

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, March 10, 2014

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

INVOCATION BY: Clmn Matt Burke

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Could we please have the roll call.

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

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: The reading and disposal of the Minutes of the last Meeting.

CLWN MARINCIC: Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that we accept the Minutes from the February 24, 2014 Regular Meeting of City Council as presented.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: All in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none, we will move to Legislation out of Committee.

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Chairman, I move that we move Ordinance 19-2014 to come out of Legislative Committee as amended.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: All those in favor of taking that legislation out of committee signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

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

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, yes, I do. I have some notifications I would like to read. The first one is from Cuyahoga County.

“Employers, Job Seekers and Youth,

A change is coming. Watch for it. Employment Connection Your Competitive Advantage will change its name to Ohio Means Jobs and it will be working through Cleveland Cuyahoga County. Though our name is changing our commitment to services to Cuyahoga County residents seeking employment and training opportunities remains a high priority. To better assist you shortly we will roll out a new easier to navigate, more informative Website. This new Website address will be ohiomeansjobs.com/cuyahoga. This is a great program for young people and old people alike to get training and to get jobs.”

So this is something we should get on that Website for and would love to see you. Contact your residents and let them know about that. It’s a great opportunity for the people in Garfield Heights.”

Next I wanted to talk a little bit about the Affordable Care Act Enrollment Program. They are having an enrollment assistance program. The deadline for the enrollment is March 31st. Free enrollment assistance is available Tuesday at 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. All Tuesdays. 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Garfield Heights Library, 5409 Turney Road. For anybody that doesn’t have health care if you know somebody in your family or a friend that doesn’t have health care, get to the library and some of these programs that you can get are very, very cheap. Some of them under \$100.00 a month for health care. So that’s again every Tuesday from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. right next door here at the Garfield Library.

The next documentation I have is a letter from a Michael Cook. It says

“Mayor Collova,

Good morning. Judge Michael S. Astrab of the Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court will be hosting a Heroin in the Suburbs Forum in Garfield Heights on Wednesday, April 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at the Garfield Heights Public Library. In the last two years nearly twice as many people have died from heroin overdoses as have died by homicide. Those deaths are not just numbers. They are our neighbors. To stop this epidemic we must work together to get the word out about the dangers of heroin. On behalf of Judge Astrab I hope you will join us at the Heroin in the Suburbs Forum on April 2nd. Please help me get the word out.”

Folks, Council people, we talked about this at the last Council Meeting. We’ve talked about it for the last year. This is an epidemic. We have had three people die in the last two weeks here in Garfield Heights from heroin overdoses. It is getting absolutely out of hand. Everybody, I know you may not believe it, but everybody’s family’s affected one way or another. I urge everyone if you have any inkling whatsoever if you want to just get information, please attend these heroin forums because you could save someone’s life and that’s certainly the truth.

The next thing I wanted to touch on just for a bit is as you all know, we have the Turney Road Project coming up. We have the waterline coming in this year and the following year we’re looking at the resurfacing of Turney Road. We are going to be scheduling, Dave Krock is working on it, we are going to be scheduling a meeting for the businesses because there’s no question for about two years there’s going to be quite a bit of inconvenience to the businesses and also to the residents. We know this is going to be an inconvenience and we know it’s going to take time to do it, but we have no choice. We need Turney Road to get done so we are going to have a business meeting to bring the businesses in to talk about some different ways to ease the impact on each and every business and we will be notifying everyone of the date of that and

we would hope all businesses come and any residents that would want to come we would love for them to join us also.

I want to move on to the ordinances, the legislation tonight. Ordinance 20. We are applying for a Federal Grant to purchase new fire equipment.

Resolution 1. A resolution opposing the Right to Work Laws. Folks, Right to Work is one of the worst things that can happen to the State of Ohio. This is a blue collar law. This is against blue collar workers. We're a blue collar city. We want to do everything we can to stop any Right to Work in the State of Ohio. It does nothing to help the workingman. It helps the people that don't need help, basically, but for everyone of us that worked for a living it certainly does not help us. So I urge you to talk to your friends and relatives and of course your constituents in your Wards. Talk to them about opposing the Right to Work. Resolution 2 is a resolution directing the Economic Development Director of the City of Garfield Heights to apply for the 2014 Community Recycling Awareness Grant and I'm sure Noreen's going to get into that during her report.

I would also like to wish everyone on behalf of my Irish wife, a Happy St. Patrick's Day next week and with that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mayor. Does anyone have any questions of the Mayor on his report? There being none we'll move on to our Law Director, Tim Riley.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Thank you, Mr. President. No report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Moving right along. Police Chief Bob Sackett.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: Thank you. I just want to say that we are going to be conducting Safety Town again this year from the Rec Department and the Police Department. The first session will be June 17th. That's a Monday. It will be that whole week. We'll probably have a second session either the following week or the second week in July. We encourage as many kids as possible to come. It's going to be open to all five and six years olds from inside and outside the city. Start signing up May 19th at the Rec Center. Two or three weeks before it starts you can sign up at the Rec Center.

Also like the Mayor mentioned, a week from tonight is St. Patrick's Day. I, too, want to wish you a safe and Happy St. Patrick's Day but I also want to give you a little warning. The police are always out at St. Patrick's Day. They pay us through Federal grants to be out there so you know who we're looking for so if you have too much call a cab, get a DD, do something else. We don't want to see anybody get hurt. With that you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Chief. Does anyone have 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. The last two weeks our priorities have been trying to patch the never ending potholes. We've used in two weeks 40 tons of cold patch. Used about 10 more tons today. I have everybody that's available out on the crews with the rollers back out again. It's a never ending battle. As soon as we get one patched it snows or the plows take it out or the water pops it and we keep going back over these things. We're doing the best we can to get it done.

Water breaks. We've had 70 water breaks this year. Usually we have around 60. The year is not over but we're up to 70. Right now I have 14 breaks that are still not repaired. We're having some problems with that too trying to keep the ice cleared, etc. We only have one loader and I have to get up around all the streets to try to clear the ice off them and get them salted. Driveways are blocked. It's just another thing that's a never ending battle, but we're doing the best we can. Cleveland Water we talk to them all the time. They have a massive amount of water breaks in Cuyahoga County. They were talking about 700 or 800 throughout the County. They're getting to us, but it's a slow process, but we do know that they're out there. We are trying to do the best to keep them clear for traffic to move on and we do contact Cleveland Water at least once a day to see where we're going, where they're at, if any crews are coming into town and they work 24 hours a day. Sometimes they come in at night time and we find out the next day that they have been in and cleared it out, but that's been a big problem.

The snow. There's a storm coming in on Wednesday that's supposed to be possibly six to 10 inches in size, but we have 350 tons of salt and we're still owed 1,200 tons from over a month ago. It's coming slow but the 350 should get us through this storm and we do call there every day too to see if we're getting any deliveries. This is the first time in all the years I've been here that I've seen it this bad on deliveries. We always ask the drivers, etc. if they know anything we don't know but I think once they start bringing it up out of the mine, the surplus piles and once they start bring in up out of the mine they bring up so much a day and what they been trying to do is keep everybody happy and send 50 ton here, 75 ton there, you know. I was hoping with the weather not being as bad the last couple weeks that they would catch us up but as of today they still owed us from a month ago 1,200 tons so. That's the end of my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Does anybody have any questions of Mr. McLaughlin? Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Tim, I want to thank you for doing and your crew for doing a good job under the conditions that you have to endure this wintertime.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Thank you.

CLMN GLENN: Bad news is you'll have to do it again in springtime.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: There's no doubt but at least once we get the hot asphalt it's more permanent. Like I said you're putting this down and it's \$100.00 a ton. Through all the years I been here 36 years I've heard about every revolutionary new kind of patch and from all over the country people call us and we'll send you a barrel for \$500.00 and you can try it out. It seems to be the same thing and the only product that I have to deal with right now.

CLMN GLENN: Tim, I'm out and about in my Ward. I see crews out there working very hard every day so we are getting a good, good buck for our dollar. Thank you.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Thanks.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Absent.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Anyone have anything else for Mr. McLaughlin? There being none, we'll call on our City Engineer, David Krock.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to note that I did hand out the written report again and beyond that I don't have anything to add this evening.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. Finance Director, Ron Tomola.

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report tonight.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. Social Service Director, Kathy Rush-Parssons, please.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS: Thank you, Mr. President. In the spirit of St. Patrick's Day, the Senior Center is again hosting its Annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Monday, March 17th from 12:30 to 2:00. We have the Garfield Heights High School Jazz Band performing for us. It's free. If any of the Seniors would like to come join us.

Also on Monday, March 24th at 9:30 the Senior Center is hosting Coffee With the Mayor. So Mayor Collova will be joining the Seniors for kind of an informal discussion. If they have any questions the Mayor's going to catch the Seniors up on everything going on in the city.

Also the Senior Center is starting a new program. A Zumba Gold Exercise Program. It is a Latin inspired dance fitness exercise program and the first two classes are going to be Thursday, April 3rd and Thursday, April 10th. The first two classes are free so people can try it. The class is from 12:45 to 1:45.

Finally, our Garfield Heights Family Resource Center has started a new Family Anonymous Support Group going along with what the Mayor had indicated about the concerns with heroin in the community, this is a 12-step support group for families who have loved ones who are facing addiction issues. So the first meeting was last Tuesday. They will be every Tuesday at 7:00 here at City Hall on the first floor, located in the Family Resource room,. That's my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Does anybody have any questions of Kathy? No one has any? We'll move on to Economic Development Director, Noreen Kuban.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to reiterate what the Mayor said about the recycling grant. This allows us to do a public awareness campaign. This coincides with our new rubbish collection program. We want people to be aware of what can and can't be recycled.

Second I wanted to point out and I know I sent this to all Members of City Council about the Save the Dream Program for mortgage and foreclosure assistance. There was an article in the PD recently. I distributed it to members of City Council and I have some up here. The Federal government will be reducing the allocation to the States to help people reduce their principal on their mortgage and the deadline is April 30th. Previously people could get up to \$25,000.00 to \$35,000.00 to reduce their principal. That will be coming to an end. That doesn't mean that there won't be assistance available in mediating or working out a loan modification directly with the lender but the financial assistance will be coming to an end because the money is running out. The program from that Federal government the funding was allocated in 2008 so this is six years after the mortgage crisis began so there won't be funds available. I'll leave these at the desk up here and I'll leave some at the front desk. We also have some in the Building Department. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Ms. Kuban. Does anybody have any questions of Ms. Kuban?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Absent.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none we'll move on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's Agenda. Would the Clerk please read the rules.

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: Thank you. Does anybody have any comments on tonight's agenda?

Bob Halan, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. I want Council to pay attention about this resolution 01-2014 opposing the Right to Work. Forty years ago Governor DiSalle proposed and backed that legislation. It actually is a defeatist resolution--not for us because we want to oppose it. This was a Right to Work law which would actually nullify Unions. The working conditions today are far better than years ago. Without the unions and you got to keep the Unions. You got to oppose this Right to Work law. It's a false statement. This is not a Right to Work. It's a right to control. Columbus has done this for years. They tried various ways to try to push this through. Again, it's not a good thing and I urge Council to vote against it. In other words oppose the Right to Work. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mr. Halan. Does anyone else have any comments on the items on tonight's agenda? There being none, do we have any Committee Reports this evening?

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none we'll move on to Ordinances and Resolutions beginning with Ordinance 19-2014 (Amended). Would the Clerk please read the title.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-2014 (AMENDED)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 109-1997, WHICH AMENDED ORDINANCE 123-1991 PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN COMPENSATION FOR THE CLERK OF COUNCIL.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote I want to do a little explaining of what's going on here. Our Clerk, for the past few years, has been getting paid a base salary and then "x" amount of dollars

per extra meeting and for typing, etc. at home. So what we've done is we've kind of done a little housekeeping and we've made it all one price, one salary. No longer will there be able to submit vouchers or fees for typing, and stuff that she has to do. So this was brought up by Ron, our Finance Director and with his suggestions and stuff we all met and went over this and we really feel that this is best for everybody and with that I vote Yes.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you.

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote, I would like to reiterate what Mr. Vaughn said. This is really not much of a pay increase. It may look like it, but it's not. Our Clerk did receive more funds when she went to committee meetings and transposed those Minutes. Now those two salaries will be both together. At the most this is just a few hundred dollars a year raise and the more committee meetings we have it may not even be that. So it's really a housekeeping thing and I definitely vote Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I reiterate what both Councilmen Vaughn and Marincic said and I also vote Yes.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: I, too, vote along with Councilpersons Marincic and Vaughn and I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 19-2014 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO MAKE APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S 2013 FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANT TO PURCHASE FIRE PREVENTION INVESTIGATION EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING EQUIPMENT.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Point of Order, Mr. Chairman, I think we needed a Rule 24 on this.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. I'm sorry. Waiver of Rule 24.

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the adoption, beginning with Mr. Burke.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote I would like to say if Garfield receives this grant this portion will only be \$1,000.00 and we stand to gain a lot more in equipment and I'm very proud of our

Police and Fire Department. They don't miss a chance to go out and get grant money and that really helps us financially. I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 20-2014 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2014

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING "RIGHT TO WORK" LAWS AND THE PROPOSED WORKPLACE FREEDOM CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote I'd like to thank Mr. Wolsky for bringing this to our attention and giving us the update that we needed on this and with that I vote Yes.

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote I want everybody to make sure that Senate House Bill 5/2 that comes up you definitely want to vote No. Don't believe the fact where they say the Right to Work is going to get you more money and you won't have to pay your Union dues. I worked for a Union and I was better off at the time I was under a Union contract job versus being in a non-Union contract. The wages were better, the benefits were better and your complaints were handled more professionally. With that I tell people do not support that Senate Bill 5/Issue 2. Definitely vote No. Don't even give them a waste of time to have a conversation. No, it's not serving in your best interests. With that I vote Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Before I vote I would like to say that we must vote No on this Senate Bill 5 when it comes around again and that Unions are the backbone of this country and I've often said I would do my whole life over, but one thing I wouldn't do is quit the Union after 28 years. On this I vote Yes.

CLMN GLENN: I, too, would like to respond. Can you imagine having no Unions in this country? Would we go back to the days of child labor? The Unions set their standard for everybody—Union and non-Union. On that I vote Yes.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: I feel the same way the rest of my colleagues do and I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 01-2014 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2014

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS TO APPLY FOR THE 2014 COMMUNITY RECYCLING AWARENESS GRANT.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Councilperson Marincic.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote I would just like to say yeah, go get more grant money. Good job, Mayor. I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 02-2014 passes with 7 Yes votes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

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

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone that would like to come up and speak this evening?

Melanie Weiss, 5409 Turney Road. I'm coming to share some news with all of you. I found out today that I am being transferred. I am going to be managing both the Brecksville and Independence branches starting in mid-April. Let me tell you a little bit why this happened. Managers in the library system are usually two to three years and then transferred. I have been at Garfield almost nine. Went through the old building to the temporary location to the new building. Had some really great times here. Met some wonderful people and I feel very grateful for the experience I've had. But it's time for me to do something else and to go to a couple more communities. So this isn't a big surprise. The library world found out that I was being transferred nobody was surprised or even questioned it. I can tell you that the person taking my place his name is Lane Edwards and he is currently the manager at Solon and he is an absolutely wonderful person and I talked to him today and I told him how lucky he was to work with such a great City Council and city. He's going to have the same commitment as I have had to the city because he really believes in what we do here. I just want to thank everybody. This is going to be the last time I speak in front of you but I want to thank you over and over I can't say enough times for making my experience here very valuable and rewarding. Thank you.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mir. Chairman, if I may respond? Everyone on Council knows, but for the residents out there. Melanie was a big part of this new library coming in. She did a great job putting it together. She put in a lot of hard work designing it. We have without a doubt the nicest library around. Melanie has done a great job. We really appreciate everything you did. I had the opportunity to speak to Melanie earlier today. She broke the news to me. I was disappointed to hear it. Happy that you're moving on. Hopefully it will be bigger and better things. I want you to know that I spoke with the Chief in the Police Department and just so you can keep your hands on Garfield Heights all those bad kids that you banned from the library? We're sending them out

to Independence and Brecksville. Seriously, Melanie, thank you. You did a great job and we're going to sorely miss you.

CLWN MARINCIC: When will this take place, Melanie? Thank you. That's all I have.

CLMN DUDLEY: I just want to say boy you've been great, Melanie. You know we're going to miss you. Maybe the Chief will take you down and lock you up in a cell and we hold you for a couple more days? I'm quite sure the gentleman's going to be a good fellow, but there's never going to be nobody to replace you. I appreciate everything you've done for us. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Anyone else? Does anyone else in the audience have anything?

Mary Wornoff, 13608 Silver Road. I have a question for the Mayor. We live on Silver Road and we are wondering when our street is going to be replaced?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Let me respond by saying this. First off I want you to know that Silver should be proud of one thing. You have the distinction of being the worst street in the city as far as the paving goes. We all know that. It's not something we don't know about. I ride on that street quite a bit myself. I live right around the corner from you guys.

Let me tell you how it works, just so you understand. We had about five streets in a multi-street project that was supposed to be paved. That was Maple Leaf, York and three or four short streets off of Garfield Blvd. that were scheduled to be paved in Garfield Heights. How they determine how they score the streets to be bad and when they are in need of repair and of course this is through funding, they have two main criteria. First main criteria is how bad the road is. The second criteria is what kind of financial situation the city is in. Well it certainly seems we would score an A+ on both of those because that's how bad the roads are there. We were scheduled to have those road done this year. We were knocked out of the box because they're saying that they're not in as much need as other streets are. Silver is just a half a step worse than York. If you rode on York when you come out the other side you're calling the Law Department and asking them to get your tires fixed that's how bad it is. We know how bad Silver is. We have many streets like that and they all need to be paved. I can tell you right now that I have no clue when that's going to happen because there's absolutely no money to do it. There really isn't.

I don't like to bring up old things but a few years back when we wanted to put up a billboard on Silver and it was proposed to put up the billboard that would have brought in about \$400,000.00 to \$500,000.00 into the city, the residents didn't want that billboard because they thought it would shine into the windows, etc. and they may have been right. We went in another direction and did not put that billboard up. But these are some of the things. When we go out and try to figure out ways to bring money into the city that's what it's for: the road repairs and different things. I know how bad Silver is and if I could say tomorrow go pave it, I would do it and I would do it first. But I can honestly tell you I don't have the money to do it. We don't have the money and there's no way to get the money unless we get very innovative and we're looking at some different things or in fact do some things with the water line the Water Department, change some fees around. That's the only way we're going to bring money into this city to get these roads paved, because it costs millions and millions of dollars to do this. There's nobody that we can find that will do it for free. So I would be the most popular guy in the world tomorrow if I said we're going to pave that this summer, but I'd also be the guy on this board that's lying to you.

There's no way we can get it done. We can't ask you for more taxes, you're already paying more taxes than anybody around. We understand this. But there's nowhere to get money when Governor Kasich took those government funds away he took away everything that we had. We came from about \$4.7 million in a hole to being in the black and unfortunately being in the black doesn't give you the money to pave the street. So if I told you we're going to pave Silver and it cost us a half a million dollars and I'm just pulling a number out of the air because I don't know what it would cost, there's no way for us to pay for it. That would be just one of 100 streets that need to be paved. The only thing I can tell you is we are doing everything can. We meet with the Public Works. We're meeting with every politician to try to get funding in to the city of Garfield Heights to do that. But if I told you right now that it's in the near future I'd be lying to you, Mary. Believe me, as well as I know you and Bob, I don't want to lie to you and the rest of the people on Silver. I'm being honest with you and telling you there's nothing we can do.

MRS. WORNOFF: It's not going to happen, right?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Unfortunately not. I'm sorry to say it. Believe me.

MRS. WORNOFF: It's so dangerous.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I understand it totally. I don't know where to go with it and we have a Finance Director. We have an Engineer here that knows how bad those streets need to be done. There was a project. It was called Chip Seal I believe, that was a new kind of a sealing for roads. We were trying to do that because it cost one-third to pave those streets. Dave and the gentleman that does that work went to Silver. Silver was too bad to even do that. That's the truth. We know how bad Silver is. It's horrible.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thirty seconds.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: It's just that bad and there's nothing else I can tell you, but I will tell you as soon as we do come up with something Silver will be one of the first streets done.

MRS. WORNOFF: You know my number.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: You got it.

MRS. WORNOFF: Thank you.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: You're welcome.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Halan, you were up already? Come on.

Bob Halan, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. I hate to rehash what you just said, but the County cut us. It took away money that we were allotted originally for the past three years. This Governor is now campaigning and he says he has saved \$180 million. That means the County has that money. The Turney Road money has been set aside to take care of that. There's still \$180 million that we should have to repair Silver and a few other streets. I know what you're going to say. You said it last meeting. I know what you just said again tonight. But I emphasize, ask him to restore the funds that he cut us. That's being fair.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: If I can respond, Mr. Chairman? Bob, you are 100% right. That's what the Governor of the State of Ohio did to us. I don't want to use this as a platform because this is

not the venue for that but let me, just so you understand, the Governor Kasich has saved millions and millions of dollars in the State and he's talking about having a tax cut for the residents. He's talking about all these great things because he managed the State so well that he was able to save a billion dollars or whatever it is. How he did it was taking the money that was supposed to be for the cities, for the communities. He took that money. Stopped giving it to us, built up his war chest and said what a great job I did. So he doesn't tax you any more money but he forces the cities like Garfield Heights and Maple Heights and Bedford to have to go to the residents for more money to survive. He looks like a hero. Every time I read about the money he saved in the paper I get sick. But that's exactly what's happening. You're right, Bob. There were millions and millions of dollars that all the communities around here got beat out of through the funding that has always come from the State.

MR. HALAN: Thank you.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone else that would like to come up to speak? There being none we will move on to Miscellaneous Business, beginning with Mr. Burke.

CLMN BURKE: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to wish everybody a Happy St. Patrick's Day coming up and I want to thank all the people from Silver for coming out and bringing your concerns out here today too. You know I got a lot of phone calls just in this past month or so about potholes. It seems like as soon as the snow starts to melt the pothole people call up and complain and then when it starts to snow, the snow plow people call and complain and of course I call Mr. McLaughlin here and he's probably sick and tired of hearing from me or getting my e-mails. But I got to tell you, as a group up here, this whole Council, the Mayor and everybody you see up here, we are constantly looking at ways to try to service this city the best we can without having to raise taxes, without having to ask you guys for more money so having said that we'll continue to work on it. I know there's a lot of us that have some ideas and we keep bouncing them off one another. Hopefully we'll be able to get to the bottom and make it better for everybody. If you talk to everybody out there, everybody's street is the worst street in Garfield Heights. Hopefully we'll make it better.

Tim, I want to thank you and your Service guys for a job well done this winter. I know we got another storm coming, but you guys have done a great job. You deserve to be commended. Having said that, that's all I have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Block Watch will be the last Thursday of this month. It will be the last time we'll be in the school building at St. Benedict's/St. Monica's. We'll be moving out to the pavilion month of April. It's going to be 80 degrees, sunny, beautiful. I look forward to seeing everybody out there.

I ask everybody to be careful this weekend. There will be a lot of people out celebrating no matter how bad the weather is or how good the weather is. Enjoy yourselves, but please be careful. Enjoy the holiday. It's meant for all of us to get together and be glad the winter is over with and to celebrate all the good that we received in this country. You know, a lot of times people forget what it's truly about. It's truly about people like my grandparents and great grandparents that came to this country with nothing, found work, did menial tasks, worked their way up with the help of the Unions, educating their children, building neighborhoods just like

Garfield Heights. That's truly what we celebrate on St. Patrick's Day. So enjoy yourself and have a good time.

Yes, I will be in the parade. I'll be marching with that great high school celebrating their 100th anniversary—Holy Name. Oh that's right Vic, you can't join us. The Mayor tells me there's going to be a nice flag flying outside this week.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: That would be the Italian flag, Tom?

CLMN VAUGHN: Get that for Barbara. But, no, enjoy yourselves this week. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: All right. I know we got some bad streets, but I would have to throw a war chest at Rexwood because there's about a \$400.00 some rack and pinion that I got to get done. I understand because it was patched before, but the patch had blew out and it comes with the territory. I tell you it's a bad blow with that freezing in the Ward to get around even when I worked at ODOT I know it freezes up, it pops it back up and you just don't see it coming.

Anyway, first of all I'd like to wish everybody a Happy St. Patrick's Day and hey, don't drink and drive. Do not drink and drive. Like Chief said there's going to be extra officers out there and they can see you before you see them.

I want to thank everybody and also the supporters. We had our Annual African-American Black History Program on the 28th and I want to thank Dave's, PCS Wireless, first of all the city of Garfield Heights and school district for providing us with the Performing Arts facility. It's a beautiful place. And McDonald's, Wendy's on Turney Road and Mrs. Tubbs who donated quite a few of the pieces, Janice Tubbs, she's a sweetheart. She really cares a lot about the city. And my colleague Mike Nenadovich. He really worked hard helping me make this program a success.

Also I like what Noreen brought up about this program right here. I sat on the Board of Directors for many years of ESOP East Side Neighborhood Housing Program. You don't realize how many people your neighbors got homes going to foreclosure. How many people lose their home because they don't know they have a right to stay in that home. If you don't take and use this money or your neighbors don't use this money then it's going right back into the system. The money is there. They will lower your mortgages, they give you a good modification but most of all it costs you nothing. Why pay an attorney \$3,000.00 or \$4,000.00 when you can get it done free and get it right.

I'd like to mention too we have our Family Life Center that does a great job up at 13455 Dressler Road. They have a full pantry up there. They have some good social programs and we got social programs right here at city hall too. Take advantage of it. You got a lot of help in this city that you don't have a clue about. You got to reach out. They are there for you. So definitely take advantage of the programs we are offering you. Bill isn't here, but I thank Noreen and also the rest of the Administration and also some workers in the County that we got rid of one of the eyesores on 131st and I can say we have more buildings come down eyesores in the Ward 1 community in the last three years than I done seen in the 20 years I have been there. But that is not something I done. It's something that we done and the outside. It's about working with people. If you work with people you can get stuff accomplished. If you always say I, I you ain't going to get nothing done and nobody believe anybody tell you I will do it because they are

telling you an absolute story. It's we that gets done. Just like we the people. When you feed information to it and we know what's going on in our community. That's how the work is done.

Once again, if you're going to drink on St. Patrick's Day, get a designated driver or call me and I'll give you a reasonable fee and I'll pick you up. All right that's all I have tonight, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Mrs. Marincic.

CLWN MARINCIC: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to remind my fellow Council Members, the Chief, the Mayor and the Administration that there is a Safety Committee Meeting this coming Wednesday, two days from now, at 6:30. It will be in the Council Caucus Room. It is a work session for Council. I'm sure that with all that Council has to say there won't be time for residents' comments, but if you'd like to come and listen, you're more than welcome to but this is the first work session I have held for Council Members.

Secondly, Melanie, you did a good job. You were a treasure to have here in Garfield Heights and a blessing to all of us and I can't thank you enough for all your efforts and all you did for us while you were here.

Lastly, once again, I would also like to reiterate what my fellow Council Members said and wish everybody a Happy St. Paddy's Day. Stay off the green beer and have a designated driver and that's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mrs. Marincic. Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Yes. Melanie, good luck in your new endeavor. I wish you nothing but the best. I want to wish everybody a Happy St. Patrick's Day. Wearing of the green, not the red of an accident. Keep that in mind.

As always remember our Vets. They are fighting so you can celebrate all these things. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, President. I, too, Melanie, I know you had your heart and soul and you're a caring person. You'll do well no matter where you go. I hope your replacement is as good as you are. With that, I thank you.

I want to speak now to the residents of Silver Avenue. I want to say that the Mayor, with the help of our Economic Developer, Noreen Kuban, has been doing a great job getting money into the city. I'm going to give you some numbers here. This is a city that has no money to fix streets, but we are doing so in such a way that some things are getting accomplished. I want to iterate that Turney Road Rehab is funded by NOACCA, \$5 million. The city is paying \$0. Turney Road Waterline. Cleveland Water Department is paying \$3.4 million. Garfield Heights is paying \$0. Granger/Transportation. Ohio Public Works is paying \$2.3 million. There's other funds coming in for that project. \$2.3 million. The city's paying \$0. The Multi-Street Recon and Waterline. Cleveland Water Department's paying \$2.8 million, 70% of the project. Ohio Public Water Commission is paying \$978,000.00. The city's paying \$0. Transportation/Antenucci. That is going to be worked on in 2014 and 2016 and is paid by grant money and private money. \$10 million. The city's paying \$0. So we're kind of working kind of hard for you folks. I'm sorry about

Silver Avenue, but we're doing the best we can with what we have. That, Mr. Chairman is my resume.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. First of all I would like to announce a Finance Meeting for March 19, 2014 at 6:30 in the Caucus Room.

I'd like to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving. You know summer comes. I thought we were in summer again and winter already showed up again on Wednesday. Happy St. Patrick's Day. Sorry, Tom. You know I watch newscasters and that and every now and then they make a mistake and I say hey, you do the same thing, you know, so it can't be too bad.

As for my friend, Melanie Rapp, I've know Melanie for quite some time. I was on the Board of Directors with her for the Garfield Heights Chamber of Commerce for a few years where I got to meet her. I know she did a lot of hard work with the old library. I know she did a lot of hard work in between when the library was down on Transportation Blvd, and I know that she really enjoyed being the person that opened this library up for the citizens of Garfield Heights. I'd like to wish you the best of luck and you always know my number. I'm always hungry. So on that, that's all I have.

At this time I would like to make a motion that we adjourn the meeting. All those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed. Meeting adjourned.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:54 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Joseph M. Suster
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council