

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, March 14, 2016

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

INVOCATION BY: Council President Joseph Suster

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Roll call please.

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

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We will move on to the reading and disposal of the Minutes of the last Meeting.

CLMN BURKE: Mr. President, I would like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the City of Garfield Heights of Monday, February 22, 2016 as written.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Mr. Burke to approve the Minutes of February 22nd as written, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

AYES: Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster
That passes with 7 Yes votes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We will move on to the report of the Mayor and Directors. Mayor, do you have a report for us this evening?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, yes, I do. First off, I want to inform Council on the 2015 Annual Report of the Family Resource Center. The Family Resource Center took care of over 1,077 individuals for the city of Garfield Heights in this last year. Ruth Pollack, who heads that up, has done an outstanding job. She has been working with residents from Garfield Heights of all ages. The report says 560 adults, 250 elementary students and 267 young adults. This covers drugs, low-income people, people having financial problems, people that are having

mental issues. She does it all. This started about four/five years ago. This has turned out to be a great program for the community and we certainly need to give Ruth a pat on the back. She's done an outstanding job.

The next thing I want to talk about is that we will be scheduling a meeting very shortly for the 102nd Street residents who have the flooding problem. Engineer Dave Krock has come up with another idea that we think will work for the people that were directly affected with the flooding so we want to bring them back in and discuss it one more time.

The next thing I wanted to talk about is--I don't know how many of you aren't aware of this--but Garfield Heights and Ignatius played a basketball game Saturday night. That was by far the best high school basketball game for years and years. It made national news. Every single quarter of the game ended with a buzzer beater. With five seconds left the ball was inbounded into Garfield they were down by five, they were down by three points, made a three pointer to tie the game, went into two overtimes. Garfield finished ahead of St. Ignatius by one point. All the boys from Garfield and Ignatius should be really congratulated on an outstanding game and as I said, it made national news, how big this game was, so congratulations to the Garfield Heights Bulldogs. They're headed down to Columbus. Congratulations to Sonny Johnson. This is the third time in five years that they're going down to the State finals. That's a heck of an achievement so we wish them the best and hopefully at the next week I'll be able to report that we have a State champ.

The next thing I wanted to talk about is sort of a comical situation. Within the last couple of days, you may have read/heard there was a report out. It was on the TV and in the paper about the outlet mall coming to Garfield Heights. It made news all over. I received many calls about it. It actually was old news. It wasn't new news. The reporter that reported on it the last time called me up. I said everything was still going forward as it was in the past. The next thing I know it's on TV and everywhere else. But the thing that sort of humors me is that this social media is absolutely amazing. This \$150 million project. There isn't a city in the State of Ohio that didn't wish they had an opportunity to get this outlet mall. This outlet mall is something that everybody would envy, without a doubt and people are envying it all over. When that was reported on social media, the comments coming from residents and outside residents from Garfield Heights were probably 90% negative. They said oh geez, here's another failure for Garfield Heights. Here's this/that. It's absolutely amazing these geniuses on social media could be that dumb. I can't believe it. I wanted to say that this is something that we should be proud of. I know for the most part the average resident in Garfield Heights will be proud of it, but that just goes to show you about the social media that we have.

The next thing I want to tell you. This is something you could read about tomorrow on social media and you can't even argue with. When I first came in as Mayor in 2012, I received a letter. We were trying to--ever since I was Mayor--we were trying to get Turney Road paved. In 2012, we received our first letter congratulating us on being awarded the 2012 project for Turney Road that would be paved in 2014. In 2013, I went to the State of the City Address and bragged about how we had Turney Road being paved in 2014. Of course, it got delayed. In 2013 and 2014, I reported the exact same thing at the State of the City Address that next summer Turney Road was being paved. It hasn't stopped. This last January I reported the same thing. Thanks to a foul-up at the County, I get to report the same thing next year because Turney Road has been delayed. We can get into the issues if you want, but quite honestly, I think we got a raw deal. Myself, Dave Krock the Engineer went down and met with them. We expressed our displeasure to the powers that be and it sort of fell on deaf ears. They threw us a couple of bones. Supposedly, they promised the section between Hathaway and Maple Heights will be done this

year. That's what they said. I do believe it when I see it. I can be like social media and say the same thing. I'm very disappointed once again that we got pushed back. We've tried everything we can to make it happen but it did not so we will sit back another year. They plan on doing the sewer work this year and they plan on doing that part of Turney Road that heads into Maple Heights and then the rest of that project is supposed to be done in 2017. Not happy to report it, but that's what the facts are.

I also want to say tomorrow's Election Day. If you have not voted by mail already, please get out to the polls. We need to vote on those two issues for the city as far as the voting issues go that's very important for us.

With that said, I want to wish everybody a Happy St. Patrick's Day and a safe Happy St. Patrick's Day.

With that said, I'll get into the ordinances tonight. Ordinance 9. We're going to renew an agreement with the Court Community Service. This has been an excellent program. They have been working in the city. They have kept the city cleaned up. They are coming back again this year will no increase in cost from last year. I encourage Council to pass this. It's a great thing for the community. Ordinance 10 is basically to secure funds for the Hathaway Road repaving project. Dave can answer any questions you may have on that. Ordinance 11 is to enter into an agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for the replacement of the sanitary sewers located on East 135th Street. That is on the Ward 1 135th Street. Ordinance 12 is to insure emergency road repairs if needed. What this is is we are actually trying to protect before something happening in the future. Barb can explain this a little better, but basically what we're looking at doing is if something goes bad, like a road caves in, we're going to be able to use the General Fund to pay it and then using bond money to pay it back. Barb can explain it a lot better than I can so if you have any questions please contact Barb or talk to her tonight. Ordinance 13 is an ordinance to enter an agreement with the Craig Realty Group to provide a funding mechanism for the initial cost associated with Granger Transportation Improvement Project. Actually, Ordinance 13 and 14 are basically for the same thing. Dave Krock will get into that in his report.

Resolution 4 is a resolution to apply for grant funds from the State of Ohio Local Government Safety Capital Grant Program. Resolution 5 is an emergency resolution declaring the month of April to be Autism Awareness Month. April 2, 2016 will be World Autism Awareness Day. Resolution 6 is a grant asking for funds to replace five firefighters lost through retirement. We're putting in for this to help us get funding to replace these firefighters. If we don't get the funding, I'm not sure that we can replace all five of them so we'll do the best we can.

With that said, again, Happy St. Patrick's Day and Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

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

CLMN DUDLEY: On that Bridgeview. We know like you said the information was old, etc. Did they give us any update? Do you have any update when the possibility is that it will be getting started?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: If everything was to go according to Hoyle and we know that never happens, but if everything goes according to Hoyle, we're look at probably 2018 for an opening.

CLMN DUDLEY: All right, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any other questions of the Mayor on his report? There being none, we will move to Law Director, Tim Riley. Do you have anything this evening?

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Police Chief Bob Byrne. Do you have anything for us tonight?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Thank you, Mr. President, no report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Service Director, Tim McLaughlin. Tim, do you have a report for us this evening?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. President. We've been in the last couple weeks with the good weather working on working tickets and we have trees, etc. We've had the sweeper out on the main streets trying to get them clean. There's a lot of streets that need to be swept. Just to get a start on it we started on all the main streets. We're working on some tree tickets, etc. We've had some patch crews out. I've only tried to patch the big holes that were dangerous, etc. because hopefully in the next week to 10 days the hot patch plants open. The cold patch at \$100.00/ton I just don't want to put it down when I can get a more permanent one in a couple weeks, but we have been going out to some of them that were too big to leave. We've been putting the equipment together. Everything the rollers, etc. are ready to go. I want to get a jump on it as soon as one of the plants opens. One plant claims they will open in seven to 10 days. The other plants that we called are not going to open till the middle of April so I'm counting on Kokosing here to be open in a week to 10 days. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of Mr. McLaughlin on his report? Are there any questions of Mr. McLaughlin on his report? There being none, we will move on to Parks and Recreation Director, Bob Dobies. Do you have a report for us this evening, Bob?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Mr. President, Council Members, good evening. You know you can count on me, Joe. A reminder if you signed up for t-ball we will continue sign ups through Thursday March 31st. Extended office hours are available to accommodate the signups. If you have any questions please call the Rec Center. Softball signups will begin March 28th and run through April 29th. We have flyers available at the Rec and I believe there are some upstairs. Also, if you are interested we have a Softball Booster Meeting scheduled at the Rec Wednesday March 30th at 7 p.m. for meet and greet for our new president, Rebecca Love.

Little League is also taking signups at this time. If you have any interest, you may pick up an application at the Rec Center. This year we will accept applications and payment for the Little League at the Rec Center, but please understand all checks must be made out to ~~the~~ The Garfield Heights Baseball League+. We're just doing this as a courtesy because they've had troubles in numbers over there too and they don't have the availability to be every place all the time so it was something that we could do for them. If you have any questions please call Bob Merrick at (216) 990-8386.

Next, we are taking registrations for the Spring Fitness Classes now through April 4th. Those classes will begin April 5th for a 10-week session. All program information can be viewed on the city's Website. Just click on the Recreation Department and go to your point of interest.

This Saturday and being as Easter is early again we will hold our St. Patty's Day/Easter Residents Day at the Rec. Our residents will enjoy a free afternoon of skating. Music by Smooth Moves entertainment and we'll have candy treats for the children. This will be held from one to four p.m. this Saturday at the Rec.

Our Hockey Boosters, in conjunction with the alumni from Trinity and Garfield Heights, are having their Annual Trinity/Garfield Heights Alumni Game this Saturday. This year it's being called "The Showdown at the Dan". This year they will be including a Legends Game at 5:30 p.m. This game is for old guys like me that really can't skate anymore. The main event game between those that play regularly is at 7:30 so you got a two-for-one there in this evening. All the proceeds go back to the Garfield Heights Booster Club for the children's program. If you want to see former players, fans, reminisce a bit and watch some great hockey teams, mark your calendar for this Saturday. There were over 350 people last year and from what they indicate they're expecting more this year.

I'd like to share with all that the students from Maple Leaf Elementary Grades 1 through 5, their teachers and parent volunteers came to our rink during the last two weeks of February. This again was through the students' earnest efforts in the PAWS Program, which is Prompt, Prepared, Accepts Responsibility, Works Hard and Shows Respect. They enjoyed a day at the ice rink. The classes filled our rink with such enthusiasm and excitement and in addition to rewarding the students' effort, I believe in part what made this experience unique is that many of our students were possibly exposed to our ice rink for the first time attempting to skate. Their lives have been broadened by a simple idea - a fun day at the Rec. Credit goes to Ms. Saxon, the Principal and Ms. Emery for coordinating this and I also enter my thanks to the teachers, parent volunteers and the Maple Leaf PTA. I, along with our staff, enjoyed their company and congratulated all the students for their hard work in achieving their successes.

Last, as the Mayor did, I want to congratulate the Garfield Heights Basketball Team for their accomplishments this season on making the Final Four. They will have a game Friday and when they win that, they play the championship on Saturday. Wishing them the best of luck on their trip to Columbus. Thank you. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Bob. Are there any questions of Mr. Dobies on his report? Are there any questions of Mr. Dobies on his report? There being none, we'll move on to City Engineer, Dave Krock. Do you have a report for us this evening?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I do. Thank you, Council President. I want to update the Council on a couple of these ordinances. First of all, on Hathaway Road. This is the section from Turney to the Valley View line. This was a project we submitted on last fall. We were put on a contingency list which meant we were not funded, but apparently a couple of the projects dropped off and now the project is funded so we need to get this legislation passed so we can proceed. I don't have a schedule yet on this. I'm working with the County on that. I think until we know more, we won't talk about the schedule.

Regarding East 135th, which is Ordinance 11, this is the street between Broadway and Dressler. You had several sinkholes out there and this funding is coming from Northeast Regional Sewer District. Ordinance 13 and 14. These essentially go together. This is an agreement between the city and the developer for the developer to provide us the funds to pay the engineer. That's how that's going. There's no cost to the city on any of these projects that we're talking about here. That's my report.

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO: Thank you, Mr. President, I do. This is in regards to Ordinance 12. This ordinance authorizes the Mayor to sign declarations of official intent in order to reimburse the city for project expenditures made in anticipation of issuance of notes or bonds. We are asking Council to pass this ordinance before we can fill out a declaration of intent. These declarations are required by the U.S. Treasury regulations in order for issuers such as the city of Garfield Heights to reimburse ourselves with tax-exempt bonds or note proceeds in the future. Once these declarations of intent are issued and the note is issued we have certain timelines that need to be followed in order to receive reimbursement. That's my report, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of Barb on her report? Are there any questions of Barb on her report? There being none, we will move on to Social Services Director Kathy Rush-Parssons. Kathy, do you have a report for us this evening?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS: Yes, I do, Mr. President. Thank you. The Senior Center will be having its Annual Easter Bake Sale again on Wednesday March 23rd and Thursday March 24th from 9:30 a.m. till 1:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Civic Center. Any donations of baked goods can be dropped off Tuesday March 22nd between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. All proceeds do benefit the Senior Center activities, trips and parties.

Also, I do want to announce that the Southeast Neighborhood Opportunity Center, which is sponsored by the Council for Economic Opportunity, is now open at Southgate, 20700 Southgate Park Blvd. in Maple Heights. They do provide assistance with personal and family development, in paying heating and utility bills, preparing for the arrival of a child, work force development as well as job placement. They also offer anger management, parenting and domestic violence workshops. They are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. till 5 p.m. If you need more information, you can call their office directly at (216) 858-1781 or you can also call the Family Resource Center. Ruth met with the lady in charge of the new Neighborhood Opportunity Center last week so she has a lot more information. They have a lot of great programs and as long as you are a resident of Cuyahoga County, you do qualify. That is my report.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. I wanted to announce that we received a 2016 Community Recycling Awareness Grant. This will pay for two community shred dates which are scheduled for June 11th and September 17th at the Service Garage and the time is from 9 a.m. till noon. Again that is June 11th and September 17th.

Also, this is National Consumer Credit Week. The County has created a new Department of Consumer Affairs. In addition to the weights and measures activities that they've always done they also expanded their duties to include education and they will also investigate problems for residents of Cuyahoga County. They will help mediate disputes with stores, contractors and

sellers and they could answer general consumer questions. If you have a problem, the phone number is 443-7035.

Finally, Polaris West Shore is going to have a Career Fair on March 23rd from 9 a.m. till 12 p.m. Polaris Career Center is located in Middleburgh Heights. The industries represented will be healthcare, manufacturing, services and construction. Job seekers are to dress for interviews and they are to bring multiple copies of their resumes. Up to 75 employers with job openings will be present. The information line is 987-7010. I have information about all this for Council people so you can share this with residents in your Ward. Thank you. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Noreen. Are there any questions of Noreen on her report? Are there any questions of Noreen on her report? We will move on to Building Commissioner Bill Wervey. Bill, do you have a report this evening?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: I don't have a report this evening, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:

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

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Is there anyone that would like to speak on tonight's agenda? Is there anybody that would like to speak tonight on tonight's agenda? There being none, we will move on to Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none, we will move on to Ordinances and Resolutions beginning with Ordinance 09-2016. Would the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2016

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS WITH COURT COMMUNITY SERVICE.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 09-2016 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2016

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S), FOR THE HATHAWAY ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO EXECUTING ANY AND ALL APPLICATIONS, AGREEMENTS AND /OR CONTRACTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE OPWC IN ORDER TO SECURE THE GRANT FUNDS REQUESTED, PER THE ATTACHED FACT SHEET AND OPWC APPLICATION AS PREPARED BY CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 10-2016 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2016

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE SANITARY SEWERS LOCATED ON EAST 135TH STREET.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, I'd like to say that I'm really glad to see this project being done. It has become so bad, man, the Mayor had saw and I know Tim went up there and saw it also that you was constantly having 135th blocked off and the quickest the service crew could fill the holes in you come back a couple days later and it sunk almost down to the tar and it was opening up in gaps. It was an accident waiting to happen. I'm glad to be seeing getting that project done. I appreciate whoever got the grants, etc. With that, I vote Yes.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 11-2016 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2016

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DECLARATIONS OF OFFICIAL INTENT UNDER U.S. TREASURY REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO REIMBURSEMENTS FROM PROCEEDS OF BONDS, NOTES OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF TEMPORARY ADVANCES MADE FOR PAYMENTS PRIOR TO ISSUANCE, AND RELATED MATTERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 12-2016 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2016

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CRAIG REALTY GROUP – CLEVELAND LLC, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A", TO PROVIDE A FUNDING MECHANISM FOR THE INITIAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH GRANGER / TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – PHASE 2.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with myself.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 13-2016 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2016

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GPD GROUP, FOR PREPARATION OF SIGNED AND SEALED DETAILED PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, FOR THE GRANGER / TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT – PHASE 2, PURSUANT THE CONTRACT ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A", AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF COSTS IN THE AMOUNT OF FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED AND NINETY-SEVEN DOLLARS (\$586,497.00).

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

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

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

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 14-2016 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2016

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

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

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

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

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 04-2016 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2016

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL TO BE AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH AND APRIL 2, 2016, TO BE WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY.

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

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

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 05-2016 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-2016

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A STAFFING FOR ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT OFFERED BY THE FEDERAL

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO REPLACE FIVE FIREFIGHTERS LOST DUE TO RETIREMENT.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 06-2016 passes with 7 Yes votes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT SUSTER: That concludes Ordinances and Resolutions. 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 anybody that would like to make any comments this evening?

Bob Halan, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. Most of the city is not aware of what I am about to say. Some of you Councilmen didn't even know. Over the past years we've been promised, lied to by the County government on Turney Road.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Excuse me, Sir. What does that have to do with City Council? It has to be with city business.

MR. HALAN: Most of City Council approved what was going on at the County.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: You talked about that once before and nobody knew what you were talking about.

MR. HALAN: Do they now? Yes, there's three or four, including the Mayor. What I am about to say is the city has been railroaded along with other cities in this County. They keep promising and not delivering. Turney Road. Yes, this has to do with the city. Turney Road has been pushed off for years. People in this city and most of the cities surrounding us also don't know. The County Council voted themselves \$15,000.00 each a raise four weeks ago. What is the excuse of not having Turney Road done? No money? Do you remember how many people that were laid off to pay cuts in this city because our financial inequality due to the cuts by the city, by the Council of County, the State and the Federal Government? This has to do with the city. Yes. Turney Road. Lied to again. We spent last year waiting for the sewer system to get done on Turney Road. This year maybe definitely they will get it done. I am not happy about that. It's

election time. Right now County Council will be up for re-election. Have you citizens in the city remember that the next election. That's enough. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone else that would like to make any comments this evening?

Richard Andrews, 1210 Oak Ridge Road, Cleveland Heights, OH 44121. Just wanted to introduce myself to the Council President, Members of Council, the Mayor and members of the cabinet and to announce that as the publisher of The Real Deal Press we're going to begin providing some news coverage of events at Garfield Heights to the residents and not only of your city but also to share developments in your city with our readers throughout Cuyahoga County. We are in a number of first ring suburbs from Euclid all the way around now to Garfield Heights. We're just celebrated our second anniversary with the publication of this issue. So you'll be seeing us. You may have seen us take some pictures tonight so you may find your smiling face in a future issue. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Excuse me. Do you have any extra copies of the one you have with you this evening?

MR. ANDREWS: Yes.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: If you would please.

(Mr. Andrews distributed copies of The Real Deal Press to Council.)

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anybody else that would like to speak this evening?

Lawrence K. Collier, 13500 Cranwood Park Blvd. Before I start, when I talk sometimes my voice gets too loud. If it gets too loud raise your hands and say you're getting too loud. My bark is a lot worse than my bite, believe me. I live on Ward 1 in Garfield Heights. I'm here to tell you I live in one of the safest Wards in Garfield. Let me tell you why. Cranwood Park Blvd. is an area where we don't lock our doors or anything. People have left the area--they're coming back. Some people like the people who couldn't move. They escaped. They're still there and never been touched. The Chief will tell you. In our Ward, we don't lock our doors or anything. People still come in our house. There's a reason for that. I got to give credit to our four Councilmen that we've had plus the White Councilman before he left. Every time a new person moved in the neighborhood, they came and visited. They welcomed them. They told them what to do and everything. The last couple weeks I noticed some young White people moving back in our Ward. There's a reason for that. Because we got a safe Ward. We do not allow people to mess with people. We had a shooting at the old Roosevelt School. It wouldn't have happened if they would have told us that they were having that party. That wouldn't have happened.

You got to remember something. When I first moved here we were in '69, '70, '71 and there are some people I recognize. Our kids got chased from Granger Road and you talk about the problems you had? Our kids got chased from Granger Road, Elmwood, William Foster by grown men· not kids· by grown men chasing them through the parking lot over the wall. That was taken care of not by the grown mens; by the grown mens kids. Your kids picking up on themselves to walk our kids back from every game and everything back home. That was back in the '60s and '70s. That's why things went well for us. We can still do that. Some of you people I hear this gentleman over here talk about saggy pants. Let's be honest. Back when we were playing football and everything back in the day that wasn't cool to walk around with saggy pants.

This is not a group that just started wearing saggy pants. They been doing it forever. Mr. O was up here speaking the other day. You guys will never know what Mr. O done to keep this community safe. He doesn't brag about it, but he have done a lot. I keep hearing people saying turn that music down. We don't like that music. The new White people moving in our Ward play that country music. We're not used to that country music, but after a while, you start liking it because it tell a story and everything. People they tell of tearing a house down on Granger Road. Tear it down. Get rid of it.

One more thing. You got to talk about Section 8. Everybody thinks Section 8 is welfare. It may surprise you to know that most of the people in Section 8 work for the County and the city. They got great jobs. They got degrees and stuff, but they do not make enough money. They qualify for Section 8. People should start before they open their mouth and picking, saying things they don't know anything about they should start studying and everything.

We got three choices. You guys can start running from Garfield Heights and become East Cleveland or you guys can stay where you're at and stop complaining. Go and meet your neighbors and everything. We got a new group of people around here. Make some basketball courts. They don't play tennis. They don't skateboard. Give them a basketball court. Have the Mayor and people form a committee and have people talk to each other instead of everybody walk around and no more talk. People listen. White and Black and Black and Black. Don't say things about those people. Just say it. Let's stop beating around the bush. You guys are afraid you're losing your city. You don't have to lose it. All you have to do is start having meetings, street meetings and everything. Don't say those people causing all kinds of trouble because it goes two ways. I went to a school where there was only eight Blacks in my class. I went to a college where there was only 15 Blacks in my class. I integrated three police departments. How Blacks will travel. Because I knew how White people think. I knew how Black people think. I know what's in you guys' mind right now. You're losing the battle if you guys don't take action now. Your action is not to walk around and say what we going to do? You work too hard for your homes and everything. Keep them. Thank you. I'll be back next week because I'm not finished.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, if I may? Larry, just a second. First off, I've been around long enough to remember when you used to run up to the mic. I don't mind that you walk up now. You are right. We have a great community here. People have to learn to live together. I think for the most part people are. I think Ward 1 is safe. I think most of our Wards are safe. We have our share of problems like everywhere else. It's a national problem. It's not a Garfield Heights problem, but I'd tell you, it's people like you that want to address the situation, not run from it, that are going to help and I appreciate your coming up and making those statements.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Is there anybody else that has any comments this evening?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none we'd start with Miscellaneous Business. We'd start with myself. I'd just like to take this opportunity to wish all of my Irish friends Happy St. Patrick's Day. If you go out drinking make sure that you either have somebody driving you or just be extra careful. Thank you. Matt.

CLMN BURKE: Thanks, Mr. President. I also want to say happy and have a safe St. Patty's Day as well.

CLMN VAUGHN: St. Patrick's Day.

CLMN BURKE: St. Patrick's Day. Thank you.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you.

CLMN BURKE: Sorry about that. I wanted to wish best of luck to Sonny Johnson and the Garfield Heights High School varsity basketball team and hope they make it all the way this year.

Then, last, but not least, please take some time tomorrow to exercise your right to vote. We live in a free country and we get that right bestowed upon us and we should take advantage of it. That's it.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Mr. President. I want to congratulate Sonny Johnson and his team. Wish him the best of luck next week out in Columbus. I really hope that you guys bring home a victory.

Ward 7's next Block Watch will take place on the 31st of this month in the basement of St. Benedict School at St. Monica's. Come on down and join us and meet your neighbors.

I'd like to say thank you to this gentleman that got up and spoke tonight. We truly need to get out and meet our neighbors, talk to one another, get to know each other. I think a lot of our problems would be solved.

On the Hathaway Road issue, I'm very grateful that it's getting done. My residents along Hathaway Road and those that travel down into Valley View will appreciate it. It's long over due. A lot of people don't realize that it's a County road and all the time, Tim, you guys are down there constantly throwing patch. As you know, our residents down there will appreciate it.

As the weather gets better, folks, let's slow down. Kids are out playing. We don't want any accidents so take your time driving the streets. Enjoy the sun.

On St. Patrick's Day everybody go out and yes, many are called; few are chosen, Joe. It's in the Bible, Joe. Be out there. Be good. Enjoy yourselves. Don't drink too much. Over in Ireland it's a Holy Day so it wouldn't hurt any of us to spend a little time in church first. I'd be down there at Holy Name during the day for anybody that's there, so, everybody have a Happy St. Patrick's Day. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mr. Vaughn. Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: First of all I got no doubt that I wish the Bulldogs the best but I think this year is their year. I believe that they going to bring that big one home. I'm not accepting nothing less because I believe I got the faith and confidence that Sonny do a great job with them young men and I believe it's our time. It's our time to shine.

Second of all, I wish everybody a Happy St. Patrick's Day and don't drink and drive. Get that designated driver in order to be safe and for everybody to make it home to their families.

Third thing is your vote is very important. I tell people that people had died to give you the right to cast your vote. Also, when you vote don't vote just because you see somebody voting for a

particular person. Don't be fooled when you see a bunch of signs out. You have to remember and kind of look into these people's background and see what they done. See what they done for you as a community. See what they done for you as a people. That's how you make the choice. Do not follow the status quo when you decide to vote. My vote is important to me. I will be out there. I hope everybody come out tomorrow.

Also I wanted to let people know too so they are aware of it that this is going to be the last year for the PACT and Eagle Academy off of 131st and Christine. They notified me that they are going to be closing the school in June. They are going to be relocating the PACT and Eagle Academy back over to the main part of Kennedy. I just wish them the best. They was good neighbors to me. I lived on the very next street. They was on Christine. I'm on Saybrook. I'm going to miss the kids. They was a great group of kids. I spoke with them a lot at the bus stop and had a chance to communicate with them. I made plenty of visits to the school. Also, I'm going to miss the 40 jobs- these were well paying jobs. I'm going to miss the tax dollars. I'm going to miss them dollars. We all going to miss them, but most of all they was a great group of people and the kids were great too and they will be missed and everything.

Another thing I want to mention. One thing I would like to do and see. I always thought school districts were better districts (I'm talking about all districts) when the kids went from K . 6 and you went from 7 . 9 and they went from 10 . 12. I always say the problem we run into nowadays is we not giving them young people an extra year of maturity. We had junior high school if you can remember. By the time we got to high school we done three years. We wasn't doing no four-year sentence. I think that is a problem because you're putting 13 year old girls and 13 year old boys in the same school in the same atmosphere as 19 and 20 year old men and women. Some of them are growing up too quick. You got 19 year olds still in high school. You got 20 year olds still in high school. I mention this because I saw how it worked in Chicago when I lived in Chicago. If you ever lived in Chicago, it was rough. The same problems they had up in Chicago back in the early 70s is the same problems that we are experiencing in some of our bigger districts and smaller districts. I would love to see them go back and give them that extra year of maturity.

I wish all my colleagues Happy St. Patrick's Day. If you need a designated driver, my rates are reasonable.

I also would like to thank Mr. Andrews for coming out. I do read your articles in your paper and it's a great paper and I appreciate you taking the time and starting doing coverage on us and our city too. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. LaMalfa.

CLMN LAMALFA: Tom, did you hear that about the designated driver? That's all I have. Thank you. Have a Happy St. Patty's Day.

CLMN VAUGHN: St. Patrick's Day.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, it's St. Patrick's Day.

First of all I'd like to remind everybody get out and get that vote out there. It's essential. It's important. It's your right. We have a lot of young men and women overseas dying for that right.

We got to remember them. Let's not disrespect them by saying I'd vote next time. If they stop fighting today you may not have a next time.

I'd like to congratulate our basketball team. The Browns couldn't do it. The Indians couldn't. The Cavs may, but hopefully these guys will bring something to Ohio that's good.

And of course again, St. Patrick's Day. I spent nine years in that institution. I mean school. at Holy Name over there. I got a pretty good education. The nuns kept you in line but you had to know the Irish songs to get the day off. I'm taking the day off because I know the songs.

CLMN VAUGHN: Your invitation wasn't extended, right?

CLMN NENADOVICH: No. I was asked to go to South High and spur my knowledge. With that, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: I want to say Happy St. Patrick's Day. When I was a young man, I lived in Collinwood and there was ethnic celebrations. You had Italians on the East side of Collinwood and you had the Irish down there by Lake Shore. I was right in the middle. So Happy St. Patrick's Day.

I'd also like to say the Bulldogs, if they happen to win this championship, and by the way, me and the wife are going down to Columbus to watch them play. We did it last year. We will do it again this year. From experience, I know that there's nothing more important if you win a high school State championship you got bragging rights for a whole year. We will get more publicity than you could realize. I'm rooting for the Bulldogs to go all the way. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: With that, I would like to make a motion to adjourn. All those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed? Meeting is adjourned.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:58 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Joseph Suster
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council