

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, March 11, 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, Mahoney, Vaughn

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: All present.

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Reading and disposal of two sections of Minutes--February 11th Regular Meeting of the Garfield Heights City Council and February 25th Regular Meeting of Garfield Heights City Council.

CLMN SUSTER: Mme. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of Monday, February 11, 2013 as accepted and I'd also like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of Garfield Heights City Council of Monday, February 25, 2013 as submitted.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: All in favor of accepting the Minutes from February 11, 2013 and February 25, 2013 say Yea. All opposed say Nay? The Yeas have it.

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: We will move on to the report of our Mayor Vic Collova. I know you have a report this evening, man in green over there.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mme. Chair. I have a couple of letters I would like to read. The first letter tonight is from Ed Fitzgerald, the Cuyahoga County Executive.

"Dear Mayor Collova:

As part of the reform process of Cuyahoga County Government, we have focused our attention on increasing efficiency and using improved strategies that do our work. One key area of responsibility for County Government is executing the property reappraisal process for the 2012 Six Year Property Reappraisal Process, relying on best practice recommendations, we were able to save a significant amount of money and identify a refund. A total of \$5.25 million which we are able to return to local governments and school districts. Based on a formula of past property tax collections. I should point out that the previous administrators of this process used their excess funds for corrupt purposes, which was a core element of the Federal prosecution of Cuyahoga County government. Because these funds belong in the hands of local communities who can make the best use of them I want to inform you that your local government should receive funds in the amount of \$26,653.81 expected to be deposited today. Thank you for the work you do every day in making your communities better. I look forward to continuing to work with you to support your efforts to keep Cuyahoga County moving in a positive direction.”

We certainly appreciate the \$26,000.00 and we thank the County Executive for this. But the County Executive was the second person that told me we were going to get this. Mary Ryan told me first. That’s the truth. She came up to me one day and she said Mayor, I understand you’re going to get some money from the County. And I said that’s the first I heard about it. Then the letter came. I was surprised you didn’t sign it, Mary, but thank you. And I thank the County Executive. Job well done.

The second letter I’d like to read is from the Cuyahoga County Library. It says

“Good morning everyone,

Attached is a schedule for our Spring Health Promotion in Cooperation with the Cuyahoga County Public Library called “You Know Numbers” taking place in 28 County library branches throughout March and April. Free health screenings will be offered by health care providers from the Cleveland Clinic, the Black Council of Nurses and Parma Community General Hospital depending on the branch location. Screenings offered will include blood sugar, blood pressure, BMI and cholesterol. Attendees will learn about the range of services provided by the Board of Health, find out why health screenings are important and receive potentially life saving information about their own personal health. We welcome you to attend and look forward to playing a role in providing this valuable public health service to the residents of Cuyahoga County.”

Ours will be held Tuesday, April 9th at 7 p.m. in our Garfield Heights branch library. So this is something I would love to see the residents taking advantage of along with the Council. I want you to stay healthy. So thank you to the Cuyahoga County Library.

The next thing I want to talk about is I had an opportunity to visit a new business that came in over the weekend. The Pizza Pan on Turney Road next to the fire station has opened with a new owner and that owner is New Hope. New Hope is a new project, a new program that works with autistic children. This pizza shop is owned by the New Hope and the workers in the New Hope except for the cook and the other managers, etc. will be autistic children that are brought in. I had an opportunity to be there Saturday and see it and it was great. First of all the pizza was very good. It was excellent pizza, the food was really good, the manager was great, the place is as clean as can be, it looks good, but just to see those kids excited about having a job. You know we sometimes think about going to work tomorrow we go oh my goodness I got to get

up and go to work in the morning and these people love the thought of saying I have to go to work tomorrow, so if you get an opportunity stop by. It's really a great project and I'm glad they're doing it in Garfield Heights.

We've been talking about this for a couple years--probably since I've been in office--and we're about two weeks away. Mr. Krock will get into this a little more but the Rockside Road Resurfacing Project starts in about two weeks. So we're really looking forward to it. I'm sure there will be some inconveniences with the construction but the police department has been working along with the engineers and the project managers and they are trying to make it the least inconvenient as they can.

Granger Road is scheduled to start in June so some of the things we been talking about for a long time are coming to be true and that is truly great.

The last thing I have to say is I want to wish everybody a Happy St. Patty's Day and is that Saturday, Tom? Sunday? I would like all the Irish people to wear green. Everybody wear green and go out and get a nice dish of spaghetti.

With that said I'm going to get into the legislation tonight. Ordinance 15. Actually we're going to advertise for bids to furnish the city departments with the necessary supplies to get through the year. Ordinances 16 and 17 is in regard to the Granger Road Rock Scaling Project and Dave is going to get into that a little bit I think in his report. Ordinance 18. We're applying for a grant to offset some of the cost of the school office which we plan to have in place this new season coming. With that, Mme. Chair, you have my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any questions for the Mayor on his report?

CLWN MAHONEY: In regard to Pizza Pan is that still just carryout? Or?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: They have about six tables inside so there is an area for you to sit down and eat inside.

CLWN MAHONEY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any other questions for the Mayor? There being none we will move on to Tim Riley, Law Director. Any report tonight?

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for our Law Director? Police Chief Sackett, do you have a report?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: Thank you. I do not have a report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any questions for our Police Chief? There being none, Service Director McLaughlin?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mme. President. I just have a short report. We're still patching potholes. Hopefully the spring will hit early and we can get the plants open. For the last couple weeks we've been out a few times for snowplowing and salt and we've been working in some buildings on maintenance and moving furniture around and changing

some areas in some of the city buildings. Hopefully we'll get everything done so we can put all our efforts to patching the streets. That's the end of my report.

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

CLMN SUSTER: Tim, do you know approximately how we stand with the figures for salt and overtime versus last year?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: I don't have the hours overtime, but I know we're ahead in the salt than we were last year. I think last week when I checked we had used over 4,000 ton. I think last year we used like 35 for the whole year. But I mean you know, some of this has been freezing rain and it's changed and we're trying to figure out where the difference was. In inches-wise we're pretty close in what we had last year too. We have a few more inches this year but not that much more really but you knew it's freezing rain, it's different things that went on so. We were just talking about that but I don't have the overtime.

CLMN SUSTER: OK. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any other questions for our Service Director? There being none, Recreation Director Bob Dobies. Do you have a report this evening?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Yes, I do. Mme. President and Council Members, good evening. Just a couple items. Reminding everybody t-ball signups are under way and will continue through Monday April 1st. Softball signups are also under way and will continue through Tuesday April 30th. Fitness Class signups are being taken. The first session starts March 26th. I remind everybody that May 1st through May 19th the Rec Office will be closed. It's a slow period. We've done that the last couple years. It saves a little bit of payroll so we may prep for the pool, baseball field, etc.

Last the important thing this Saturday, March 16th, we bring back the Easter Egg Hunt per se. We're tying it in with St. Paddy's Day. This will be another Residents Appreciation Day. We will offer free ice skating from 1:30 to 4:30, holiday music, prizes, free raffles, face painting and there's coloring contests for kids. We recommend you bring your camera because we will have a visit from the Easter Bunny and we also have Irish bagpipers. This event is sponsored by the city of Garfield Heights. We've entailed over 30 local area businesses along with some neighboring businesses who donated prizes to this event so we hope everybody comes and has a good time. Thank you. That concludes my report.

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

CLWN MAHONEY: Mr. Dobies, will you have to show proof of residency?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: For residents only, thank you. Yes.

RESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for our Recreation Director?

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Dobies, I'd like to offer a basket for the raffle if I can.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Thank you. Absolutely.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any other questions? I only have one. Could I have a list of those who donated because I would like to honor them with legislation?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Absolutely. We put signage up in the Recreation Center at this point in time with all the donors so it's pretty neat. We're going to try to take a picture and maybe get it in the paper and we'll work on it.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I'd appreciate that. Anyone else? There being none, we'll move on to City Engineer Dave Krock. Do you have a report?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I do, Mme. President, thank you. First of all I'd like to start with the ordinances. Ordinance 16 again is the ordinance with O.D.O.T. and that is to the Rock Scaling Project that is the \$75,000.00 that O.D.O.T.'s paying for and they are going to manage and inspect the whole project. The city's part of that is to prepare the plans and specifications ahead of time, which is Ordinance 17 so that's how they go together. We anticipate this project will take place/should be sometime between July and September. I would say sometime in that timeframe. Again this is sort of the interim project. This work we had going on in 2013 but 2016 is when we have the major project to fix the issues we have down on Granger Road Hill. This is sort of Part 1.

Moving on to Rockside Road, Tim McLaughlin and I went to the recon the other day. Garfield Heights (our section) will be done first. They're going to start March 25th. They anticipate being done about July 15th so we're hopeful that will be done ahead of the festival, but during that time the project will be done in halves. About half the road at a time so there will be some traffic issues, but residents will be notified. There will be letters going out and if all goes well, we'll be out of the way with that project middle of July. That's my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for our City Engineer? Could you enlighten us about what makes the rocks fall? Do you have any idea?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: It's an old rock cut face through there and over time it's just the freeze/thaw cycle. That's just Nature doing its deal. They're coming down.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: And that will stop?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: What they do first is we're going to get rid of the real unsafe areas first but the longer term will sort of protect the street long term.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anyone else have any questions?

CLWN MAHONEY: I just want to thank you, Dave. When you give us these reports they are very informative and I actually look forward to getting them. I also don't know how long you've had the new city flag on here, but I noticed it now but thank you for these because they do come in handy.

CLMN DUDLEY: Dave, is they going to do like they do in Pennsylvania, West Virginia where they run like the screens in front kind of retain the walls back so the rocks don't come loose and fall and run one of those across there?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Yes and when we do the big project in 2016 that's probably exactly what will happen most likely. It will probably be a big concrete wall about three/four feet

high down each side and then we're going to probably lay back it's almost like a fencing. Most likely that's what we'll see. There's a few options but that's probably what we'll see.

CLMN DUDLEY: I know it works because if you are going to West Virginia and you go like in Pennsylvania you could see it and it's been up there for years. You don't see the rocks down on the road. That's all I have, Mme. Chairman.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Anyone else? Finance Director Ron Tomola?

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Thank you, Mme. President, I have no report this evening.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I have a question. First of all I want to thank you for helping organize that wonderful educational meeting this afternoon. I actually learned a couple things. So I'm happy about that.

Secondly, any idea when we're going to receive word about fiscal emergency?

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: I do not know for sure. I do know that the auditors are working on it. I talk with them almost daily. Questions going back and forth, you know, answers. But I don't know for sure where they are at with that. I do know the analysis of the six items that are contained in Ohio Revised Code 118 that can put you into Fiscal Emergency. That analysis has been done. The second half of it is they're now looking over the city's Five Year Forecast to verify the numbers in that and when they get that done they'll send everything up the chain and hopefully get some type of response out of Columbus.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Because this is on the front page of the Grapevine and will really mess things up.

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: I don't know.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: By May, do you think?

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: I'm hoping before that. You know hopefully we're March 11th and maybe by the end of the month? It's a guess.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Anybody else have any questions for our Finance Director? There being none we will move on to Bill Wervey, Building Commissioner.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Absent.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Good evening, Mme. President. The only thing I have is that we have the lady here from Paladin Data. She'll be here for the next two days. They are doing the installation and the training for the new software that will hopefully make all our lives easier. That's all I have this evening.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any questions for our Building Commissioner?

CLMN SUSTER: Are they doing that training in-house?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: We're doing it here in this building. There's a representative of the software company here. She was just in Columbus doing the County down there last week and she came directly here so we sort of split the cost of her air travel and it made it a little less expensive.

CLMN SUSTER: While people are getting training down there, who's taking care of the department?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Today most of the work was with Eloise and myself, building forms, etc. and the training will primarily be one on one. So we've just moved some equipment into my office and it should not disrupt anything.

CLMN SUSTER: OK. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anyone else? I have one question. Say for instance somebody turns in a complaint to the Building Department and one of the inspectors goes out and indeed there are things that the organization, school, business, residence has in violation? They are cited. They are given a certain amount of time to go out to make the repairs. When does an inspector go back to see if they've made that repair? At the deadline day? Or?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: In a perfect world they go on the deadline day but the reality is that it's often past the deadline day.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: OK. Because I recently had one and it was two weeks past the day they were given to make the repairs.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: As always with this, it's easy to cite people. It's the follow up that is the most cumbersome and the hardest to keep track of. You'd like to get out there right up on that date, but other things happen that somebody leaves their trash out early or leaves it out late and the guy's out there. The staff is working on something like that and the follow up on something else doesn't get done.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Is it kept track of somewhere? Do they know?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Yes. There's a tickler in the software. You can look. It's a reminder and you see everything that's due up to that date.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: OK. Because this one resident was a little perturbed that no one had gone out to check. I said I'm sure they have a program (a red flag program of some sort I called it) that would tell them time's up and they had to go back out.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: There's a number of ways to do it. Yes. You have ticklers or you have a 30-day file or you put stuff in slots for day to day.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Anyone else have any questions? Yes, Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: With this software will it escalate the timeframe a little bit? So it's not escalated so long?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: The fact that you get tickled or reminded does not necessarily give you the time that day to go out and do it, but the answer is yes.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anyone else? There being none that concludes the reports of the Mayor and his Directors and now we will move on to Comments by Citizens on the agenda items only. I'm going to have our Clerk read the rules?

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. Anyone who would like to speak tonight for five minutes, raise their hand. Anybody?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: There being none we will move right into legislation and the first Ordinance on the agenda tonight is Ordinance 15-2013. Will the Clerk read the title.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2013

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COMMISSIONER OF PURCHASES AND SUPPLIES. FINANCE DIRECTOR, THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS FOR VARIOUS MATERIALS, SERVICES AND SUPPLIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 15-2013 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-2013

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE PURPOSE OF MITIGATING THE SAFETY HAZARD OF FALLING DEBRIS ON GRANGER ROAD.

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 16-2013 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2013

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING DAVID KROCK, CITY ENGINEER, TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, PER THE KROCK ESSER ENGINEERING INC. CONSULTANT SERVICES PROPOSAL ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A", FOR THE GRANGER ROAD ROCK SCALING PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF COSTS FOR THIS SERVICE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,000.00).

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 17-2013 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-2013

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR A 2013-2014 DRUG USE PREVENTION GRANT, AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT IF AWARDED, THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL, MIKE DEWINE, PER THE ATTACHED PROGRAM INFORMATION SHEET.

Moved by MAHONEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Roll call on the adoption beginning with Clwn Mahoney.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 18-2013 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: That concludes Ordinances and Resolutions. Now we will move on to Comments by Citizens and I'm going to have our 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. Everyone is limited to five minutes.

Ruth Pollack, 6219 Turney Road. I wanted to stop in to talk about a few important things. First of all, I'd just like to get the word out that the Garfield Heights Family Resource Center is here in the Civic Center and doing extremely well. We've had hundreds of phone calls and walk-ins over the past six months since we opened in September. Just a general idea, the mission of the center is to link residents with the resource that's going to help them get the help they need. For example, some of the calls I've had was food and I was proud to say we have four food banks in Garfield Heights that can help people and many people have utilized those. Housing problems in these times and there are great programs and the one thing to encourage anyone with housing problems is open your mail. Do not ignore it. There is help. The longer you wait though, the harder it is to get the help. So that is the advice for that. There's help for behind taxes, for mortgages, there's great programs. There's money been set aside for this crisis. We get people that just want to talk to someone that's going through what they're going through and a lot of times people are referred to support groups. They are just a wonderful group of people that are going through the same thing. They having a family member that is in addiction and going thru a real rough time trying to understand that and not worry to death. There's wonderful support groups for grief at Cornerstone of Hope and other places. There's support groups I had someone that just needed respite from taking care of the loved one constantly. So there's lots of help from groups. They're usually free and they are very rewarding for the people that attend them.

I've had a domestic violence, unhealthy relationships, and I'm so proud that Garfield Heights has an advocate here that works with Garfield Heights City Courts that will help that person testify if they're fearful to go to Court and face their abuser. They go right with them. They stand with them, they help them. It's a free service. I get parent referrals just like probably the police do all the time for those at-risk youth that are giving their parents a hard time and they're at their wit's end. We give them resources where they can get help.

The center works with the Diversion Program also which is our kids in Garfield Heights that are under 18 and have gotten in trouble for the first time and it's non-violent and it's a program that's really wonderful. It can hopefully steer them off the beaten road, back on to the path of success because they go through the Court with magistrates. They get community service and they get a feel of what it could be like to go downtown and what could really happen to them. It's clearly defined and with that group itself and the manager of the Diversion Program, with those kids every month we have about 12 this month. We had 10 last week. Ten young people and it's just

a great opportunity to let them know what choices they're making and how they're going to affect the rest of their lives. So that's a great program.

That being said, I really wanted to talk for a minute about a program that the Mayor and the Resource Center are together hosting here on April 9th. It's a drug awareness program for adults only. It's called "Hidden in Plain Sight" and what it is is the Bath and Copley Police come out. It will be in our main dining hall upstairs. They will actually put up an entire makeshift bedroom up and it will be interactive. The first half-hour the parents just walk through this bedroom and they can touch and pick up and there will be paraphernalia, there will be different things kids are using for drugs these days, things parents might never suspect and they'll just run through it. I went to see the program in Nordonia High School and it was funny because I heard the parents saying well I saw this in my kid's room. What the heck could this be for? Open this, look what's in here? So it's interactive, it's interesting and then there is a 90 minute presentation that the police put on about exactly what's in there and what the kids are doing and the newest, scariest behaviors. It's not just about drugs. It's about risky behaviors, promiscuity, cutting, and a lot of different things. Please, April 9th, mark your schedules 6:30 – 8:30. I want to briefly talk about two things.

CLWN MAHONEY: I don't think you have time for that. We have to make a motion.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: How much time do you need?

MRS. POLLACK: Two minutes.

CLWN MAHONEY: I make a motion to allow her to speak for an additional two minutes.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: All in favor say Yea. All opposed? Go ahead, Ruth.

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

MRS. POLLACK: Heroin. It is a problem and that will be talked about a lot at the HIPS Program which is the Hidden in Plain Sight program. I just wanted you to know that people are making the biggest mistake of their lives trying heroin. It's highly addictive and it's killing many people. In Cuyahoga County the number of heroin-related deaths rose 50% from last figure before. It's almost like an epidemic. More than 68% of the deaths that occurred last year, others were there that could have helped to save them and this is the good news. Metro just came out and launched a program that will put antidote kits in the hands of users where they can actually save lives. They do not have to die of heroin overdose. They've come up with a nose inhaler that are given away free at the Cleveland Clinic to anyone that is using. All you have to do is show a driver's license and walk in. You don't have to sign anything. There's no legal responsibility. They're free kits available at the Free Clinic. They want these kits to be everywhere heroin is being used. We don't want it to be used, but we don't want anyone to have to die from it anymore. They can go in and get one of these kits and what they found was there was always someone there, but they were too afraid of being arrested so they never called for help. So now they don't even have to call for help. They could stick this up this person's nose and save their life.

So with that being said, I have three pieces of information. I'd love everyone to grab one. There's a brochure for the center and there is a flyer called "Dawn" this program. Deaths avoided with Elexine and there's also a flyer for the Hidden in Plain Sight Program. It's not actually a flyer, but it's an article that was in Sunday's Plain Dealer in the Metro section written about the program. Thank you. Thanks for them two minutes.

CLMN DUDLEY: I did want to mention something because I hear all the programs and I was aware of them. I guess we blessed because we run the same programs at the Family Life Center.

MRS. POLLACK: I am connected with them and I go to their meetings every month and I send people there all the time.

CLMN DUDLEY: Yeah, about the same similar programs so I guess we blessed because we got the same thing going on at two different locations. That's all, Mme. Chairman.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you, Ruth.

MRS. POLLACK: Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anyone else wishing to speak tonight? Raise your hand.

CLMN GLENN: I just want to address Ruth. I thank you for coming out to the Block Watch. I'm now thanking the Mayor and thanking you for your program. It's well deserved. You make personal contact with people in need and in trouble. So keep up the good work. You got a lot of support from the Mayor and the Council. Thank you.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anyone else here wishing to speak tonight? There being none we will move on to Miscellaneous Business and I'm going to start with myself because Mr. Halan told me I committed a faux pas tonight. He said I should have wore green. Orange is my favorite color and I didn't have anything green, but he said it's kind of offensive to the Irish that I wore green. So it wasn't intentional, folks. It was a faux pas. It's my favorite color. Having said that I'd like to wish everybody a Happy St. Patrick's Day. And we move on to Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, Mme. Again, I want to thank Ruth. We had a good Block Watch at the meeting there. Attendance was up. That's all I have to say.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Clmn Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Yes, thank you, Mme Chairman. I'd like to announce that the Ward 3 Block Watch will be having its Block Watch at the Courthouse this Thursday at 7 o'clock. That's 5555 Turney Road. Judge Nicastro and Judge Weiler are the sponsors. There will be somebody there from the Energy Assistance Program for people who have problems with low income families with stoves, washers, dryers, etc. to help people move in the right direction getting one if you qualify.

I'd also like to mention that since the last meeting two more useless deaths happened overseas. We're now up to 3,874. So two more young people have died in the war or police action shall I say? Always remember your Vets, please.

And I'd like to wish everybody a Happy St. Patrick's Day and with this windfall of money we're getting Irish must be smiling on us, Mayor. With that you have my comments.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Clmn Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: Well I don't have no green money, but I did bring my green pen. I want everybody to keep their family and the young people who died they was from Warren in that car accident. That was sad that six of them lost their lives, so do keep that family in prayer. You definitely want to keep our Seniors in St. Timothy Manor and St. Timothy Park. There's some great people and they're really resilient up there and keep them also in your prayers.

I wanted to say everybody has a hero. You know sometimes people look up to their dads, etc. One of my heroes has always been, well not exactly a hero, somebody I looked up to and really recognized, was David in the Bible. Because I said, you know, he was a little different because he never gave up and he continued no matter what. It was amazing they would go out and fight the Philistines, they come back, he battles among his own people then he go out and he'd fight the Malachites and he got half the army that he started with before. Most of all I liked one thing that he said. He said I don't get beaten in the battle. Some people get beaten by the battle and some of us you batter them down. What I'm pushing at is that sometimes you have to stand up, people. Don't think just because you're losing ground that you're losing your strength, that you're losing the war. You have to stand up. You have to speak up a little more than what some of you all are doing. I tell you we got a change that's coming. A change is coming through our city. We got a change probably coming through our County. Most important I want to thank the people who are speaking up in the new part of my Ward that I inherited from Nancy. I can't mention the gentleman that lives on Crest but I tell you he's great. He tells me everything that needs to be done up there because I don't see it all. But if you have a problem and you have an issue and you need somebody to stand with you, you know, one thing I do I will stand up for you and I will fight for you. With that I ask that we keep the city in prayer, keep our families in prayer and we continue to move on. Thank you, Mme Chairman.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. You got some good residents from me. I know you did. Clmn Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: I'd just like to wish everybody a Happy St. Patrick's Day and that's all I have.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Clwn Mahoney.

CLWN MAHONEY: I'd like to also wish everybody a Happy St. Patrick's Day and thank Ruth for all your hard work. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Clmn Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Mme Chairman. First of all, Nancy, I wasn't offended because orange is in our own flag.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. The Irish Protestant.

CLMN VAUGHN: Right. Dave, I want to thank you for the news on Rockside Road. I was traveling it Saturday and it's every day just crumbling more and more apart so it will definitely be a plus to the neighborhood.

I want to announce on March 21st the Block Watch will be at St. Monica/St. Benedict Hall. Our guest speakers this month will be Ruth Pollack from the Family Life Center and Mayor Vic Collova so it's good when the Mayor comes. It's entertaining so we're looking forward to it Mayor.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mme. Chair, if I may? Can I do it by phone? I'll be golfing in North Carolina. I would like to accept that at a later date if I can, please?

CLMN VAUGHN: Ruth, it's all yours that night. I'll be golfing in Virginia. So that will be going on. I'd also like to say you know this weekend was a beautiful weather. I'd like everybody to get out and pick up the garbage in their neighborhood in their front yards, back yards. Clean out the gutters and the front of the street. You know it makes the neighborhood look so much nicer. If you have a Senior citizen in your neighborhood, do it for them. It helps all of us out and makes the place look so much better. That's my role for this year.

I want to wish everybody a Happy St. Patrick's Day. Please be safe. Hopefully the weather will be beautiful. There will be a big Irish Mass down at Holy Name at 11 o'clock and then there will be refreshments in the church at Haren Hall afterwards. So with that, everybody Happy St. Patrick's Day and that's all I have, Mme Chairman.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Would you like to make a motion to adjourn?

CLMN VAUGHN: I would. Motion to adjourn

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Role call on the Motion to Adjourn. All in favor say Yea. All opposed. The meeting stands adjourned.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:43 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Nancy Marincic
President of Council

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Clerk of Council