

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, March 23, 2015

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

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Matt Burke

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Roll call please.

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

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

CLMN BURKE: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council City of Garfield Heights from Monday, March 9, 2015 as written.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Mr. Burke, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none, we'll move on to the Report of the Mayor and his Directors. Mayor, do you have a report for us this evening?

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I do. Thank you. I'd like to start off my report tonight by saying as we remember 2008 the City of Garfield Heights was put into fiscal emergency. And at that time we were put into fiscal emergency we were about \$3.5 million in the red. Shortly after that (being put into fiscal emergency) the Governor's budget came out, which took about another \$1.5 million out of our budget for a total of about \$5 million in the red. All of us did a great job coming out of that fiscal emergency. All of Council. All of the staff. All the employees and especially the residents. All did their part to come out of fiscal emergency. Our success in coming out of fiscal emergency has been talked about all over the State. State Auditor David Yost has talked about what a great job Garfield Heights did in coming out of fiscal emergency. And as I said, we all played a very big part of that, but none of that could have ever happened if it wasn't for one person. That one person is our Finance Director Ron Tomola. As you know, Ron lost a battle with cancer and passed away about a week ago. Ron began his career for the city of Garfield Heights in 1974. He worked here tirelessly to get us out of fiscal emergency. He worked on weekends, late at night. He did more than anybody and he's the

reason we're in the fiscal position we're in now, which is a heck of a lot better than we ever were before. The city has not only lost a great Finance Director but also an excellent employee and a good friend. He leaves behind his wife Cyndi, his two sons, Ronald and Nicholas and a daughter Christina. I want to send out our deepest sympathies and prayers to Ron's family on behalf of myself, my wife Jeanne and the entire residents of Garfield Heights. Our deepest sympathies go out to their family. We're going to miss Ron. He was a hell of a guy.

With that said, I want to introduce for those of you who don't know, Barb Biro, who has been Ron's assistant and she was Ron's finance assistant and she's going to be the Acting Finance Director. We will be going out taking some applications. We'll be posting it and everybody that gets an opportunity we'll give them an opportunity to try to get the job along with Barb. So Barb has been absolutely excellent. She's done a great job. I have no doubt whatsoever that she's going to continue in Ron's footsteps and the city's going to be fine. Again the loss of Ron is a tough one to accept.

The next thing I'd like to do, just changing gears a little bit is I'd like to congratulate Pat Salemi. She was the Chamber of Commerce's Volunteer of the Year. She has a special dinner and an award last week. Pat does a great job. She's a pleasure to have as an employee.

I also wanted to talk about the 102nd Street meeting. The flooding problems we had on 102nd Street. We are finally putting that meeting together after we've getting the results from the County. The County will be involved. The engineers will be involved. We certainly will all be involved. That meeting is taking place April 2nd right here upstairs in our dining room at 6 p.m. If you have any questions Dave can get into it with you.

I also wanted to say that we talked today. We had a meeting with Finance with Dave with our bank. We're looking at some additional funding options to maybe be able to get some roads paved. We probably won't know that until next week or two. I'm asking all of Council to list three streets from your Ward, three worst streets and I know there's probably more than three but you know we can only do so many. This way if we do get that funding (and I'm anticipating or hoping that we get it) we can then send our Engineer out there to look over all those streets and make a determination what we're going to do. So prior to the next Council Meeting as soon as possible please give me a list of three streets.

Lastly, I want to say that you know we hear so much about the trouble with the juveniles in Garfield Heights and fights at football games, etc. and you know every now and then it's great to hear something positive. We surely had a great positive over the weekend. The Garfield Heights Bulldogs basketball team won the game against Shaker Heights that puts them in the final four for the State. They will be playing Columbus on Friday. They will be playing against Westerville. What an achievement when you think about all the schools in our area, all the high schools in our area and we're down to the final four in the State. That's phenomenal. So please, if you see a Garfield Heights basketball player congratulate him because we're certainly going to bring them in here and do something for them because I'm sure we're proud of them.

I'm going to move on to tonight's legislation. Ordinance 9. We're approving our yearly salt purchase that we do each year. Ordinance 10 is about the resurfacing of Turney Road. We're approving the resurfacing of Turney Road. Ordinance 11 is for the resurfacing of Hathaway.

Resolution 2 talks about the Summer Council Sessions. Resolution 3. We're going to apply for a gardening grant.

With that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mayor. Are there any questions of the Mayor on his report? Moving on wed call on Law Director Tim Riley?

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Police Chief Robert Sackett. Do you have a report for us this evening?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: Yes, I do. Just one thing. I want to mention that Detective Doug Dillon is retiring. His last day is April 8th. Doug got hired in 1989 with the Police Department as a patrolman. But the last 14 years he was in the Youth Bureau serving as a detective. He was the kind of guy that just went about his job quietly. You didn't have to say too much and he knew what to do, when to do it and how to do it. He'll be missed. While he was in the Youth Bureau he was very active at getting an SRO Program going and getting a Diversion Program started and re-started again within the Police Department. He also served on the CART Team which is a team or regional unit that looks for missing people, kids primarily, when they go missing and he was the Crisis Intervention Team Commander for many years. So he'll be missed but the good news is that the school system hired him as an SRO in the middle school so he's not going far. He's still going to be around, but if you do see Doug, wish him well in his retirement if that's what you want to call it? And like I say he'll be missed.

With that you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Chief. I'd like to direct this to our Law Director. Would you draw up a resolution for Mr. Dillon's retirement?

CLWN MARINCIC: Mr. Chairman, would you have a resolution for our basketball team?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: You didn't let me finish. And also for the basketball. Are there any questions of the Chief on his report? There being none wed move on to Service Director, Tim McLaughlin. Do you have a report for us this evening?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. President. We still are trying to patch some of the areas with cold patch and the patch machine we've had out. We're trying to hold back a little bit; just getting the bigger holes because hopefully the first week of April weather permitting the patch plants both of them there's two different companies will be open. So wed be able to start putting down a permanent patch. What we're planning on doing is starting on the main streets when we get that patch out. We're definitely starting on Warner Road which is the worst main street in the city. We've already put 30 tons of cold patch on that and I drove it this morning and it's still unbelievable how much it has deteriorated this winter so we will be starting there. After we get done with the main streets we will move into the side streets and wed start in Ward 1 and Ward 7 as we did last year and work our way towards each other. There may be some changes here and there depending on how bad some areas are or where I may move crews and do some different things, but we have a plan and we're going to get started with it.

I have the sweeper out right now. He was on the main streets, especially Turney Road because it was so bad when they moved all the construction up to the next group they had their own sweeper out, but we still had to bring ours out there to help out along there. I will keep the

sweeper out as long as I can. It will depend too again who I need on the patch crews because like I said I bring out the mechanics and everybody else and put everybody on there that we can to get as many crews out as we can.

With that you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Does anybody have any questions of Mr. McLaughlin on his report?

CLWN MARINCIC: Mr. McLaughlin you were saying that our new patch machine is out there? Could you refresh residents about how it works? And how long the patch lasts?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: This is the first time that we're using it. It's going to be a trial-type thing. We've used it in three different areas. As a matter of fact right outside the door here. We tried it out on the parking lot to try to hold this parking lot together. It's a mixture of aggregate and you spray it. We're going to see how it works out. We've tried it in different situations. We did a whole spray on an area and just like what we did out here where we covered a whole area instead of just doing the little holes because there was so many little holes. It's a learning experience. Our guys that are on it each day I try to rotate another person on to there to learn it, you know? So far what we've done with it I think has turned out halfway decent but you will have to see the wear of the road and again if it's supposed to snow again I'm wondering what it's going to be like if you have to put a blade down on it. Those are all things that we're going to have to look at. It's not a fast process so it's not the lifesaver that everybody thinks that you're going to run it out on the street. It's a slow methodical type of operation. I know they show on TV this patch filler in Cleveland and it looks like it's going real fast. It does not go that fast. You have to blow out the hole. You have to prepare it before you put the stuff in it with the wand. We'll see what happens. We put that down and it will take a little while to see how long that lasts.

CLWN MARINCIC: I know that when you start patching potholes citywide you won't be able to use that machine for all of them? So you are using hot patch with the road crew and another crew with this machine?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: When I get the hot patch I'm putting everybody on hot patch because I need to get out there and get the streets done. This is not a fast process this machine. To do a section of McCracken that we did took us over a week because it's just not a very fast thing. You have to go through a process to get it down but it will work in a lot of areas and we're working out here right now trying to save the rest of this parking lot because it's deteriorating quickly. With the construction, all the things that went on here in the last year it's falling apart but we're trying to see if we could hold it together and we will look at streets later on to see crack sealing, etc. It has multiple uses but once I get the hot patch three four ton at a time on the truck and the truck moves down the street. So that is what we're going to do for now.

CLWN MARINCIC: Thank you. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Any other questions? There being none we'll move on to Parks and Recreation Director Bob Dobies.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Mr. President and Council Members, good evening. Just a reminder t-ball signups continue through March 31st. Basically we have a

week and a half left. Please don't wait until the last minute to sign up. Spring Fitness signups are continuing. Fitness classes start March 31st and run through June 4th for a 10 week session. Girls softball signups have begun today and will run through Friday April 24th. Softball is for girls seven through 17. We'll again partner with the city of Bedford to enhance competition. It worked out very well last year for our inaugural year.

Also the Garfield Heights baseball league is taking applications for summer ball although we do not take signups at the Rec for the baseball league, applications are available at the Rec. This is for ages six through 17 years old.

Reported last meeting last Saturday we had the Annual Garfield Heights Trinity Alumni Game. There was a crowd of over 400 people that attended that came out and enjoyed a night of hockey, cheering and reminiscing with old friends. Trinity won the game 12-7. Looking forward to next season for this great annual event to bring people together.

As I reported last meeting all of our hockey teams excelled this year. Our teams traveled to Buffalo this past weekend to participate in the Pepsi Invitational Tournament. While all teams performed at a high level our lone champion was our Peewee Number 1 team. Congratulations to them and all the children for another great season.

Last I just want to say congratulations to our Elmwood students. They participated again for the third year at the Giving the Children a Reward for their PAWS Program. The PAWS Program is a reward for the children being Prompt, Prepared and Accepting Responsibility Working Hard and Showing Respect. This has been a positive ongoing thing for three years and Elmwood makes it every year. All the kids had great things. I said it before and basically many of the kids never skated before, but it broadened their lives just by the simplicity of having fun and getting on a pair of skates for the first time and many of them can skate very well. Also our middle school 6th Grade students enjoyed a day at the rink. Mr. Glazer brought them over after a stressful session of the math test. They had a little gap after they were done and they brought them over and everybody had a great time. He thanked us as we continue to work together (the school and the city) to provide opportunities for our children.

Last as the Mayor said I would like to add my congratulations to our boys varsity basketball team on their League District Sectional Championships and making it to the Division 1 and final four. If you didn't get to see them this season, they're the real deal. I wish the team and Coach Sonny the best. Go Bulldogs. A little bit about Coach Johnson. I don't know if anybody knows him or not, but Sonny was Mr. Basketball for the city of Garfield Heights when he played his high school days. He went on to college and was an excellent player and his whole family is. They're phenomenal. Sonny goes beyond and I express it in this way. Everybody has heard of Coach Ginn from Cleveland, the football coach. Sonny presents his program in many of the same ways. It's just not basketball. It goes beyond where that team goes out and has meals with the families, they go to church together, they do things together. It's a continuous relationship and Sonny garners such a continuity with these kids that I think that's how he gets the best out of them and they're successful in what they do. So I wish them well and that's my report. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mr. Dobies. Are there any questions of Mr. Dobies on his report? There being none we will move on to Acting Finance Director, Barb Biro.

ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO: Thank you, Mr. President. I have nothing to report at this time.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. City Engineer, Dave Krock. Do you have a report for us this evening?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Thank you, Mr. President. I do. The Turney Road project as many of you have probably seen, they are starting to move their project South of 480 and what that means is they're finishing up North of 480 and our plan is to go ahead and get that restriped very soon. As soon as we get a decent day of weather we'll sign the contract. We want to get that done because the striping is nearly gone North of 480.

Also I want to just request your support on Ordinance 10 and 11. These are great projects and at no cost to the city. As the Mayor mentioned we are having a meeting with the residents on East 102nd regarding the flooding and all the evaluation that was done on that. That comes up April 2nd.

That's my report.

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

CLMN NENADOVICH: Dave, now that they've taken the barrels down from Sladden all the way up Turney Road and it turned back into a drag strip of course, when are they going to start the sewer project on this now? Or is there going to be some sewer work done?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: There will be some sewer work done. The County is working with us right now on some funding. We expect that work to probably be next year before it gets going.

CLMN NENADOVICH: OK. Thanks, Dave.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the same note, so that means that Turney Road wouldn't be resurfaced this year because next year they'll only be tearing it up to do the sewers? Am I correct?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: The current schedule for the Turney Road paving is to parallel the sewer work with the paving so they are planning to bid the paving work next summer. I don't know if that will mean that it will start in the fall or the following spring. We ran into that same issue with Rockside Road when the bid came out midsummer and we thought it would start and it didn't start until the following year. But that is a County project and we're following the schedule so we'll keep you informed where that is. Right now that's my best understanding of it.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: One other question. Are they on schedule or ahead of schedule? I know they got started later than what they anticipated, but how do they feel that they're working now? Are they on schedule and where they should be?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I think they're a little ahead of schedule right now on Turney Road, but I think we're still looking September/October for completion on the waterline.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Any other questions of Mr. Krock on his report? There being none wed I move on to Social Services Director Kathy Rush-Parssons. Do you have a report for us this evening?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to report that we had a fiscal monitoring of our Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging Agreement for our Title III Funding, which is the program that supports the meals program for the Seniors in Garfield Heights. The purpose of the audit was to verify the month of November 2014 as far as our cash match, in kind match and programmed income. And then to reconcile those documents with the Older Americans Act and the bills that we then submit to the Western Reserve for reimbursement. So I just wanted to report that in all the categories everything was reconciled fine with no findings or corrective action needed.

I did want to thank Barb Biro for her helping me get the documents together and her support. She gives me the bills and the expenses every month. So Barb was a big help with our Fiscal Monitoring and I had planned to thank you before knowing you were going to be here so that's not just because you're here, Barb.

Also just a quick announcement. The Senior Center is having an Easter Bake Sale on Wednesday April 1st and Thursday April 2nd from 9:30 until 1:30 in the front lobby of the Civic Center. All proceeds go to cover the costs of some of the activities that we have at the Senior Center. The Senior Center is its own 501c3 organization. We try to raise money to support some of our own activities and events for the Seniors so if anybody is interested that will be next Wednesday and Thursday in the lobby of the Civic Center.

That's all I have.

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes. Briefly I just want to announce that the 3rd Annual River Sweep will be on Saturday May 9th from 9 to 12 p.m. Volunteers are needed. The meeting place is at Arthur Johnson Park which is also known as Miles Heights Park, which is South of 4478 Johnson Parkway. I would encourage anyone to attend. It's been successful in the past two years and we're looking for another successful event.

Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of Noreen on her report? There being none wed I move on to Building Commissioner Bill Wervey. Bill do you have a report for us this evening?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: The only thing I'd like to mention is that after much hard work by the Economic Development and Building Department our applications for demolition funds is in for review and as soon as we hear something wed I let you know, but we ended up with what? 92 or 93 houses? And I think the request was for in the vicinity of \$930,000.00.

That's all I have this evening.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of Mr. Wervey on his report?

CLWN MARINCIC: Mr. Wervey, could you forward Council the list of the houses?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Yes, we could.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: That being all the Directors, let's move on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's agenda. Here are 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: Is there anyone that would like to speak on tonight's agenda? Is there anyone that would like to speak on tonight's agenda?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none we'll move on to Ordinances and Resolutions beginning with Ordinance 09-2015. Would the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2015

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASING PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A, WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM CHLORIDE (ROCK SALT) FOR THE 2015-2016 SEASON.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: I'd like to announce that Ordinance 09-2015 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2015

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE MUNICIPALITY), AND THE COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, OHIO (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE COUNTY) FOR THE RESURFACING OF TURNEY ROAD FROM HATHAWAY ROAD TO THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS EAST CORPORATION LINE (HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED IMPROVEMENT).

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 Clmn Vaughn.

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote, we don't have to waive Rule 24 on this cause Section 3 says the Finance Director is hereby authorized to issue his vouchers? Does that mean we have to waive Rule 24?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Well, if we were going to be issuing any checks on it we probably should if we were going to be reimbursed by the County you might want to waive Rule 24 on that.

CLWN MARINCIC: So what would you suggest we do?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: It would depend on whether we are. Dave, do you know how that works?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Yeah, Tim, I don't think any money is going to run through the city at all on this. The County will hold all the contracts.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Then we don't need to waive Rule 24.

CLWN MARINCIC: All right. Then I vote Yes.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 10-2015 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2015

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO, (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE MUNICIPALITY), AND THE COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, OHIO (HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE COUNTY) FOR THE RESURFACING OF HATHAWAY ROAD FROM THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS SOUTH CORPORATION LINE TO TURNEY ROAD (HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED IMPROVEMENT).

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 Clmn Vaughn.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 11-2015 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2015

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ONLY ONE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE SECOND MONDAY, DURING THE MONTHS OF MAY, JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST, 2015.

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 Clwn Marincic.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

NAYS: Dudley

PRESIDENT SUSTER: I'd like to announce that Resolution 02-2015 passes with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2015

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMUNITY/PUBLIC RELATIONS/GRANT COORDINATOR OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS TO APPLY FOR A NATIONAL GARDENING ASSOCIATION 2015 MANTIS TILLER AWARD.

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, beginning with Clmn Burke.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: I'd like to announce that Resolution 03 passes with 7 Yes votes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We will now 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 has any comments this evening?

Bob Halan, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. I spoke with Mr. Dudley about this some time ago about the time taken off for the summer. I think summer starts in June and I can't see having that extra month of one meeting a month. We're short as it is getting things done due to weather, etc. I think Mr. Dudley has an objection primarily because school doesn't let out until end of May/early June. Why does City Council take an extra month one meeting off? I just was inquisitive because I can't see no sense in that.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: If I can answer that for you, I'd be more than glad to but the answer is we've done that for years that we started in May and always went all the way into September. I think it was a couple years ago we didn't do it because we were having finance trouble with the city and that year we didn't do it. That's why it went back to having one a month and it does not stop us from any time at that time. If the Mayor cares to do so calling for a Special Meeting or calling for a special work session, etc. to accomplish something. Nobody's work here stops just because we're not here on a Monday night.

MR. HALAN: All right. I wanted to clarify it.

CLMN DUDLEY: I'd like to say something too, Mr. Chairman. The reason why I voted No is because like before the late Ron Tomola and I respect him a lot. He probably was the best Finance Director that you can find. He was always honest, but when he put out that at the end of this year that we are possibly looking at \$2 million, etc. any other year I wouldn't so much but I think that extra May is a little too long. I think in June. I may go on vacation June or July. If I miss a meeting fine, I will let them know that I am out of town or on vacation. I think this is just wrong timing right now. That's the reason why I chose you know they can vote the way they want to vote and I respect that but I think this is not a good time right now and that's my opinion. Thank you for coming up there. I appreciate that.

MR. HALAN: Thank you.

CLWN MARINCIC: Mr. Chairman, I would like to also offer a statement regarding this issue.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Go right ahead.

CLWN MARINCIC: Regarding Council going into the Summer Session and for four months only having one regularly scheduled Council Meeting, this doesn't mean Council stops working. My fellow Council Members and myself work 24 hours around the clock every day of the week. We take phone calls, we answer phone calls, we communicate with city hall, we never stop working. Believe me there's committee meetings, special meetings and any time the Mayor needs us or the Administration to show up for a meeting regular or special, we're here. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. Is there anyone else that would like to comment?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none, we'll move on to Miscellaneous Business beginning with Clmn Burke.

CLMN BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I, too, would like to say something about the one meeting a month. You know, last year we did it and I was kind of on the fence about that, which way I was going to vote. However, we ended up having more than two meetings a month last summer to try to talk about the roads. We had more than two meetings other than the Council Meeting that was scheduled so we don't quit working just because of what this says. If it's something that desperately needs attention, we're on it, but if there isn't any legislation to vote on why should we have a meeting here to have no legislation to vote on? That's what I think we're trying to get at here is unless there's something to vote on at a Council Meeting there's really no need to have that extra meeting. It doesn't mean behind the scenes that we're not doing what we can to try to get things fixed.

I wanted to also congratulate the Bulldog basketball team. I had the pleasure of attending the game on Saturday evening and they were down by five at half-time and those boys rallied and came back and I think they won by seven or eight points. It was an incredible basketball game and that Shaker Heights team also has a very good basketball team. It was a close one.

I want to congratulate Pat Salemi on her award.

And also I want to congratulate Detective Doug Dillon on his retirement because it's going to be about 150 years before I can retire or longer. One of the things I wanted to say too, and this happened, I think, on March 14th early in the morning in my Ward we had a high speed chase where a white SUV lost control of their car. The suspect got out of the car and started firing his rifle at our officers. Our officers responded. They apprehended him and hopefully he's sitting in jail but I just want to say thank God none of our officers got hit. Thank God they're safe and it just reminds us to thank these guys. They put their lives on the line for us and we owe them a debt of gratitude.

That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Clmn. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Sir. On Thursday evening we'll have our Block Watch up at St. Monica's School. At 7 o'clock we're going to have the Fire Inspector Joe Rode. Please come and join us and this will probably be our last meeting in the school. Hopefully the weather will be nice and warm in April and we'll get to move out to the pavilion.

I'd like to congratulate the Garfield Heights basketball team. I wish them the best of luck in their games ahead.

Mr. Halan, if there's a special meeting we'll get notice out in plenty of time and we will be here, believe me.

I'd like to congratulate the Trinity alumni and what a great time it was that evening. It's really good to see a lot of old people from Garfield Heights come back and enjoy themselves. Really a good evening.

I would also like to wish my condolences to the Tomola family. Ron was an exceptional man and he will truly be missed.

Mr. Chairman, that's all I have.

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

CLMN DUDLEY: First of all I'd like to congratulate the Garfield Heights basketball team. I love to play basketball. I still can play ball today. It's a great sport. Sonny Johnson as a coach is second to none and I like the fellow because he always texted me every minute letting me know everything that's going on if I'm not in that area. So congratulations. I know Shaker Heights was a good team, a well-tuned team, I would say and well-oiled. I just like the way we took them out. Somebody had to win and I'm glad that we won that game, etc.

Also I'd like to say that once again on that May issue it's not that my colleagues are not doing any work or I'm not doing no work it's just that extra month. Last year was a good year. We was coming out of fiscal emergency and this year why I voted No I'm like last year because I am concerned. I'm quite sure it may be worked out but I am concerned and I think it was just bad timing. Like I say that's a thought I have and the thing I have and like I say a meeting we do get called in for meetings on that part.

Also I look forward to the patching this year. We got some terrible streets but one thing I'd like to say I appreciate the grants, etc. they got for taking down some of them homes because I had some deplorable homes that was taken down in the community. Definitely we had some bad homes up in Ward 1 and I was happy to see them go. Some of them was vacant for way too many years. Probably longer than I been in office. But I'm happy that we're getting that taken care of.

My condolences go out to Ron. Like I say I really liked him because he was always honest when you asked him something. Even though he was working at the Mayor's pleasure he always was honest. He didn't tell me what I wanted to hear but he gave me the absolute truth and you're not going to find that everywhere. He was like one in a million like a gem and I'm definitely going to miss him. I'm going to miss the fellow a lot. I cut it short with that point.

That's all, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mr. Dudley. Clwn Marincic.

CLWN MARINCIC: I would like to congratulate Doug Dillon on his retirement.

I would like to congratulate the basketball team.

I would like to offer my condolences to the Tomola family. Ron Tomola was not only our city Finance Director, I knew him since high school and he was a dear and near friend. He will be missed by everybody in this community.

Finally I'd like to say Happy Easter to everyone and that's all I have this evening.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Clmn Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: You're welcome.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Voice is working fine by the way. My condolences to the Ron Tomola family. As everybody says he is going to be missed. I know Barb will do a good job for us in the interim.

Doug Dillon. Can't say enough about him. He's been with the juveniles. I first met him when he was a Truancy Officer for the Police Department. He's done a great job and I think he's going to continue doing a great job at the middle school.

Congratulations to our basketball team for doing a great job. I sit there and I'm sure all the Council could go with this. Them damn kids are walking in the street. The kids are drag racing. The kids are hanging out on the corners with them loud boom boxes. Not one phone call saying

the basketball team did good, but I'm still getting the ones about the bad kids so the people that are sitting here go out and spread the good word for a change.

Again the number for our Vets is 4,183 and if you remember six years ago it was 2,500. A lot of good people have died so that you could make those phone calls so remember that.

One thing I say is when you're cleaning up around the house this spring, Tim's got the sweeper out now. We're patching roads. Don't sweep the debris in the street. Please don't do that. I know the city put it there when we plowed, but work with us. Those are your tax dollars too. That's what we're doing with them. We're cleaning up after what you're throwing in the street. If you see a kid drop something in the street just ask them to pick it up. They usually do. They usually don't give you a hard time.

With that I wish you all a Happy Easter. Mr. Suster, you have my comments.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Clmn Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, President. I want to start off saying that our Block Watch will be April 7th, 7 o'clock, Civic Center. Usually we have the Mayor and Police Chief there if available.

I'd like to say a few words about Ron Tomola. Ron had a way of talking to people, a way to have pass on trust to people. He would look you in the eye and talk directly to you. If he had the money available he would tell you it was. If the money wasn't there he'd say No. Ron put a new definition to the meaning No. He's the reason why we're out of fiscal emergency. Also with the help of the Mayor and Council, but he was the main gear that ran this. I can't say enough for Ron. He'd be missed dearly. He had a way of greeting people, a special way of greeting people that he would say to me, "Gene" and he would make a friend out of anybody who greeted him. Ron made the standards high benchmark for Barb to follow through on this. He's a good example and I hope the work he does is passed on to Barb.

I want to say thank you to Doug on his retirement. With the Mayor and his comments about me picking out three streets. I got six to name. You pick the three. Take the heat.

That's my comments, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. I, too, would like to congratulate the Garfield Heights basketball team on their accomplishments this far and also to Doug Dillon on his retirement. I have known Doug for quite few years on the Police Department and I have known his intentions were always good and he did a great job.

As everybody else has said you can't say enough about Ron Tomola. He was the guy that basically lived in the city of Garfield Heights. He didn't live here with his family, but his job kept him here for many hours. He came here early in the morning and he'd be here late at night. As everybody has said when it came to getting us out of fiscal emergency he came up with ideas to help us get out of fiscal emergency.

You can tell the snow has melted because you can hear the bouncing of basketballs anymore from the neighbors yards, but those are probably the next kids that will be going to Garfield Heights to play high school basketball.

Tonight I'd like to ask everybody a favor if I could. Just before I came here tonight I received a phone call that my granddaughter was rushed to Cleveland Clinic and she had to have emergency eye surgery so for those of you that say prayers before you go to sleep tonight, please remember my granddaughter in your prayers

I, too, would like to wish everybody a Happy Easter. Thank you.

On that note I would like to make a motion that we adjourn. On the motion to adjourn all in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed? Meeting is adjourned.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:50 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Joseph Suster
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council