

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, June 10, 2013

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m. by Council President Nancy Marincic.

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Michael Nenadovich

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

EXCUSED: Mahoney

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I'd like to make a motion to excuse Clwn Mahoney. All in favor say Yea. All Opposed.

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Reading and disposal of the Minutes from the Wednesday May 29th Regular Meeting of the Garfield Heights City Council.

CLMN SUSTER: Mme. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Garfield Heights City Council dated Wednesday, May 29, 2013 as submitted.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: All in favor say Yea. All opposed?

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE:

CLMN SUSTER: Mme. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we remove Ordinance 30-2013 out of the Legislative Committee and put it on tonight's agenda.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: All in favor of removing Ordinance 13-2013 from Legislative Committee say Yea. All opposed?

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 30 will be added to this evening's agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: We will move on to reports of the Mayor and his Directors. Mayor Collova, your report?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mme. Chair. First I want to report on a ceremony that we're going to have here very shortly. The letter reads:

"Please join myself along with the parents of Adam Benjamin for the dedication ceremony for Adam's memorial highway sign. Some of you will remember Marine Gunnery Sergeant Adam F. Benjamin who was a resident of Garfield Heights who was killed in action in Afghanistan August 18, 2009. Adam graduated from Garfield Heights High School in 1993. The ceremony will be held at Garfield Heights Veterans Memorial, 5407 Turney Road, Garfield Heights on Friday June 14th at 3:00 p.m. Senator Gayle Manning and myself will reveal Adam's Memorial Highway sign that will be placed on a section of Route 10 in North Ridgeville where his mother now resides. We hope to see all of you there."

For those of you who may not know we had two young gentlemen die in the war. We had Adam Benjamin along with Brad Davis and Brad Davis has a section of 480 in his name if you see his sign coming and leaving Garfield Heights you'll see that in commemoration of Brad Davis. We're going to do the same thing for Adam Benjamin. These young men gave it all for us and for all Americans and the least we can do is show and pay tribute and I invite everybody to be there, especially Council if you can make it on June 14th at 3 p.m.

Next I want to just report I spoke with Tracy Mahoney this afternoon. She's doing much better. When I say much better she's still not getting out of bed. She can only get out of bed for a few minutes with a walker and she went through just an unbelievable action and something that probably in many cases she could have lost her life on it but she's doing better. She's in great spirits and she will be joining us soon. We're trying to make a hookup that should be done shortly that is going to allow her to do what they call Skype so that she's going to be able to through computer take place in the Council meetings and we're looking forward to that because we miss her.

Third thing I want to talk about is Chris Piazza's cleanup crew with all the volunteers and I don't want to just name a few, but there's many. Mary Ryan is part of it. They have done an unbelievable job. This is a volunteer crew that is working in the city and our memorial parks on this center right here on our City Hall, the police station and they have done a fabulous job on the wall that's on McCracken and Turney. Absolutely fabulous. They are putting in hours and hours of volunteer time to dress up the community. It looks great. I'm going to at the next Council Meeting thank each one of them individually, but today I just want to say that they have done a great job. I rode by that wall today. It's phenomenal and we really appreciate it. This is what community involvement's all about and my hat's off to Chris Piazza and her entire crew. Thank you.

Now I'm going to get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 30. This came up once before in front of Council. There was a mistake made. This has to do with the tax abatement that during the tax

abatement when we agreed on a tax abatement they agreed to have “x” amount of employees working there. They have to honor that commitment through the years. The report we received from the State a few months ago showed that they did not honor that commitment. That they only had 130 employees not the 190 they were supposed to have. So we took back that tax abatement from them and we later found out that the State had made a mistake. The State corrected that and they had like 186 or 196 I forget. They had the appropriate amount of employees working there. That was a mistake by the State so we are reinstating or hopefully trying to reinstate that tax abatement because that is the Pioneer Building on 131st Street. It’s a beautiful building. It’s really nice. It’s where the County’s Recycling Center is and they did a great job dressing that up and keeping it in great shape. Ordinance 34 is a grant to cover police overtime and for certain traffic violations and it’s something that we could surely use if somebody wants to give us a hand helping pay overtime or helping pay any expenses we certainly would like it. Ordinance 35 talks about the addition of Section 12509 a Capital Asset Procedure and Mr. Tomola will get into that on his report.

Resolution 15-2013 authorizes AT&T to erect a cell tower on Garfield Heights High Board of Education property. This tower’s going to go up right near the garage where the football field is. We have a Planning Commission meetings and Zoning Board meetings with public sessions. This cell tower is very inconspicuous. It does nothing to take away anything from the land. Everybody has had a look at this. The School Board put it forward and was in favor of it and I would ask that Council passes that tonight. With that, Mme. Chair, you have my report

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you, Mayor. Any questions or comments for the Mayor on his report? I only have one statement, Mayor. I am working Friday so I will be unable to attend the ceremony, but my thoughts and heart will be with everybody there.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Nancy.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: We’ll move on to our Law Director, Mr. Riley. Do you have a report?

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

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

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: I do not, thank you.

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

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mme President. I do. We are still continuing going street to street on patching the potholes. It’s very difficult because I’m down to two crews and we have a lot of area to cover. There’s 88 miles of road in Garfield Heights. Not all of them are in the worse shape but there are some that are pretty bad. We have completed for our first time through Wards 1, 2 and 3. We’re working in 4, 5 and 6. Whenever I can get a third crew out there where I take the mechanics or the maintenance guys and put them out there sometimes I can push out a third crew but we’re trying our best and I’m hoping by the end of the month we’re close to being finished.

On the last two weeks we’ve took time to set up the new Safety Town behind the Middle School. Put all the new striping and the program’s being restarted after a few years of not being here.

That is complete and ready to go. And on the days that it rains my guys go to their departments so I've had the street sweepers out, two of them but only four days in the last two weeks. When it rains I move them on to that otherwise they're back on to the patch. I'm just asking that everybody try to be a little bit patient. We're trying to do the best we can with what we have to work with. So that's the end of my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for our Service Director? There being none, Recreation Director, Bob Dobies. I know you have a report.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Normally I have a prepared report. I'm going to talk off the cuff here tonight. Mme President, Council Members, good evening. We're still taking signups for the pool. The pool opens this Saturday the 15th. We'll be open one to seven. Hopefully Mother Nature cooperates. She's kind of played a little hell on us this year which leads me into this next thing. Grass, which I'm sure is on everybody's mind. I know it's on Council's because I get regular calls. So does Finance. So does Building. So does Service. I'm proud to say that those complaint properties that have come through we started cutting grass on April 29th and I have about seven properties I have in Ward 7, Mr. Vaughn, that I still need to check and/or cut. That would complete the city for the first time. Last year at this time we were starting the third cut already because the weather agreed with us so to speak. There's nothing we can do to control Mother Nature, but we are making our best effort. I apologize to Mr. Dudley in Ward 1 because we haven't been back there in a month other than the problem properties that have come to our attention. I do send a crew up there but again, I'd remind everybody when I do that that lessens the effect or productivity in the Ward that we're working. So it takes away a little bit, but what we're finding out is the grass on the problem properties that they are being cut. Either we cut them or we post them and people are going out and cutting them and that's the end result of what we want. In other words everybody to maintain their properties. I just went out before the meeting to check for more that my grass crew brought out. Two of them were already cut. Two of them still needed to be posted.

I went the other day on 113th Street and I posted it personally myself. The young lady came out of the house. What's going on? I said your property has been recognized as a problem property. She says well they just went to get the lawn mower. I say that's a good thing. If you cut your grass there's no problem. So I went back the next day and it was cut so what we're finding out the biggest problem is of course the vacant and the vacant landlords. I understand. When you cut your grass and the grass next door is two feet high you have an issue but we are recognizing it and we're taking care of them as soon as we can.

So with that besides all the other properties and ball fields I know the softball people canceled another game today might be a little perturbed. I'm trying to make those up making everything feasible not only for the girls' softball program, but the Little League. Everybody wants to play ball and we do our best as soon as Mother Nature starts cooperating a little bit. We're finishing the city. We'll be back into Ward 1 either tomorrow or by Wednesday starting all over. I know they have another challenge up there because we haven't been back there in a month. So with that that concludes my report. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. I would personally like to thank you because it has to be such a difficult job. But just so everybody knows how organized they are. I sent an e-mail to the Building Department at 8:30 this morning and by 9:30 I heard from Building and then I heard from you and I knew exactly what was going on on the seven lots I turned in. I really appreciated how quickly I heard back.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: You might add, Mme Chair, that sometimes and please understand that even though I explained it before you may call for whatever the case may be or somebody's just not cutting their grass we have to post that property. There's another 48 hours to wait after that unfortunately so if you call on a Wednesday we posted it on a Thursday, we're not getting it till Monday or Tuesday, but we're trying go get it as soon as possible so I appreciate everybody's patience. Please continue to be patient with us. We'll get to it, OK? Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any other questions for our Recreation Director?

CLMN DUDLEY: Mr. Dobies, quick question. Now that we got the new CDBG Grant now, on 131st and Forestdale is there anyway that we can consider replacing those rocks up there with like a rubber mat like other playgrounds? The reason why when I was up there Saturday on around doing some visiting we had a little kid and his mama was going through a lot getting rock out of his mouth and it's become a strong safety issue that some of them little kids and you step on it it's getting to the point now you sink right in and it's like twisting your ankles. It's hard to walk across there.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Safety standards have changed, OK? At one point in time and it's still apropos today that stone can be used. It has to be put in especially around the equipment type areas at certain depth levels. What we're going to do up there and we considered pouring the area around the play station up there with the slide, etc. Unfortunately the grant didn't take us that far. But what is going to happen up there is they're going to remove 155 tons of the gravel. The city will take that back, we'll reuse it, we'll stockpile it down at the Service Garage and use it in areas where we feel there's a need. There's a new wood fiber out that's going to be put in there. We're going to replace some timbers.

You'll be getting a new play station up there. We're going to accommodate the residents up there with some new benches. I have six earmarked up there so I know that was a concern a year ago or something like that and the grant allowed us to do that and the other one didn't allow us to do that. Don't ask me why. You'll see new equipment up there. If you have any interests in as to what that looks like take a ride to either Hy Court or Donovan. We did those parks last year and it really enhanced the whole park area. So I think that will in part satisfy your concern.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: That answer your questions?

CLMN DUDLEY: That's good.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any other questions for our Recreation Director? We'll move on to City Engineer, Dave Krock. Do you have a report?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I do, thank you, Mme. President. As you all know the Rockside/Granger Road projects those are all moving along. The half of McCracken that was paved the other day so that's in.

I wanted to give everyone a heads up sort of a longer term. We met with ODOT a couple weeks ago regarding the 480 bridges over the valley and it looks like four or five years out those will be replaced so there's a lot discussion and it's going to take a few years of discussion about how that's going to go. There will be a lot of planning and traffic issues and things to talk about. I just

wanted to give you a heads up. That's starting to be discussed and planned for from ODOT's standpoint. That's my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: They're going to replace the bridge going over the valley?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: They're going to replace those bridge decks. The beams are fine.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any questions for our City Engineer? There being none, we'll move on to Finance Director, Ron Tomola, do you have a report?

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Just a short one, Mme Chairman. I'd encourage Council to pass Ordinance 35-2013. This piece is one of the last policies that was identified in the 2008 Accounting Methods Audit that was performed by the State Auditor's Office. In order to get out of fiscal emergency we had to put a mess of policies in place. This is the last major one that the State's looking for. Basically what it does is it sets the accounting principles and procedures that we're going to use to account for all of the city's assets, which is the buildings, the vehicles, the furniture, etc. so if you have any questions, I'd be happy to answer them. That's my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for our Finance Director?

CLMN SUSTER: I should have probably asked this in Caucus, but I just want to know have we heard anything from the State about getting out of fiscal emergency?

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Nothing more than I told you in the past. They have not done anything yet. I know it's in final review, but I have not heard anything beyond that.

CLMN SUSTER: OK. Thank you.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Absent.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any other questions for our Finance Director? There being none we will move on to Mr. Wervey, Building Commissioner.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Mme President, I don't have anything this evening. I would however urge passage of Resolution 15.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for our Building Commissioner?

CLMN DUDLEY: Mme. Chairman. I did want to thank the Mayor for assisting in helping the Tenant Association and the ladies of St. Timothy to get down here this evening so I want to tell you I appreciate that. I want to make recognition we have Mr. Reverend Dobson over here from Ward 1 community and his wife, Mrs. Dobson in the audience tonight and I was happy to see them here. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: With this that concludes the reports of the Mayor and his Directors and now we will move on to Comments by Citizens on the evening's agenda items. I'm going to have our Clerk read the rules. I think her voice is back this week.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA:

CLERK: Comments are strictly limited to brief statements not to exceed five minutes with comments limited to the legislation on the current evening's agenda.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: No citizen may speak more than once. If you would like to comment on an item on this evening's agenda, just raise your hand.

Alice King, 13614 Rexwood Avenue. I know they stated that they are working on the grass, etc. but where I live I have.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: You know what? This is only on the agenda items. This is not on what the Mayor's report was. I'm sorry. He did speak about the agenda items but there will be a portion at the end of the meeting where you can come up and speak about that. I'm sorry. Any other comments tonight on agenda items only?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: There being none we will move on to legislation beginning with Ordinance 30-2013. Will the Clerk read the title.

ORDINANCE NO. 30-2013 (AMENDED)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO REINSTATE 75% TAX ABATEMENT PER THE ORIGINAL AGREEMENT, ORDINANCE NO. 61-2003, AN "URBAN JOBS AND ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT" BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS AND PIONEER BUILDING LTD AND DALAD CONSTRUCTION (ENTERPRISES).

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: We don't have to consider by title. I have a question for our Finance Director. Didn't we write a check to the school system for tax abatement? Should we waive Rule 24 on this? You're thinking about it.

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: You can.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I make a motion to waive Rule 24 then.

CLMN SUSTER: I make a motion we waiver Rule 24.

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 30-2013 stands adopted with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 34-2013

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A HIGH VISIBILITY ENFORCEMENT OVERTIME GRANT THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 34-2013 stands adopted with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 35-2013

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 125: DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS BY THE ADDITION OF SECTION 125.09: CAPITAL ASSET POLICY AND PROCEDURE.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 35-2013 stands adopted with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2013

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND PERMITTING AT&T TO CONSTRUCT A WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY AT 4900 TURNEY ROAD.

Moved by GLENN to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Roll call on the adoption beginning with Clmn Glenn.
VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote I wanted to mention something. Where this tower is sitting you got to remember that the school is going to receive some tax money for this tower and in today's educational program you have to get every dollar you can because the State just don't finance the schools and provide them with the money like they used to do in the good old days. So with that I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Resolution 15-2013 stands adopted with 6 Yes votes.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

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

CLERK: Comments shall be restricted to any problem a citizen has which has previously been submitted to their City Councilperson or to the city hall department directly involved. If submission of a problem to a department or a Councilperson has been made and there is a lack of service rendered in this regard, then the problem may be presented during comments from citizens at this meeting. It is the intention of this rule that no request of a first nature be presented on the floor at this time.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: No citizen may speak more than once. You are limited to five minutes.

Alice King, 13614 Rexwood Avenue. I know what's brought up about grass and the weeds, etc. but where I live I'm in between two vacant homes. The grass is like a jungle. Mr. Bill came out. He seen what I was talking about. We had called about them having to close the garages up. I have a open garage on one side and another open garage. OK. He did close it down. The other one they keep saying they going to send someone out to I guess board it down because it's a little raggedy. But the thing is I'm in my home alone and it's just dangerous. With what can happen on 93rd and them finding them people it is really bad to come out. Mr. Collova, do you ever come on our side of town to see what we're faced with?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Actually I'm there quite often or probably the same time as I'm on the other Wards.

MS. KING: OK, because I don't see anyone. He finally did come out. I don't never see my Councilman. To me it's dangerous for me coming out of my home that time of morning and you can't even see in the one back yard. You can't see the porches or nothing. I just feel like I'm being neglected. I paid my taxes and nothing is being done. I know the weather has played some part in it but this was done before the weather start all this rain and no one seem to give me any answers. Then next door to me that house they have a tree right in the front yard. People are coming there sitting, smoking, I don't know what all they be doing, but I'm afraid to call the police because the police come to my house and by me being the only one in my house I don't want no retaliation from whoever's doing all this stuff.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Let me ask you a question. When we started cutting the grass we started in Ward 1. Is that correct? And I see Ward 1 was actually the first one that got their grass cut and when we were cutting grass in Ward 1 the people in Ward 6, Ward 7 they were upset because we were not getting there. Now, according to Bob's report, we're getting to Ward 7 now. Believe me I understand your frustration and I wish I could have 10 crews out there. I'm disappointed with not only the vacant houses because there's not much we could do about that but how many people that are living in those houses that don't cut the grass and we have to go over and do it. I mean it is frustrating for everybody because of that the people that are around them like yourselves that take care of their houses suffer. We understand that. It's not easy and the only thing I can do is probably spend another \$50,000 maybe \$20,000 or \$50,000 in equipment, hire a couple more crews and put them out there. Quite honestly we can't afford that. So I understand your frustration. I wish there was a way that we could make everybody's grass be cut every week, but part of the population here that aren't taking care of their grass they got to stand up and help this community also. We can't do it for everybody. But I do understand your frustration about the vacant houses. Ward 1 was the very first one cut and they will be the very first one that's going to be cut for the second time. You may say no, but that's how it went down. We could show you which ones were cut, the addresses. We'd be more than happy to do that for you.

MS. KING: What I'm talking about is on one side of me. This lady and one thing they told me was that they don't know whoever you all get the bank or whatever because I even made the suggestion that somebody do community service where they can't pay the fines. I know years ago they used to have them come around and do stuff, but if you see it you not even see over it. Last year or year before they hid a SUV over there. I didn't even know it was over there till my neighbor called me. That's just how bad it is.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I don't disagree with you. I don't doubt at all. I will suggest that you call the police and if you are fearful of the police coming to your house ask and just give them the address and tell them to go over there. There's problems there.

MS. KING: I did and they didn't show up.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Do it again. Because you must have got a bad night because they show up at Block Watches all over the city and the police are there all the time and every time a resident complains about an area they are there. But I understand. You live there by yourself. You don't want the police to come to your house so there's retaliation. Just call them up and say look we got a problem at 12713 whatever and you don't have to tell them who you are. If they ask say I'd rather not talk about it and they'll come over there. Don't put yourself in danger. Grass cutting I understand. It's frustrating. We're all going through it. I have people on my street that don't cut their grass. I understand where you're coming from.

MS. KING: What about the bushes, etc.? They higher than me.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: The problem with that is when we have to have Court Community Service coming in and do it it has to be and the Court has to say to do it. We can't just tell them to go there with Court Community Service. We have Court Community Service out almost every day, but it has to be done through the Courts. It's a long process. Believe me, it's not always as you think because I thought it was too. I do understand your frustration. We will have someone come by. Bill, I want to you to take the addresses and see what we can do.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Mayor, I went to see Mrs. King last week and I apologize. I forget the last name of the folks there on the other side. I went to see them too. The house between them we were not aware was vacant and we've posted it and Bob has the house and we're going to see what we can do about getting them in to the Court D System so that we can have Court Community Service go there. As the Mayor said there actually has to be a Court case going on so all we need to do is file and when we asked the Judge would you order Court Community Service to go there we can get some for those bushes, etc. We're going to get one of the companies that we deal with routinely to do something about that garage. I could do something with the one garage door, but I couldn't do it to the other one by myself.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: You know, Mrs. King's time is up, but I do want to say one thing. I'm wondering if, Chief, could you stick around till after the meeting so you could talk to her about what she could do so she does not have to be concerned about the Police Department?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: I already have.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I'd appreciate that and Mr. Dudley you wanted to say something?

CLMN DUDLEY: I would like to reply to the Ms. King first of all. I don't remember that you ever called me and I wanted to mention too it was Reverend Dobson that came around to my house and he made me aware of what was going on with the house next door. He came to my house. I got in my car and went around to look at it because I didn't even know the property next door was vacant. So had you contacted me, Ms. King, I would of come around and I would have took a look at the property. When Reverend Dobson took me around I didn't realize how much that grass grew. Ms. Dobson listed the concerns and I understood about a garage being open with the possibility of telling me what happened. I did contact them and asked them to close it like you say they couldn't close one of them, but I wanted to tell you in the future, Ms. King, if you have a problem, you feel free to contact me. I would not know that something was wrong and I do drive around, but I wouldn't have noticed from the back and like I told Ms. Dobson and I didn't know them people had moved out of that house. If you have an issue, please contact me next time.

MS. KING: *(Inaudible)*

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Please stay around for after the meeting.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I know we have your address, but do we have the addresses of these houses right next door to either side?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Yes, In fact I believe while you were out of the office the other day there's a photographic album of that house and that came from the Dobsons and that's from when you asked me to go up and take a look.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anyone else wishing to comment tonight?

Robert Dobson, Jr., 13620 Rexwood Avenue. I have lived there for the last 43 years. Three things. Number one I feel so sorry for my wife having to smell skunks almost daily almost any hour and feel so helpless I feel pitiful knowing that we have this situation existing and nobody seem to be able to do anything about it. Item one.

Item number two. Since Mayor Longo was here I have been corresponding with the city of Garfield Heights about the street and the potholes on Rexwood Avenue, which is one of the worst looking streets in the city of Garfield Heights and nobody can bend rules, reorganize or do whatever you might call it to get the street up to par. For 21 years that street has not been resurfaced. The potholes have been progressively worse. We don't complain as much. I'm holding here in my hand a receipt from an automobile repair shop today where I paid \$525.00 for struts and I am blessed to be able to stand up here and give this report because if that would have broken on 480 and I wouldn't be here today to tell the story. That's how bad they were. I don't know what else to do, Mr. Mayor. I don't know what else to do, but to tell you we have some problems that needs to be resolved. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Anyone else?

Mildred Whitmore, 13154 Forestdale Drive. I, too, am complaining about the grass, but this is in the back yard of an abandoned house. This has been going on for a couple of years. Even when the lady was staying there I had tried to get people to come up and do something about that back yard. Now there's three stray dogs that hides in that grass. I'm afraid to go up in the back yard now and as my brother said you have a concealed weapons permit, take your gun up there and they jumps up and starts barking and running over to the fence. They made two holes on each side so they can come into my back yard and these three dogs took over the Ward over there. Something need to be done.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Have you called the Animal Warden?

MRS. WHITMORE: No, I have not. I figured if someone cut this grass they wouldn't have no place to hide up there. Now the gentleman was out last week. He have cut the front. So I questioned him about the back. He said he was cutting for the bank, but the bank is not paying him and I asked him about the back and he told me to call city hall. It's like a jungle back there.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Mr. Wervey, can you intervene?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Next door to you?

MRS. WHITMORE: Right next door.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: And we could also get the Animal Warden out there too.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Sometimes they go out and do the front lawns and we don't realize. We know about it now.

MRS. WHITMORE: They say the bank pay them just to cut the front and that's what they been doing.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: We'll get it taken care of now that we know about it.

MRS. WHITMORE: Thank you.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Before you leave, Ms. Whitmore, did you call anybody about the back grass?

MRS. WHITMORE: Yes, I have.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Who did you call? Building Department?

MRS. WHITMORE: Yes, I did.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: OK and that was this year?

MRS. WHITMORE: Yes, it was.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: OK as Bob said they are going to be in Ward 1 and starting either tomorrow or Wednesday so if that's one of the houses that's been posted or it's going to be on the list if you'd like to give me the address?

CLMN DUDLEY: I checked it out and visited Mrs. Whitmore this weekend and she pointed it out and she say you will be fooled by the front even if you look at an angle toward the back. Once you go behind the house, she's correct. That grass is about two and a half feet high. From the street you could never see it.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: And that's why it's hard for some of us to see it if the Building Department somebody's riding down the street and the front's cut we assume that the property's being taken care of. Once you call the address in we'll have somebody out there.

MRS. WHITMORE: I had got up here before and asked why somebody don't come in the back yard sometime.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Mme President, may I? Ms. Whitmore, your concern is heard. What I will say is that with 863 properties and we continue to post, the crews have run into that issue. As they go down the street they check every property that 's on the list and as they go by if they stop and walk in every back yard to make sure people do this, understand, people do this. They'll cut the front to avoid that fee that we charge, but let the back go. We've been back on many of them. I've even run into where people have locked up the back yard and we can't get in. You know what I'm saying? Until we cut the lock, but on the same token is that it's not practical that those guys get out of the truck at every stop. In other words if I'm going down Forestdale and everything's cut, they are kind of assured that those responsible people are taking care of everything. Unfortunately that's not happening, but now that you brought it to our attention, Bill, do you remember if that property was posted?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: I will check. I don't know.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: And again, the bank hired somebody to come out and maintain the property and this guy said well it's too high. I'm not doing that.

MRS. WHITMORE: They just cuts the front.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Isn't that crazy? Thank you.

MRS. WHITMORE: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you, Mrs. Whitmore. Mr. Dudley, can you call the Animal Warden?

CLMN DUDLEY: Yeah, I'm going to call the Animal Warden in the morning.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: I'll take care of that in the morning.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you very much.

CLMN DUDLEY: So you going to call him?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: I talk to him every day.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Come up to the microphone.

Della Powell, 4335 East 131st Street. I'm here to talk to what I showed Clmn Dudley the lot in the back of us it's a hill and it's Garfield property, but up above the hill is Cleveland. Those tenants throw their trash down in those bushes that's across there and I'm wondering when could we get it done this year to have it cleaned out and cut down or will it be next year?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: I don't know anything about it.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: They're throwing it on Garfield property?

MS. POWELL: Yes.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: You live at St. Tim's?

MS. POWELL: Yes. St. Timothy Manor.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Is it by Service Court or?

MS. POWELL: Yes.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: On that side and then part of the Cleveland part is?

MS. POWELL: I understand that part of the above the hill is Cleveland.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: The houses in Cleveland are throwing trash out their back yards and it's coming into Garfield Heights.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: And again I can assure you that was one of the first things we did this year was Service Court. Cleaned that up.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: She lives at St. Timothy Manor.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: OK. I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Please talk one at a time, not back and forth like this.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: She lives at St. Timothy Manor in the apartments and the people who live in the houses in Cleveland are throwing stuff over their back fences it sounds like.

MS. POWELL: Yes.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: It's going on St. Timothy's property.

MS. POWELL: It's more or less Garfield's property. You have to come see it and I'll show it.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Could you go out there, Bill?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: If you can talk to me, I can meet you there and you can show me what exactly it is.

MS. POWELL: OK. Also with the gentleman over here in the afternoon and at night if you got a good breeze outside you can't enjoy it because the skunks really makes you hurry up and close your window. Can that also be addressed?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Della, we have without question the best Animal Warden in the entire County. I mean that sincerely. He gets skunks every day and I know because he comes in my office and I tell him before you come in here did you get skunks today? So all you have to do is call. We'll put traps out for the skunks. That's all you have to do is call.

MS. POWELL: OK. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: The number for him is on the front of the Grapevine.

MS. POWELL: OK.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anyone else wishing to speak?

Bob Halan, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. What you were referring to about the skunks. The Animal Warden has been out. They did set traps in the back of our yard and they did catch a couple skunks in a matter of three days. So just call them. They'll come out and take care of it.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you, Mr. Halan.

Matt Burke, 13108 Granger Road. I had the privilege of attending the commencement for the Garfield Heights graduating class of 2013. Mr. Dobies was the keynote speaker. I just want to say that Mr. Aaron Danis he was the valedictorian of the class this year, he had the highest grade point average of any graduating senior in the history of Garfield Heights. 4.411. I was wondering if the Mayor or Council could just draw up a letter to maybe honor him or do something special for him because I think that is an incredible achievement.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Did you said 4.11?

MR. BURKE: 4.411.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: He beat me by .1. I think that's an excellent idea.

MR. BURKE: If you got a chance to hear his speech, it was very inspiring.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: That's an excellent idea.

MR. BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Anyone else wishing to comment?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: There being none, that concludes comments on miscellaneous business and we will move on to Council's Miscellaneous Business, beginning with Clmn Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: All right. I wanted to mention something. You all talking about skunks. During the Memorial Day weekend I got stuck with a skunk that broke his leg or something. He crawled into my yard on Saturday and he just sprayed and sprayed and went in circles and I had to live with this joker. We couldn't utilize the back yard until about Monday. I managed to kind of coach him out of the yard a little way. It was a job, but I wasn't able to do that until almost like Monday night to get him halfway out of my yard. And the Animal Warden take him away the next morning, but it is a serious problem with them. Another thing here is that a dog barking really startles them and they will spray like crazy and I tell you my garage still has a slight smell of that skunk to it.

I wanted to mention something else. It's really good that tonight you're sitting here but what you have to do is kind of like Reverend Dobson, Mrs. King and others do sometimes, but do call your Council people first. At least give us an opportunity or something like that to try to work your problem out and we can't always do it to your satisfaction but you have to get involved because we don't see everything. Trust me. I'm riding by Ms. Whitmore's house and I've been to Ms. Whitmore's house a couple times and honestly talking to her I never noticed that back yard because we looked at the front and I pulled into her yard and talked to her, but I was glad that she had pointed it out. I'm glad like I said when Reverend Dobson came around to my house and not just called and came and knocked on the door and told me to come over and look at this property and I put my clothes on and I went around the corner to take a look because you have to take some concern for your community. You don't want it to get run down. We got individuals sometimes. Not all renters are bad people, but sometime it's just fly by night. They move in, let the property go down, they don't care when it get bad and they don't care when it get bad in the community. They jump up and move out. But when you own property here it's an investment and you plan to hopefully stay here for a very long time so I really thank them for coming out and actually Ms. Whitmore who probably should be sitting on Council by now and the ladies who came from St. Timothy. I appreciate you all coming out tonight.

I also would like to say I ask that you continue your support and keep Tracy Mahoney in your prayers. She's a good Member of Council and I'd love to see her come back here. I definitely say she's not just an individual but she is a great representative.

When you mention Rexwood, we got some bad streets, people, and I tell Parnell Jones, our County Council Member, I believe he sits on streets also in the County that Rexwood is bad. You can't walk down Rexwood. Same thing with Cranwood Drive up there. You cannot walk on that street without touching a patch. But just like you come here tonight, I will get on the phone and I will call Mr. Parnell Jones. He's our County Councilman and try to help him push to get some grants to kind of help us get them streets fixed. We definitely need to do 135th. You go

over to Orchard, the list go on, I could go on and on how bad those streets is. 139th. I mean right after the winter the path but it almost be like people drop different bombs on the ground as you go in some of the holes like Reverend Dobson say they can drop sometime almost a foot deep. I finally retired my car because my front end the suspension system was bad and I couldn't put no more money in the front end of the little Ford I was driving. I ask that you keep your community in your prayers and when you got a problem speak up. Don't hold it to yourself, you know? Let us know what's going on. It makes it better for us, easier for you and better for the community.

Last but not least, I wish all of the fathers a Happy Fathers Day and belated Mothers Day. I didn't get a chance to say that and not only wish you a Happy Fathers Day I'd like to see our young men really step up to the plate and start being fathers to the children and just not stopping at making it. All right, with that, thank you, Mme Chairman.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Clmn Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you. I know there is a lot of griping about it, but Tim, Bob, thanks for the work that you have been doing. I really appreciate it. Again, as always, I want to remind you just like Clmn Dudley did that everybody says we asked did you call? No, I didn't call. We come here. Call. Start the ball rolling somewhere. If you call your Councilman, if you call the Building Department, the Service Department, Parks and Recreation, get the ball started somewhere. Council people are always grateful for your calls. We know how to handle it. We are trying to work with you. We do care about our Wards. Maybe you don't see us driving around, but we do drive around. Give us a call. Let us know there's a problem. Don't wait to bring it to Council. Maybe it could be resolved by then because Council Meetings are every two weeks. Maybe we could get it done in two days? Maybe?

As always I'd like to thank the Vets for what they've done for this country and we're nearing that 4,000 mark. Four thousand soldiers lost their lives. I want to remind everybody that this week (it's a special reason I'm reminding you) our Block Watch is June 13th at the VFW, 4727 Turney Road, 7 o'clock for Ward 3. Anybody that wants to come and who I'm having as guest speaker this week is Kim Jordan. She's with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and she will help any Vets that are going through any of the problems, that are going through counseling, looking for Vets' benefits. I will have her and a supervisor there to answer any questions so I did invite the VFW to attend our meeting, but anybody is welcome and it will be about Veterans' affairs and they are from the government Department of Veterans Affairs. With that you have my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you, Clmn. Clmn Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, Madame. We have a lot of construction going on in the city right now. Got to be aware of the construction workers' safety first. They are very vulnerable to get hit. There's construction on Granger, next year Turney, Rockside and be caring for these construction workers. That includes the Service Department, too. They're out there in the street so we've got to watch out for them.

I'd like to make a point that communication is very key so if any residents have any concerns and any regards whether it be skunks, vacant houses, grasses, the first line of communication is your Councilperson. Contact him first and he will get to the proper persons to resolve the issue, if it's resolvable. Also there is another lien of communication that you can have very, very important. Even though some of the citizens live in houses you don't have to go out and

confront nobody. You have a telephone. Call the police. They respond very promptly. You don't have to give your name, address. All you have to do is give a complete detail of what's going on. Let them do the road work for you, so to speak and they'll get the job done. Don't be afraid to call them.

I have one more comment to make. In July and August Ward 4 Council Block Watch will not have any meetings during the summer there. We have two months off. Thank you, Madame.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. First and foremost I'd like to say it was nice to see so many new faces today and I bent the rules a little bit for you and I hope my fellow Council Members don't get upset with me, because you didn't know the rules. If it's of a first nature I'm not supposed to let you bring it up. You're supposed to contact the City Hall department or the Council representative, but I think a lot of you didn't know the rules, but having said that, especially with the skunks, if you had contacted or known to contact our Animal Warden you wouldn't have to put up with that horrible odor. I know occasionally there's one (I live near Garfield Park) that gets hurt near me and the odor remains forever. It's going to take a long time to get rid of that smell. Our Animal Warden is wonderful. I got to tell you we've had a lot over the years, but this man is the tops and he'll be on top of it and he should be able to rectify the situation for you very quickly. I want to thank you all for coming.

I want to remind people that this Wednesday there's going to be a Town Hall Meeting, correct, Mayor? And it's going to be regarding our new trash pickup and it's at 7 o'clock right here I'm assuming in the main dining room? In the main dining room. Please come up. They'll explain everything about the new process and it'd be nice if you all could come for that too.

I want to also say miss you, miss you, Tracy. Come back. I can't wait till we get the Skype. If you need somebody to sponsor legislation, consider me to do it.

Happy Fathers Day to everybody. Clmn Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: I would just like to say that yesterday morning Garfield Heights lost a fine businessman. The manager from Wendy's on Turney Road passed away. Ed was a personal friend of mine, in fact I was with him Saturday night at a party and Sunday morning he was at home cutting his grass. He got the front and back cut, sat down for a second and passed away. Ed was 51 years old. Like I say, he is a very good friend of our family. Mayor, I, too, will not be able to attend Friday's festivities because I'll be at Ed's funeral.

Number two I would like to also say that today in the rain I was going past the fire station and you heard the Mayor in his report talk about Chris Piazza. Here it is raining out there and she's still planting flowers. Give Chris a lot of credit. Nobody knows how much time Chris. I don't think Chris knows how much time she puts in doing all this stuff. She lives next door to me and I looked in her back yard. I looked there this morning and I said where'd she get those flowers now? She got another load from somewhere, but like the Mayor said, they're doing one heck of a great job.

Today again I was traveling the Turney Road turnpike and I was glad to see the police department was out doing their jobs. I went South and an officer was giving someone a ticket going down. I was coming back and they had someone else so I'm glad to see this happening and I'd like to see a lot more because people really think that they can speed up and down Turney Road and do anything they want to do.

I'd also like to echo Mr. Glenn's sentiments in regard to contacting Council people. People don't realize you are our eyes and our ears for us and if you call, I know I do it, if somebody calls me and they have a complaint I don't necessarily say Mrs. so and so called or Mr. so and so called. I tell them tell them I called. And that 's the end of it so you don't have to worry about them saying that Anne called. They're not going to turn you in to your neighbors and if we don't hear more about your complaints then we don't know. I've been to many Block Watches where I've heard the police chief say don't be afraid to call. You know you're holding all this stuff inside of you. You say this has been going on for a couple years. That's way too long for anybody to be aggravated over something like that.

And at this time I, too, would like to wish all the fathers a Happy Fathers Day. And that's the end of what I have to say.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Clmn Vaughn, you awake down there?

CLMN VAUGHN: Yes, I am. Thank you. A couple of things. Grass cutting. I'm glad to see that we're up in Ward 7 and I hope that we can get it done this week sometime. The people of Ward 7 have been very patient and I appreciate the work that you're doing up there. I feel the pain for the people on Rexwood, was it? With the road. Drive down York Blvd. York Boulevard's got to be one of the worst roads in the County and we keep throwing patch, patch, patch and every year we just keep adding, adding, adding. Hopefully there was some talk last year of that road getting done. I hope we're still able to do that.

As far as the high school grads that's really great that the young gentleman achieved that, but I would like to see us have some type of resolution to honor the top 10 because when I was reading those names and where they're going and the achievements that they had made, these are the type of individuals that need to be honored and admired for what they've done. We always say youth this. They're causing this. We never talk about the ones that are doing the right thing. Going on to college? Keeping their nose out of trouble? And I do really believe that we should, as a city, be recognizing the top 10.

I want to wish every father a Happy Fathers Day.

On June 27th Ward 7 will be having the Block Watch. We'll be having our annual cookout so please come up and join us. Mme Chairman.

CLMN DUDLEY: Mme Chairman, excuse me.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Wait a minute. I must see if Clmn Vaughn is done?

CLMN VAUGHN: Mme Chairman, that's the end of my report. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: You did not make a motion?

CLMN VAUGHN: No, I did not.

CLMN DUDLEY: I wanted to catch him before he make a motion. I just want to mention it would be nice you know if we all maybe gave a courtesy call to Mr. Parnell Jones. Remember last time our streets were mentioned in Maple Heights and just remind him of what's going on in our city that we make a courtesy call from possibly all Members of Council and see what could

get done, you know? Because it's time is coming next year and we definitely I know York and some other streets and some other areas too. That's all I have, Mme Chairman. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I'd like to make a motion to adjourn. All in favor say Yea. All opposed. The meeting stands adjourned. Thank you all for coming.

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

ABSENT: Mahoney

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:02 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Nancy Marincic
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council