That's all I have.

Does anybody have anything else for the Mayor on his report? Does anybody have anything else for 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: No report tonight, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Police Chief Bob Byrne, do you have a report for us this evening?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. As many of you know about a week and a half ago, we had a situation with our communications center and for that and I have a short addition to it. It read on Facebook like this:

To our residents:

Recently on another Facebook page, a complaint was made that the Garfield Heights Police Department refused to respond to a call of a drunk driver in the area of Turney

and Rockside Road. This information was reported to our dispatch center, but was not relayed to Garfield Heights Police officers. Subsequently Garfield Heights officers had no knowledge of this incident. If the information had been passed along, officers would have certainly responded to the area and assessed the situation. The facts surrounding the handling of this incident have been forwarded to the Administrator of the Southeast Communications Center for review. The Garfield Heights Police Department takes all calls for service seriously, certainly those involving potentially intoxicated motorists whose actions are putting other drivers at risk. We have been working diligently to assure that incidents like this do not happen again in the future. We are always willing to address any matters of concern regarding how a call for service was handled. Please contact the Police Department if you have a concern and your call will be directed to someone who can help address it.+

In addition, I would like to add tonight that overall, the Southeast Communications Center does a good job of public safety dispatching. No doubt there are areas that must improve and I am confident that the Administrator's staff and participating departments will make those strides. Everyone should also know that not all issues related to the response of police calls falls at the feet of the dispatch center. Oftentimes in a busy environment where a few less officers are going on a few more calls, some calls will be held at the discretion of a police supervisor. None of these calls are bonified emergencies, which have, and always will, receive the utmost importance from our safety forces and our dispatchers.

With that, I would also like to add, as a reminder, and I spoke about it at the last meeting, is we have a new information line in the city which used to be the old non-emergency line. That information line is not manned by anybody. You are more than likely to get a recording. What's happening is some people are leaving messages for police responses and they're getting mad when we don't respond because there's nobody there to answer the call. So if you need a police response, please call 9-1-1 if it's an emergency or (216) 475-1234. So if you need somebody to respond for whatever the situation is--9-1-1 or (216) 475-1234.

I was also just informed by one of our residents this is the time of year again for scams. Somebody just got a call from the IRS+stating that they had a warrant out for her arrest and she needed to send money to them. Folks, that is not how the IRS works. They will not do business over the phone and there's a lot of other scams going on. I don't know what it is about this time of year, but this is the time when they usually happen. If you are getting any unsolicited calls, be very wary of who you are talking to and don't be afraid to hang up on somebody if you don't know who they are.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Chief. Does anybody have any questions of the Chief on his report? Does anybody have any questions of the Chief on his report? There being none, we will move on to 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. First, I'd like to address there's a water break in Ward 1 on Broadway between 135th and Forestdale. It's been there for about five days. We have called Cleveland Water repeatedly. The Police Department I know I checked they have called two or three times. We have barricaded it. Those don't seem to last long. I guess people just like to drive through things like that. Some of the signage in the barricades have been run over. Today we scraped it. There's a business there that couldn't even get in or out of their driveway. So I sent a loader there and

scraped it. We've been repeatedly salting it and trying to keep it open. There's not much more I can do. We called Cleveland again today and were told we're on the list or that means I couldn't tell you if we were on the bottom of the list or the top of the list. They don't tell you. We'll continue to call but I want to put that out there because I know that Clm Dudley's been getting a lot of calls, the Mayor got calls, but we are doing the best we can with it. We'll see what happens. We'll continue the calls.

Also, we've been taking down the Christmas decorations while there was a little bit of a break in the weather. Snowplowing and salting have been on and off depending on what happens. We were getting hit a little bit here, a little bit there. Stays cold, covers the streets fast and we have salt and we will deal with it accordingly.

Also, I had a couple cold patch crews out trying to get some of the bigger holes that have buckled in different areas. We'll continue to monitor the potholes too.

With that, you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Tim. Are there any questions of Mr. McLaughlin on his report? Are there any questions of Mr. McLaughlin on his report? There being none, we will move on to Recreation Director, Bob Dobies.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Mr. President and Council Members, good evening. I have a very brief report tonight. First of all, Happy New Year to everybody.

Just wanted to remind everybody that this is the last week for signups for futsal (indoor soccer). It's one of our most popular programs. We'll take signups through Saturday 1/14. There are additional office hours as late as 9:00 or 9:30 p.m. tonight. If you need that information, please call the office.

Last, this coming Sunday, January 15th, from three to five p.m. we will have a Winter Wonderland Extravaganza Open Skate. This is a reduced admission event with the proceeds going to Ronald McDonald House, which is a very good cause. This event has been coordinated by Ms. Nikki Majka in conjunction with the Tupperware Corporation.

Thank you. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mr. Dobies. Are there any questions of Mr. Dobies on his report? Are there any questions of Mr. Dobies on his report? There being none, we'll move on to the City Engineer who is not here this evening, but we have Fritz Alderman here to do his report for him.

ENGINEER FRITZ ALDERMAN: I have a report. Thank you, Sir. In quick, over the years we've had a problem with East 102nd Street and in doing the research for the grant I found that there was flooding back as early as the 70s. We used to call that project the East 102nd Street Project. We found funding through the Northeast Regional Sewer District and we were given an e-mail the other day said that our funding was number five out of 12 and that they are sending that for approval this week. That's a five-phase project to be done in four years. The first phase is \$1 M plus or minus \$100,000.00. We got funding in the amount of \$717,000.00 and we will make up the rest with the loan.

Hopefully we will have them on the hook for that and for the next five years we'll do the whole entire neighborhood. That would require a new storm system, new sanitary system, roads, curbing, gutters, drop inlets. We will disconnect all the cross connects to the houses so we will finally get that project under way. We just pray that the Board passes it and we will be in good shape.

That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mr. Alderman. Are there any questions of Mr. Alderman on his report? Are there any questions of Mr. Alderman on his report? There being none, we'll move on to Finance Director, Barb Biro. Do you have a report for us this evening, Barb?

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Next we'll move on to Social Services Director, Kathy Rush-Parssons. Kathy, do you have a report for us this evening?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS: Just a brief comment. I'm just asking for Council's support of Resolution 4-2017. This is a renewal, as the Mayor said, for our Federal Nutrition Contract with the Western Reserve Area Agency. It does provide 8,600 Senior congregate meals here at the center as well as 4,200 meals to our homebound Seniors for the year 2017. We also receive reimbursement for the meals in the amount of \$19,600.00. I just ask for Council's support for that resolution.

That's all I have.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Thank you, Mr. President. No, I do not have a report.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Absent.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Tonight our Building Commissioner is not with us so that concludes the reports of the Mayor and his Directors.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We'll move on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's agenda. Would the Clerk please read the rules.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Do we have anyone in the audience that would like to speak tonight on tonight's agenda? Do we have anybody that would like to speak on tonight's agenda? There being none we will move on to Committee Reports. Are there any Committee Reports this evening?

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Chairman, yes, I would like to announce that on the 24th of January 2017 we will be having a Safety Committee Meeting here in the Caucus Room at 7:00 p.m. We will be discussing some of our concerns that have been brought forward about the Call Center. We will have the Director of the Call Center there and Kurt's Lounge. Please, if you are interested. Please attend. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any other Committee Reports?

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: You are more than welcome.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Moving right along, we'll move on to Ordinances and Resolutions, beginning with Ordinance 01-2017. Would the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS WITH THE CUYAHOGA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND PUBLIC EDUCATION REGARDING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION FOR 2017

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with me.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 01-2017 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT PREVIOUSLY ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS AND KIMBLE RECYCLING & DISPOSAL, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE TO UPDATING THE NUMBER OF HOMES RECEIVING RUBBISH COLLECTION SERVICES

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

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

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

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 02-2017 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COMMISSIONER OF PURCHASES AND SUPPLIES, FINANCE DIRECTOR, THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS FOR VARIOUS MATERIALS, SERVICES AND SUPPLIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

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

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

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

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 03-2017 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE 60-2016 THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS PLAN OF CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION OF NON-UNION PAY POSITIONS

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

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 04-2017 passes with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2017

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF STEVEN GREEN TO THE RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, FOR THE TERM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 01-2017 passes with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2017

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE OF OHIO LOCAL GOVERNMENT SAFETY CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 02-2017 passes with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2017

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR THE 2017 MARKET DEVELOPMENT GRANT FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 03-2017 passes with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2017

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR TITLE III GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 04-2017 passes with 6 Yes votes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT SUSTER: That concludes the Resolutions for tonight. We will move into 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: Is there anyone that would like to speak this evening?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Not much to say on anything tonight. Remember our Veterans. Not only the Veterans that are fighting in the wars, but our Veterans.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: *(Inaudible.)*

CLMN NENADOVICH: I thought we were allowed to do that again?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: No.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I have nothing to say.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. And I have nothing this evening.

CLMN BURKE: Mr. Chairman, thank you. I just wanted to say Happy New Year to everybody.

I wanted to talk about the very first call I got this year as a Councilman. I have to say thank you to Tony Lovano. It was New Year's Day. One of my residents called me and said that the sewer was backed up in his house. He was trying to get a hold of the Regional Sewer District. Couldn't get a hold of them all day--kept getting a recording. I knew that our Service people were taking a holiday so I just took a shot at trying to call Tony Lovano and he answered his phone and gave me the number to the dispatch for the Regional Sewer District who actually got somebody out that day to take care of that resident's concern. So I want to say thank you to Tony Lovano for that.

I also want to say thank you about the Safety Committee Meeting that our Safety Chairperson is calling on January 24th to help talk about the concerns of the citizens.

I just want to remind everybody that we have a Community Awareness Meeting coming up next week, January 18, 2017, right here at the Civic Center. This month we are going to do something a little different. Instead of having a guest speaker, we are going to let the citizens come in with some of their concerns and see if we can get them addressed. So hopefully we will see you all on January 18, 2017 right here at the Civic Center 7:00 p.m.

That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Burke, in the future, I wish that you follow the Rules of Council and only discuss if you have something from legislation of this evening or you did right by announcing your Block Watch.

CLMN BURKE: Well, Mr. President, I looked at the situation with Tony Lovano was part of my Ward business. It did happen in my Ward. It addressed a concerned citizen's residence.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: I understand that, but this is not the time to be discussing that.

CLMN BURKE: I believe under the rules that it does say that, Sir.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: No, I'm sorry. Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: I'd like to wish everybody a Happy New Year. Drive safely out there with the roads and the conditions that we're under right now.

At this time I'd also like to express my sympathy to the Hopkins family, having grown up here with them out here, being members of this community and the work the Chief did. I express my sympathies.

A reminder again, our Safety Meeting will be January 24th at 7:00 p.m.

That is all I have, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: First, I'd like to have the Mayor speak on what he has spoke on before concerning the NOPEC and the changing over, etc. in that letter received in the mail.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Clmn Dudley, what NOPEC did, they changed over. NOPEC was with First Energy as our energy supplier and we have many residents that are involved with NOPEC. They switched over to another supplier. Many of the cities have been getting together. The Mayors are getting together to see if this is the right deal or not. The majority of the people think it is the right deal. I have some skepticism on it so I am still researching with a couple other Mayors, but presently, if nobody does anything, you don't respond at all, you will continue over as you were in the past at the same rate for 10 months that you had in the past and we're hoping to be able to secure something beyond that 10 months prior to that day. So if you don't do anything you stay exactly where you are today for 10 months. If you choose to go out and shop for energy elsewhere you also can do that, but my suggestion is (and it's just a suggestion) you hang loose until we get all the information. Then we'll relay it to the residents.

CLMN DUDLEY: OK. I appreciate that, Mayor. I wanted to mention a thing which is concerning the Ward. We have problems on several streets. I know last year I asked various departments, etc. and I just want them individuals to know like on Dressler, like on 126th and Maplerow you know what your homes is. We're not going to go through that this year. That's what I wanted to put out there.

Also, about what you mentioned, Mayor, about the program what to say in case of anybody who haven't met Dr. Gordon Dupree. He is a real knowledgeable individual. I know he done worked for me for many issues throughout the Ward and throughout Garfield Heights concerning

children that we have; you know problems that the parents be brought to their attention. I don't think it was one issue that Dr. Dupree wasn't able to resolve for me and work for me to get it resolved.

With that just a Happy New Year to everybody. Stay safe. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Mr. LaMalfa.

CLMN LAMALFA: Mr. President, I make a motion for us to adjourn.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: The motion made by Mr. LaMalfa to adjourn, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed? Meeting is adjourned.

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

ABSENT: Glenn

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Joseph Suster
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council