

# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

## CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, July 14, 2014

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

**INVOCATION BY:** Council President Joseph Suster

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Roll call please.

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

**EXCUSED:** Vaughn

**CLMN BURKE:** Mr. President, I would like to make a motion to excuse Clmn Vaughn this evening.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On the motion to excuse Clmn Vaughn, all in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

**AYES:** Burke, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster

**ABSENT:** Vaughn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK

### **READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Reading and disposal of the Minutes.

**CLMN BURKE:** Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the City of Garfield Heights Monday, June 9, 2014.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On the motion by Mr. Burke to accept the Minutes of June 9, 2014 as submitted. All in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

**AYES:** Burke, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster

**ABSENT:** Vaughn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** At this time I would like to take a short break and I will then turn it over to Mayor Collova. All those in favor of taking a short break signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

**AYES:** Burke, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster

**ABSENT:** Vaughn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Mayor Collova.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Tonight we have a special program to begin our Council Meeting. Just to give you a little background, we have a group that's with us tonight. It's a motorcycle group called Rolling Thunder. I've been familiar with Rolling Thunder for quite a few years now. A good friend of mine, Bill Johnson, is a part of that group. He

introduced me to them a while back. I've been to some of their affairs. They do a wonderful job. They work basically when they started out, and they are going to get into it a little bit themselves, they were here to make sure that nobody forgot about the POWs and the MIAs. Along with that they've worked tirelessly to help all kinds of Veterans, disabled Veterans mostly, but they work with all Veterans. They are a unique club. They do a great job and today they have asked to do something that I think is very special. If you remember we had two of our Garfield Heights sons that died in the recent war—Adam Benjamin, Master Sergeant U.S. Marine Corp was killed in the line of duty on August 8, 2009 and Brad Davis, Specialist in the U.S. Army was killed in the line of duty on April 22, 2009. The city certainly does not forget their sacrifice that they made for all of us and Rolling Thunder certainly has not forgot it either so they are going to put together a little presentation today. We are grateful for them to be here. At this time I would like to call up Dave Bush to begin the ceremony.

Mr. Dave Bush: Good evening, everyone. Thank you for coming. My name's Dave Bush and I'm Vice President of Rolling Thunder Chapter One Ohio. This was started a couple years ago with Rolling Thunder National and Rolling Thunder New York Chapter Three and it worked out so well with them they presented to all the chapters at our State Conference last November and myself and other members of our group got on it and we chose Garfield Heights because we have two fallen soldiers here and this memorial sign thing we think is a wonderful thing to do to keep these guys in mind all the time, what they sacrificed and how proud we are of them and their families. With that said I'd like to call up Claudette. She has her little presentation to make.

Claudette: There is a table set before you. It's not necessarily a Rolling Thunder table. It's a table that is set at all military bases around the world every third Friday in September. Prisoners of War, Missing in Action Recognition Day. You'll also see it's set at Veteran organizations such as your VFWs, American Legion, Rolling Thunder and Rolling Thunder DAV and also at the special military balls because we always invite those who are missing. The table is small and it's in a place of honor. It is set for one. That's our way of symbolizing the members of our military and the civilians who supported them in time of war and are still missing from our midst. They are called POWs (Prisoners of War), Missing in Action. They are our brothers and our sisters. They are unable to attend this meeting tonight. They won't be able to see the sign presentation, but still we remember them. It's small. It's set for one. It symbolizes the frailty of one prisoner against his or her oppressors. The tablecloth it's white symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms. A single red rose is placed upon the table reminding us of the families and loved ones of our comrades in arms who continue to keep the faith awaiting their return.

There are over 73,000 missing from World War II. Many of them are in unmarked graves and many of them are at the bottom of the sea. If the casket isn't put into the sea you are considered missing in action. The red ribbon so prominently on the vase is reminiscent of the red ribbon worn on the lapel of breasts of thousands who bear witness to their unyielding determination to demand a proper accounting. The red ribbon on my chest came in way before Hollywood made it the AIDS ribbon. This has always been Prisoners of War-Missing in Action. This came out in the 1960's. More than 7,500 are missing from the Korean War. The candle is lit. It is reminiscent of the light of hope that lives in our hearts illuminating a way home, away from their captors to the very open arms of a grateful nation. 126 have not returned from the Cold War. Those are your civilians. Those are your CIA folks. Those are your spies. A slice of lemon is on the bread plate to remind us of their bitter fate. Over 1,600 have not yet come home from Viet Nam. Salt is sprinkled on the bread plate symbolizing the family of the tears as they await the return of their sons and daughters. There are a total of six missing from Iraq, Libya and Desert Storm. In the beginning we had only heard that there was one missing from Desert Storm. There are three

missing from Desert Storm. The glass is placed upon the table. The cup's inverted. They cannot drink the water that all these people behind us can drink and the chair--it's empty. They are not here. All of you who perhaps served with them, all of you who enjoy our country's freedoms because of them are encouraged to support them and the families who love them until every single one of them comes home. Thank you. That concludes the ceremony. Thank you for allowing this presentation.

**MR. BUSH:** That's a hard act to follow. Thank you, Claudette. Thank you, everyone. I have a little poem to read here. Chokes me up.

“It is the soldier, not the master who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the soldier, not the reporter who has given us freedom of press.

It is the soldier, not the poet who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the soldier, not the campus organizer who has given us freedom to protest.

It is the soldier, not the lawyer who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the soldier, not the politician who has given us the right to vote.

It is the soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag and whose coffin is draped by the flag who allows the protester to burn the flag.”

With that I'd like Mr. Bailey, our Chapter President, Al Keck, our State Liaison, to come up here please.

*(Mr. Bailey and Mr. Keck presented street signs to the families of Adam Benjamin and Brad Davis.)*

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** If I can add at this time that the sign for Adam Benjamin will be put up tomorrow on 115<sup>th</sup> and Granger. The sign for Brad Davis will be put up tomorrow at Turney and York at 10 o'clock. Thank you very much.

**MR. BUSH:** That concludes our ceremony. Thank you everybody. Thank you, Mayor.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Thank you once again, Rolling Thunder. Great job. We appreciate it.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we continue on with tonight's business.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On the motion to by Mr. Nenadovich to continue with the rest of the night's business, all in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Dudley, Marincic

ABSENT: Vaughn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:** None.

**LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE:** None.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** There being none.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Excuse me, Mr. President, there is a piece coming out of committee.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** I'm sorry.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Mr. Chairman, I'd like to pull Ordinance 37-2014 out of Ways and Means Committee.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On the motion by Mr. Nenadovich to pull Ordinance 37-2014 out of the Ways and Means Committee and place it on tonight's agenda, all in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Dudley, Marincic

ABSENT: Vaughn

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

**REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:**

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I do. Before I start my report Rich Piros and Jimmy Markowitz, I will need to see you after tonight's meeting in regards to tomorrow. Thank you.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, first off I would like to congratulate Destiny Davis, a 2014 graduate from Garfield Heights High School, for winning a \$500.00 scholarship award from the Cranwood Ward Club. The Cranwood Ward Club puts together a scholarship program each year and they go through an essay program and they pick out the best candidates and these candidates all do a great job. It would be wonderful if they all could get scholarships. Unfortunately that can't be afforded, but it's really great that this Destiny Davis was able to get some help for her college career so we're very proud of her and the Cranwood Ward Club.

Next the Core Community Service collected a total of 36 garbage bags of litter from the I-480 and Granger Road underpass. They are continuing to work throughout the city to clean up the litter and the debris. It's unbelievable how much litter's out there, but we're doing a great job with that Core Community Service. It's been a great program for the city.

Next we're starting a new project in Garfield Heights and this is once again being done by a couple of groups that do a great job in Garfield Heights and I'd like to read it for you.

This is called the Store Front Planner Project.

"The Store Front Planner Project is the joint effort of two Garfield Heights organizations motivated to improve our city. They are the Green Up Project and the Chamber of Commerce. Stores and business are encouraged to participate by putting up a flowering plant in front of their location. Planters are provided to the participants at no cost by the Green Up Project. The Chamber of Commerce and the participants will be responsible for the contents and maintenance of the plants. This is a wonderful opportunity to show off our creative flower growing and to display your enthusiasm and provide in the efforts

of beautifying Garfield Heights. If you are interested in participating please contact Gabriella at the Chamber of Commerce at 475-7775.”

Once again that is a great project. The Chamber of Commerce does a great job. Chris Piazza and her Green Up Committee is doing wonders throughout the city. If you get an opportunity to walk out in front of the city they are in the process of doing some landscaping out front that is remarkable. I can't wait to see when it's finished, but they do a great job and they do this all voluntarily. That's what feels great. They have people that work out there six to eight hours through Saturdays and Sundays working on putting flowers in and planting, etc. What a great job. We could not be happier that they're a part of Garfield Heights.

Next the 102<sup>nd</sup> Street flooding that we addressed here at the Council Meeting last week. Just for a brief update. The assessment of the city has begun. Early reports found some storm laterals blocked and some areas of cracked pipes. They will complete the rest of the assessment and then put together their plan to resolve the issue. There is numerous reports that were given and there's a long way to go yet, but that project is underway and they'll be working on a resolution shortly, but it's ongoing. It's not being pushed aside. This is going on on a daily program.

Next I wanted to talk a little bit about our potholes. We have completed filling the potholes in the city of Garfield Heights. Four months later it's completed. We used 1,290 tons of patch. That's an unbelievable amount of patch and unfortunately that shows the conditions of our streets. It shows the condition also of our sewers and our waterlines.

We had a town hall meeting to address this problem last week. There were some options placed in front of the residents about ways of getting money to be brought in just for the roads and sewer projects—just for that. Money can't be used for anything else. There was five different options to take. One was to increase the tax credit, one was to increase the income tax by half a percent, there was another option that was increasing the sewer fee, another option was to install traffic cameras and the last option was do nothing at all. Continue the way we are.

We understand that the tax burden on the residents of Garfield Heights is very high. Nobody is denying that. We understand that totally. The problem is if we want to get something done with the roads in Garfield Heights we have to take an aggressive approach and these options are very aggressive, but we understand and if the residents to choose to do nothing at all and continue to patch we will do as you wish. Whatever option you wish we will do. We had the town hall meeting. The entire town hall meeting is up on our Website. We played it on the cable channel. It's going to be announced here tonight. It will go out on the cable channel also. I'm sure it's going to be in the Neighborhood News this week. This is something that's very important for all the residents of Garfield Heights. The number that we're asking everybody to call, which if you get on our Website you will see, is 475-3888 and just simply give us your option. We had that town hall meeting I believe it was last Wednesday and as of right now we've received 21 phone calls and that's all. It's going to be tough to have 21 or 30 people decide what's going to happen for the city so we would really like to get the word out and get people to pick an option. If the option chosen is to do nothing at all we can live with that, but we want the people to make the choice. We realize what kind of a winter we had this year and it's no telling what's going to happen next year. It could even be worse.

So with that said I also want to tell everybody that on Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. Garfield Heights is having its 95 year birthday party. Garfield Heights reaches 95 years old and we're planning a birthday party. We had a meeting today. We've had several meetings. Some of the things the committee has come up with are great. It's going to be great for kids,

great for Seniors. We will have a band inside and that band is going to be Eddie and the Edsels. I'm sure that none of our young people will remember them, but we certainly do. Isn't that right, Bob Davis? We certainly remember them, don't we? Shows our age but we're going to have a good time. We're going to put this day aside to have a good time. It's going to be different vendors coming in. There's going to be a grand prize (a large color TV). There's going to be some good things to do. We'll have pony rides. We'll have balloons, face painting. A lot of things for the kids. We're going to have a dunk tank that Mary Ryan's going to sit in. We have some great things scheduled. What I'm asking is let's put everything aside. Let's forget about potholes, taxes, etc. and have a birthday party and enjoy ourselves for one day. I'm sure that many of our Council people are going to sit in that dunk tank. We're going to try to get the Police Chief, the Fire Chief. We're going to work on it so we're looking forward to that. If anyone would like to help, please contact Chris Piazza because she's heading up this committee.

OK, with that I'm going to get into tonight's Ordinances and Resolutions. The first Resolution of course has to do with Rolling Thunder and it talks about what we just went through with Brad Davis and Adam Benjamin. Resolution 10-2014. A resolution adopting the tax budget of the city of Garfield Heights for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015. That's always interesting. Ron's always got a great report on that. Ordinance 42. An ordinance to revise the Codified Ordinances by adopting current replacement pages. This is one thing we do each year to keep the Codified Ordinances up to date. Ordinance 43. This allows the Land Bank to title properties directly to the city of Cleveland. It saves a step. It saves a few dollars and it makes the transfer easier. Ordinance 37. We're proposing a change in the zoning of Parcel 542-03-0004 from U-11 A which is office park to U-11 B, which is an industrial park. This is the old Pesano's property. We're trying to get something going over there. There was some talk when we first did these there was some talk by people saying they are going to put a landfill in there. I don't know where that idea came up from but it's certainly not what's going to happen. What we're looking to do is exactly what it says. An industrial parkway and that area U-11B is that general area all around there is zoned so that will be heading on the ballot and that's Ordinance number 37. With that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Mayor. Are there any questions of the Mayor on his report? Anyone have any questions of the Mayor?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Mayor, are you going to take a turn in the dunk tank?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** You are one of many that have asked that question. We would probably sell the place out, I'm sure of that. I'd have to worry. I don't know if Joe Lamalfa can throw a ball that hard. No, I'm not sure, but the question has been asked. If I do, will you?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Yeah if you go first?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** We'll discuss it.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Is that it, Mrs. Marincic?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** That is all I have, thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Does anyone else have any questions on the Mayor's report? There being none we'll move on to our Law Director Tim Riley.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Thank you Mr. President. I do have a short report tonight. I just want to let everybody know that there will be meeting of the Garfield Heights Charter Review Committee on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, August 5<sup>th</sup>, August 19<sup>th</sup> at seven o'clock here at the Civic Center in Council Chambers. What the committee does is they discuss potential changes to the Charter and if anybody wants to attend or has any input we would welcome it. That's all I have this evening.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you. Are there any questions of Mr. Riley on his report? There being none, we'll move on to Police Chief Bob Sackett.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** I have no report tonight, thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Are there any questions of the Chief on his report? There being none we'll move on to our Service Director Tim McLaughlin.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. As the Mayor mentioned about the 1,300 tons of patch. I think last year we had 500 for the whole year. That included water cutouts, etc. We're actually not done yet. We're done with the city, with the streets, but I still have 124 water cutout repairs and they usually average about half a ton each. Once we near the final finish on them I have to get on those right away because they have to be done by September so that we can bill the city of Cleveland and be reimbursed for our equipment and time.

We've started on stacks and stacks of other jobs that are out there. The tree truck is out. We have big stacks because I had everybody including mechanics on patch and now that we're done we'll try to make a big effort in the next couple weeks to put a dent in all these tickets. I have the sweeper out finally where I can keep it out. I had it out for a couple days when it rained and then I'd have to take the guy off and put him on patch, but the sweeper's out, the tree truck's out, I have the Vac-All out. They all have piles of tickets, but we're going to try to put a dent in them and see what we can do about catching up. With that you have my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Were there any questions of Mr. McLaughlin on his report? Mr. Nenadovich.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Tim, I want to thank you and your crew and the Mayor for putting up with all the phone calls and the hard work you did. The multiple patching that you've done after every rainstorm. I know it was a battle keeping up and I want to thank the residents for putting up with our delays sometimes due to the weather. Tim and your crew, thank you, Mayor, thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Are there any other questions of Mr. McLaughlin? There being none, we'll move on to Parks and Recreation Director Bob Dobies.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Mr. President and Council Members, good evening. With the warm weather we are experiencing big turnouts for the pool participation and there's still plenty of time to get your season's passes.

Last month, June 21<sup>st</sup> we ended the t-ball season with our annual pool party. All teams participated received their awards for this accomplishment so I'd like to thank all the players, parents, my coaches, umpires and fans and backers for another exciting and successful

season. Congratulations goes out to the Division Champs. In the National League it was the Expos and the American League it was the Twins.

The Mayor and Chief Sackett have already announced this, but we had two graduating Safety Town classes on June 14<sup>th</sup>. I did receive a thank you. I share it only because it came to me and I did not do all the work and I'd like to share it with Council and the public.

"Mr. Dobies and Staff,

Thank you so much for a wonderful Safety Town program. My son Gavin had so much fun he wanted it to last all summer. The entire staff was so great with the kids. I recommend it to everyone. I learned something too. When my daughter, now 11, was his age we had a home phone and in pre-school they taught 9-1-1 to the kids. She never knew how to use the home phone and dial 9-1-1 for emergencies. My son who just finished pre-school and I assumed learned 9-1-1 actually never had to talk with him, but realize that when he took Safety Town he had the idea what 9-1-1 was. I felt like I was the worst parent ever. We don't even use a home phone. It's all cell phones and we don't let the kids play with them. If we had any type of emergency he would not know what to do. He learned 9-1-1 and how to use the cell phone last week. So thank you for this program. Everybody was great and a wonderful staff."

I'll share this with everybody. There's a picture of Officer Seawright and one of the students. This came from the Heinzlicher's. That's a tongue twister. Chief if you'd share that with James, everybody'd like to look at that. Pass that around.

On the Rec calendar our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas in July will be Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>. Reduced admission of \$3.00 from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. Raffle tickets are on sale for all the donated prizes and we have many which have been donated by businesses, residents and various Council Members at this time along with Mayor and Mrs. Collova. We will also raffle off Indians tickets. They are on their way and I understand this will be a September game. Prizes are for residents. No city employees or their families are eligible.

We continue with the Toys for Tots Campaign. We started June 14<sup>th</sup> through July 30<sup>th</sup>. You can drop off toys at the Rec Center, Civic Center, Curves, Sherwin-Williams and the First Federal of Lakewood Bank.

The Dog Days of Summer Weekend August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. will be our Residents Annual Appreciation Day. All Wards are welcome. Free admission with proof of residency to come and enjoy swimming for the day.

Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup> the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Kids' Dog Show. Emcee Dick Goddard from Fox TV 8 and our benefactor Dr. Thompson from Family Pet Clinic. The show begins at 2:00 p.m. register early. Applications are available at the Recreation Center and at the Family Pet Clinic. Deadlines for applications are July 24<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday August 9<sup>th</sup> will be the Girls' Softball Swim Party. We are coming to an end by the end of this month with their season. All players and immediate families of the Garfield Heights and Bedford teams are welcome.

Last, and this is for Mr. Messer. He's contacted me over the last year with concern about the lighting at the tennis courts. I'm happy to report that working with the Service Department we will address the situation during the week of July 21<sup>st</sup>. There was some equipment that needed to be rented and it was the only time we could get these scissor-lifts to do the work required.

Thank you. That concludes my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Are there any questions of Mr. Dobies on his report? Our City Engineer Dave Krock had to leave. He had an emergency. Next we'll go to Finance Director, Ron Tomola.

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** Absent.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** Thank you, Mr. President. I would just like to encourage Council to approve Resolution 10-2014. This is the revenue projection for the property tax millage authorized through City Charter for the year beginning January 1, 2015. So basically that is your revenue for next year. Or it's the start of the process to set your revenue for next year.

With that you have my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you. Are there any questions of Mr. Tomola on his report? There being none we'll move on to Social Services Director Kathy Rush-Parssons.

**SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS:** Thank you, Mr. President. The Senior Center will be hosting a trip to the Cleveland MetroParks Zoo on Monday August 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 until 2:00 p.m. The cost is free. We will be using the Senior Center transportation and it will include a box lunch. Pre-registration is required and you can call the Senior Center to do so.

We are also starting our Wii Summer Bowling League. Signups start tomorrow and continue until July 30<sup>th</sup>. The Summer League is on Mondays and begins on August 4<sup>th</sup>. To sign up, again, please call the Senior Center.

The Summer HEAP Program is currently accepting applications. The program provides cooling assistance for households with income up to 175% of the Poverty Level, which is approximately \$1,700.00 per month, but you have to have a member who's either 65 or older or a documented medical condition. Somebody with a disability living in the household. Medical eligibility forms must be issued no more than 30 days prior to the application date. The program provides either a free fan or an air conditioner and a possible credit on your utility bill up to \$400.00. If you are interested call the Family Resource Center or the Senior Center and we'll give you some more information.

Finally, I wanted to provide a little update on the monthly Food Bank that the Senior Center administers. The monthly food distribution this month will be this Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. and this Thursday July 17<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. In the month of May the food bank served 72 families, which was 110 individuals and 14 of those individuals were children under the age of 18. In June we served 91 families with 167 individuals and 63 of those individuals were children under the age of 18. So we are seeing during the summer with the kids out of school perhaps that qualify for the free lunch program during the school year we're seeing more families come during the summer looking for some extra help to feed the children during the summer months.

Unfortunately on a sad note we had one of our biggest supporters and donors, Katherine Van Bolt, pass away suddenly in June. We received numerous donations from various groups and organizations in her memory towards purchasing food for the Food Bank totaling close to \$400.00. So I want to personally thank her sons, Jerry and Kevin, for remembering the Garfield Heights Food Bank in honor of their mother. Donations are continuing to come in as we speak.

I would also like to thank the Garfield Heights Kiwanis Club for their generous donation to the Food Bank this month as well. A check was presented by Debbie Sarnowski so we appreciate that donation as well and all donations continue to go directly to purchasing food to supply needy families and we are continuing to see an increase every month.

That's my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Are there any questions of Kathy on her report? There being none we'll move on to Economic Development Director, Noreen Kuban.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I would just like to urge the support of Ordinance 43-2014. This enables the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Program to transfer deeds directly to us after a property has been demolished or if they have title to the property. It eliminates one step in the process.

That concludes my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you. Are there any questions of Ms. Kuban on her report? There being none we'll move on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's Agenda. Would the Clerk please read the rules?

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** Absent

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON TONIGHT'S 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 has any comments on tonight's agenda? There being none we'll move on to Ordinances and Resolutions.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** We'll start with Resolution 9-2014. Would the Clerk please read the title.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-2014**

A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING ROLLING THUNDER, INC., OHIO CHAPTER 1 FOR SUPPORTING POW/MIA AWARENESS AND HONORING THE MEMORY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS FALLEN SOLDIERS BRAD DAVIS AND ADAM BENJAMIN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Marincic, Dudley

ABSENT: Vaughn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Marincic, Dudley

ABSENT: Vaughn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On the adoption, beginning with Clmn Nenadovich.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Dudley, Marincic

ABSENT: Vaughn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Resolution 9-2014 passes with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2014

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTON ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2015, HERETO ATTACHED, AND SUBMITTING THE SAME TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION.

AYES: Suster, Burke, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

ABSENT: Vaughn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Suster, Burke, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

ABSENT: Vaughn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On its adoption, starting with myself.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Suster, Burke, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

ABSENT: Vaughn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Resolution 10-2014 passes with 6 Yes Votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 42-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES PURSUANT TO SECTION 17 OF THE CHARTER.

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Dudley, Marincic

ABSENT: Vaughn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Dudley, Marincic

ABSENT: Vaughn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Nenadovich.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Dudley, Marincic

ABSENT: Vaughn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** I'd like to announce that Ordinance 42-2014 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 43-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACTING AS THE CITY'S AGENT TO CONVEY REAL ESTATE THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

AYES: Burke, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster

ABSENT: Vaughn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Burke, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster

ABSENT: Vaughn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Burke.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Burke, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster

ABSENT: Vaughn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 43-2014 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 37-2014 (REFERRED TO WAYS & MEANS COMMITTEE)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, KNOWN AS ORDINANCE NO. 121-1962, PROVIDING FOR THE REVISION OF THE BUILDING ZONE MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PARCEL NO. 542-03-004.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Mr. Chairman, at this time I'd like to waive the three Reading Rule. Point of Order. Mr. Law Director, do we have to consider by title again?

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Yes, I would say you do.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Mr. Chairman, I'd like to revise and Consider by Title.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Under Title Consideration.

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Dudley, Marincic

ABSENT: Vaughn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Dudley, Marincic

ABSENT: Vaughn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Nenadovich.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Dudley, Marincic

ABSENT: Vaughn

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Before I vote I would like to ask our Economic Development Director a question? This will be on November's ballot?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Correct.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Will everybody in the city vote for that or just that area?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** No, this is a city-wide election. It's a simple majority vote.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** OK. Thank you. I vote yes.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank You. Ordinance 37-2014 passes with 6 Yes votes.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** That concludes Ordinances and Resolutions. We will then go 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:** Is there anyone here this evening that has anything they would like to talk on?

Bob Halan, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. Mr. Mayor, you mentioned that the number of phone calls you received was roughly 21. What is the deadline that we have to accommodate to put this on the ballot in November?

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** The ordinance would need to be down with the ballot language to the Board of Elections the first week of August.

**MR. HALAN:** Which means we have less than two weeks to have the citizens come forward and answer if they want to see the streets fixed or not. Am I right?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** That is correct.

**MR. HALAN:** What happens if they don't do anything between now and August 1<sup>st</sup>?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** We're going to take with the survey however many it is, we're going to look at what the majority wants, Council will talk about it and we will move in that direction. Right now I can tell you that of the five options there has been all the options somebody has selected at least one of the five options in each case. So it's pretty mixed. Option 1 and 2 seems to be the favorites, but we're hoping that we get some people in, we're hoping that the Council Meeting we'll have this on the air tomorrow and hopefully this will start generating some more. On the Neighborhood News hopefully we'll put it in the paper and try to generate it some more. I don't know how else to reach out to the people. We had the town hall meeting. We had about 60 people show up for that. It's tough to get the word out, but we're doing our best.

**MR. HALAN:** Well if nothing is done can City Council make a suggestion for actually put a plug in on the ballot if you have very few people who don't do anything about it and if it's balanced out I'm in favor of the red lights and the cameras. I do want that for the schools and the streets.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Bob, the answer, if I can. The reason we chose this method was because we felt it was important enough because it was going to cost us dollars we felt it was important enough for the people to decide if they wanted to spend the money number one and if they did, if they would agree to do that, which direction to go, which was the best way to generate the dollars needed desperately for these streets and these waterlines and sewers. We

took the decision out of Council and my hands. I'm sure we all have our favorite option and we'll vote on our favorite option, but we intend to do what the majority of the people wanted to do. If we only get another 10 or 15 calls, Council will have to make that decision on their own. We tried to get the input from the people. This is the problem. You realize. You saw what happened in winter with the potholes. Four months to fix the potholes. Can we anticipate it's going to be any better for next year? You know the machine that we got, the Dura Patch machine will help, but reality is we're going to have similar problems next year. There's only one way to avoid it and that's by getting some serious dollars in to do some work and that's why we took this avenue. But there will be a decision made, if not by the people the majority of the people. It will certainly be made by Council.

**MR. HALAN:** Don't the people realize that during this next winter the snow plows are going to remove more than half what you put in the pothole covers? People got to be some sense to it that they have to make this decision and I know we have no way of getting anything into each door until City Council goes door to door.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Right. What we have is we are in the process of putting together a reverse 9-1-1 and the reverse 9-1-1 (I called it reverse 91-1. It's actually called a different name, but it's going to be operated through the Fire Department here.) If we need to get a message out to the people they can have a call generated to their home, to the cell phone or a text. They can have this as they choose so we can get a message out. So that's going to happen in the very near future. Unfortunately not in time to do this.

**MR. HALAN:** I understand that we're in a bad predicament but the people that's going to come in here and complain about the streets seems they are not here to make a judgment helping the city.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Mr. Halan, your time is up.

**MR. HALAN:** Thank you.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Thanks, Bob.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Mary?

Mary Ryan, 5014 East 114<sup>th</sup> Street. I had a long conversation with Ron about this today cause I missed the meeting and I watched it twice on television. Did not understand everything. My question to you people as a Council, when are you going to vote on this if it has to be done by August 1<sup>st</sup> cause your next meeting is not until August 11<sup>th</sup>. Are you going to have a special meeting or something to do this and people will not be here to watch you?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** We will advertise a special meeting. We're going to have to have a special meeting so we can get this done in time, but the special meeting will be televised and will be announced to everybody what the results were from the survey and which direction we're going in. No matter which way we go at least four of the five have to go on the ballot so even for somebody to say we didn't know, you still get a chance to vote on it in November.

**MS. RYAN:** So you're not going to choose just one?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** No we're going to choose just one to go on.

**MS. RYAN:** Only one?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** We can't put any more than that on. We can put five options on the ballot for people to choose. This is the time to choose the options that will go on the ballot.

**MS. RYAN:** Don't you think it's unfair to the citizens and the people that live here and pay taxes here that you knew about all of this months and months ago, OK? And you only gave us three weeks to learn everything?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Mary, if that's the case, if there's people that feel like you we could give you a year and three weeks. We can wait till next year to put this on the ballot. What we're trying to do is we have run into some serious problems and we have our engineers who did a total survey of the city with the sewers, etc. and come back and said what is the problem. It's an immediate problem. We had from the time we got that information we have tried to get it out to the public. I've talked about it at block watches, which nobody comes to for whatever reason, I've talked about it at community meetings which nobody comes to, I've talked about it at the Council Meetings and I've talked about it at the town hall meeting and I'm sure everybody is going to tell me why didn't you tell us? I'm at a loss for how to get to the people, but the reality is we don't have to do this in three weeks. We can wait a year and three weeks, but I'm not going to answer my phone next year about potholes.

**MS. RYAN:** I don't need to wait a year and three weeks. I had a lengthy conversation with Ron and he explained it to me and was really helpful and because I watched it twice on television and I went you got to be kidding me. So I came down to get a printout and unfortunately Lakita didn't know about it because she was on vacation. So they called up to Ron's office and he printed me out. He took the time to explain it to me and it was very clear which way to go.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Let me say this. That's an excellent comment because Ron knows more about it than anybody and I invite any resident to call any time of day or night and to get a hold of Ron. It's a great idea, Mary. I'm serious. Call Ron.

**MS. RYAN:** He took the time to explain it to me, the troublemaker, but he did and it was very helpful and I understand it now. I understand why we're doing it. I just don't understand the timeline that you're not giving the residents because the Neighborhood News was not in print last week. People don't read anything. You do not put. I have complained about this through Bob on that clock tower thing when you have special meetings nobody knows.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** It was up there.

**MS. RYAN:** The big one, yeah, but when you have like a special Council Meeting, etc. it's not on that board.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** What we need to do and I would love to see is we need the residents to be involved in the city. Not just when they have a pothole in their front yard but when these decisions are being made that is where they should be. When we call for a town hall meeting and we do every way we can and I know that there's Council people that still think we should send stuff to everybody's house. It's a cost. We're trying to keep the budget together and to spend \$5,000.00 or however much it costs 44 cents a letter to go out to 11,000 homes it's expensive so we've tried every way to get it out, but it seems like the only time people want to get involved is when they have a direct problem. Believe me this problem does not get any more direct than this with the streets.

**MS. RYAN:** True. Are we allowed to send letters home with school kids?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** No, we're not.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thirty seconds, Mary.

**MS. RYAN:** That's all I have. Call Ron.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** I agree. Thank you, Mary.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** Mr. President, can I make a comment?

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Go ahead.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** For anybody that doesn't know my phone number it's (216) 475-1504 will put you into the Finance Department and I'll be glad to talk about any of the options with anybody.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you. Mr. Nenadovich.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Mary, just for your information, I handed out 700 flyers in my Ward. Five people from my Ward came. The word was out.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Is there anyone else?

Wayne Williams, 13960 Milo Road. Is there any chance that you could print up a flyer or something to pick volunteers to just go up and down your street and pass them out by as many people to volunteer to do that as we could, without the expense of the mailing?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Actually, Wayne, we can do that. We had a flyer made up that Mike used and we're more than happy to put that together for you for whoever would pass them out.

**MR. WILLIAMS:** I would do my street.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** For your street you'll do it? We'll get you the flyers. Give us a couple days.

**MR. WILLIAMS:** We'll see if we can talk some more people into it.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Sounds good.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Mrs. Whitmore.

Mildred Whitmore, 13154 Forestdale Drive. I wasn't at your last meeting due to an emergency, but I did see it on the TV. The people were complaining about the water backup in their homes on their street and I would like to complain about Forestdale. Please put our street on your list because the water backs up in our houses also.

Something else I'd like to ask. Do you know anything about a big drainage pipe that's supposed to go over into that ditch behind the first house there by the playground? It's supposed to take the runoff?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** You know what, Mrs. Whitmore, I don't. Dave Krock was here earlier. He got an emergency call. He had to leave. He would be able to answer that, but I really don't know.

**MRS. WHITMORE:** Because I know Ms. Patterson lived in that house and she passed away and she said once somebody from the city showed her a big pipe that goes into that ditch and said it came from up our ways—supposed to get the runoff? And I just wonder?

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Is Ms. Patterson's son still living in that house?

**MRS. WHITMORE:** Yes.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** I talked to him some time ago because him and his wife they planted a few trees in Forestdale and at that time he did not make any mention of anything. That's why I'm just curious, that's all?

**MRS. WHITMORE:** She told me that years ago. It's supposed to be a large pipe for the runoff. But I know I didn't have any backup until you all started filling in Twin Lakes. Under the washtub drain it just backs up into the basement.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** I don't know that that would have anything do with it, but I will relay this to Dave Krock, the Engineer.

**MRS. WHITMORE:** And another thing I wanted to ask. Did you all put any weed and feed into any of the playgrounds this year?

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** The grass area?

**MRS. WHITMORE:** Yes.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** No.

**MRS. WHITMORE:** Because I went over there Saturday. From my house it looked like grass but it's nothing but a dandelion field. I suddenly I had to go home and take an antihistamine.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Excuse me, Mr. Chairman, we haven't had an outside company come in and weed and feed since six or seven years for sure.

**MRS. WHITMORE:** Really?

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Yes. The cost is phenomenal.

**MRS. WHITMORE:** Really?

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Yes.

**MRS. WHITMORE:** I could understand that because I didn't have mine sprayed this year.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Thank you for understanding.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Is there anyone else that would like to speak?

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** There being none, we'll move on to Miscellaneous Business, beginning with myself. You've heard many times from Chief Sackett that you should lock your car. It has to be young kids from what I can gather because that's all they're taking out of cars is change and any money that you have in there. They're not taking anything else.

Another thing is if you see something that's not right, call the police. Don't wait. Don't call your Councilperson first. Call the police first because what you're doing basically is losing time. In order to get these things straightened out they have to get to the culprits that are doing these things and by the time you get a hold of me and I get a hold of the Police Department, you're losing a couple minutes. Those kids are gone. We need to do that.

Also those residents that have unruly kids in the neighborhood, again, don't be afraid to call the police. This is the only way we're going to straighten these kids out. They cannot continue to run the streets the way they think they're going to. That's all I have.

Our next regular Council Meeting will be Monday August 11, 2014 here in the Council Chambers. Thank you.

We'll move on to Clmn Burke.

**CLMN BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to echo what you said about locking your car doors. We had some issues on East 139<sup>th</sup> in my Ward—Ward 6—where I've had some people contact me and said that their cars were broken into, wallets were stolen, the I pad was stolen, the I phone was stolen. You know I pads and I phones you can actually track those by the I find my I phone app and I think this gentleman did find his I pad although I don't know if he was able to retrieve it.

The other thing I wanted to say was this Council works hard for every citizen in Garfield Heights. I've been to pretty much every meeting in the last two or three weeks to try to get the word out on these options. To get people energized to come to these meetings has been a very hard task. I don't get it. A lot of the residents don't hesitate to call you when they have a problem, but then when there's a solution or a possible solution to the problem they just blow it off. They just don't come to the meetings and I don't understand it. Yet they're quick to call when they need us.

I do have planned a Community Awareness Meeting again on August 13<sup>th</sup> and what I'd like to do at that meeting is give some of the residents in Ward 6 who want to start a Block Watch an opportunity to come to that meeting and also use that as a place to have a Block Watch as well. Again, that's August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. right here at the Civic Center.

Last but not least I would like to say thank you once again to Rolling Thunder for their presentation earlier. I thought that was pretty nice to keep these two fine soldiers that we lost in the forefront here in Garfield Heights and I'm very happy to see that there's going to be two signs out memorializing these two fine heroes. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Mr. Burke. Mr. Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I tell you it's been busy. Last week I must have drove all over America. First of all, I'd like to say that the Ward 1 Club is a great club. They give a scholarship and I believe they are only one of the Clubs that gives a scholarship and they've been doing it for many a year and they meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. right here in the Civic Center. Just as my colleagues have been saying for the longest time, you all need to come out and come to some of these meetings. If you have a meeting once a month. If you make three meetings out of a year or one meeting out of a year you definitely need to get involved.

I want to also say I was out pretty late I believe it was Saturday night maybe from 10:00 till almost one o'clock just driving and walking through my neighborhood to see what's going on. I had to make two calls to the police myself. It's getting a little ridiculous now when you got children 11 and 12 years old out there playing in the middle of the street and you got their parents sitting on the porch watching it as it goes on. You may think it's a little amusing and it is OK until their child gets hit by somebody driving down and texting late at night or been drinking, etc. You need to get a better control over your children and be a little more responsible. We know we got some kids now they got a little out of control because of a lack of parental responsibility, but you know you got kids out a hooping and a hollering and cursing 12 o'clock, one o'clock at night. We had two of them actually going back and forth from Alvin and yes, I am the one that called the police on the one on Alvin. I walked around at 12 something at night. That's become ridiculous.

I think the city we need to start holding some of these individuals responsible and start charging them for our law enforcement vehicles repeatedly going to the same house to verify it. We need to contact the landlords and property owners and if there's a person that lives there owns the property then we need to start charging them too. That's the only way some of these people is going to stand it if you start going up in their pockets. You have to. Take up their time having them go back and forth to Court if we have to, but we have to do something. I believe that's the only way to get their attention is to go through their pockets. Like my colleagues said, you need to make them calls. Don't let all this stuff be going on in front of your house and say absolutely nothing and call me the next day. Call the police while it's happening. That's one thing you need to do.

Also we are aware of the water main break on East 131<sup>st</sup> and Broadway. It's been taken care of.

I got something else. I have to get it out. Will only take a second. It's a great program. It's a art program set up by Janice Tubbs. I discovered I need glasses. I have not received them yet. Yes. After 53 years. It's called Arts in Action. It's a free summer playwriting project open to the students Grade K-12, wherever you go to school at, Garfield, Cleveland. It makes no difference. From a Garfield Heights graduate. Janice Tubbs graduated from Garfield Heights. To go on, I actually attended it this weekend and she also is a member of the Planning Commission here for the city of Garfield Heights.

The project started with discussions around the table and a foundation of questions including can you buy happiness? And what can older people learn from you and your friends? It was a great program (I attended it). The project then moves along to play writing based on questions and discussions and concludes with a staged original play which is going to take place on September 13, 2014 at the Garfield Heights Performing Arts Center. The school has really been involved in helping some of the programs being set for some of the young people to get started.

It's going to be a great play. The cost will be \$5.00. I will attend it. My two sons went there and they just raved about it in the car Saturday, Sunday and I heard about it on the way home today when they came to pick me up. It's a great program. I'd like to see people get involved in that. Bring your children. It's free. It's on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m., at 13455 Dressler at the Word of Righteousness Family Life Center. It's held on a weekend. Bring your children. I tell you they will love it.

I'd also like to thank Rolling Thunder.

You can contact me because I have to give you the number of Janice Tubbs or the contact person who handles that.

Also when we talk about the County, I know they give money to us, Mayor, with the grants and we got to have so much to match but they beat their drum a lot. They beat their chest a lot that they do so much for us in these cities. I'd like to see them do a little more. They know the tough financial situation a lot of the cities are in. I'd like to see them put up a little money to help us get some of these streets repaired and make it a little less cost to us citizens when it comes time. We definitely need the streets repaired, but next time they want to beat their chest, tell me one thing, tell me what you have done for my streets and that is what the County wants to tell me because I know McCracken and the other one but we need them right now. I'd like to see some of them County tax dollars a little more coming to the city and easing the burden on us right now. We need the help.

Last, but not least, Saybrook, 131<sup>st</sup> and 136<sup>th</sup>, I'm calling you out. Keep your children out of the street and in the house I'm talking about. Get your children in the house. Don't have them out there till 12 or one o'clock at in the morning. Alvin, between 131<sup>st</sup> and 136<sup>th</sup>, you know what two houses I'm talking about. If you don't like a good quality of life then I suggest that they move back wherever they moved from. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Are you done?

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'm done. Thanks a lot.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Mrs. Marincic.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** You're sure a tough act to follow. First and foremost I would like to thank the Rolling Thunder for a very emotional and moving ceremony and presentation. That was beautifully done. Brought a tear to my eye.

Secondly, I would like to say that I attended the public hearing about the options to go on the ballot and if I had to pick one myself I'd pick option number 1. It's a half a percent income tax increase. To me, I like it the best because it's the most fair. It affects everybody about the same and if you make \$10,000.00 a year it would be \$50.00. That's the most fair. I'm willing to happily take that out of my paycheck to help the streets in Garfield Heights. To me it's the most fair and if I had to vote and that would be on there I would vote for it.

Also there was a Safety Committee meeting and it was on Wednesday May 28<sup>th</sup> and one of the highlights about it was a program called Ready Notify program. The city can take advantage of this program through the County. One of the greatest things about it is it is free. What we would do is be able to, if there was an emergency or information that we need to get out to the residents quickly, there's a phone bank that calls residents' homes and notifies you. There

would be a short recording. It would not be annoying. It would only be on very important or emergency situations. If you would like to read more about this the Safety Committee Meeting Minutes from Wednesday May 28<sup>th</sup> are on-line on the City's Website. You could open them up, read and if you have an opinion on it give me a call. I'd like to hear from you.

Lastly, there's no holidays coming up so I would like to say Happy Dog Days of Summer to everybody. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Thank you, Nancy, I think Chief Nemetz is setting up that program on the phone thing. I talked to him the other day about it.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Everybody will be hearing more about it very shortly.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK, thank you. Mr. Nenadovich.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all our Veterans' number is 4,147 lives have been lost since the conflict, or wars as I call it has begun. Remember them in your prayers. Two of them are from our city. Keep them in your prayers. Pray hard it ends quick.

I'd also like to thank Rolling Thunder for their ceremony that they put on tonight. I really appreciate it and I think it was very well said for the Veterans that we lost.

That's it for me.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK, thank you. Mr. Glenn.

**CLMN GLENN:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I, too, want to thank Rolling Thunder. Being an ex-member of Rolling Thunder, they go down to the VA Hospital, get these Veterans out for picnics and do a lot of good works. They take rides and generate a lot of money to support all Veterans. Our riding days are over as far as Rolling Thunder, but we do support the VFW.

I had a complaint the other day from a resident in my Ward that they had a graduation party and kids being kids, it was a little bit too loud. They had some complaints. I respectfully told her that there's a noise ordinance here in Garfield and it has to be respected. She got a citation and will have to go to Court and it will be settled between the Court and her.

I want to mention too, because one of my residents, Avery Johnson, is in attendance here, and the Mayor has mentioned that they have found some problems in storm sewers. There is a little bit of damage. Am I saying that correct, Mayor?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** As of the preliminary results they have spotted some problems, but they have a long way to go.

**CLMN GLENN:** They have a long way to go, but they're working on it. We'll get some answers. I know they've been down my street and 102<sup>nd</sup> Street, 100<sup>th</sup> Street and they are working toward Midwest. So they are working on it and we'll get more answers as time goes by.

Our Block Watch will come back in September, first Tuesday of the month, 7 o'clock, Civic Center. I just want to mention I, too, have sent out e-mails to Ward 4 as far as options on taxation. Although I have gotten one or two replies on that, but we need more involvement from the citizens to give us some kind of guidance as to which way to go. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Mr. Chairman, before Gene finishes, Gene, for your information, tomorrow we will be distributing a letter to all the residents in your Ward that is having the flooding problem to show them where we are so far with this assessment so the Service guys will be delivering that tomorrow.

**CLMN GLENN:** Thank you, Mayor.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** That concludes Miscellaneous Business. On that I would like to make a motion.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Mr. Chairman, one thing if I could? I know Tom isn't here tonight but I think he probably would have mentioned it. Isn't St. Monica's having their carnival the 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of this month?

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Yes.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I wanted to mention that, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. On that note I'll make a motion we adjourn. All in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed. Meeting adjourned.

AYES: Suster, Burke, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

ABSENT: Vaughn

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:20 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Joseph M. Suster  
President of Council

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Barbara Molin  
Clerk of Council