

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, March 27, 2017

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

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Michael Nenadovich

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

EXCUSED: LaMalfa

CLMN VAUGHN: I would like to make a motion to excuse Clmn Joseph LaMalfa this evening.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Clmn Vaughn to excuse Mr. LaMalfa this evening, all in favor signify by saying Yea? All opposed?

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Mr. LaMalfa is excused.

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Reading and Disposal of the Minutes.

CLMN BURKE: Mr. President, I would like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for the city of Garfield Heights for Monday, March 13, 2017 as written.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Clmn Burke to accept the Minutes of March 13, 2017 as written, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

That passes with 6 Yes votes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Wed I move on to the Reports of the Mayor and his 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 once again this year congratulate the Garfield Heights boys basketball team on another excellent season. They fell a little short of the State title, but they played a heck of a game. They played against St. Ed. They went into overtime. St. Ed. is really a good team. Garfield Heights fell a little bit short, but they deserve all the congratulations they can get. I will have to say that I wasn't real

happy with the referees. I think some of those referees had a little Irish in them and were favoring St. Ed. All kidding aside, St. Ed. has a great program. Along with St. Ignatius, they do a wonderful job with them young men and to think Garfield Heights beat Ignatius last year and lost in overtime to Ed. this year is really saying something for the kids of Garfield Heights. On behalf of the city I want to congratulate Sonny Johnson, his coaches and all the players for an outstanding year again.

Next, as you notice, sitting with us at this table is our new Building Commissioner, (Interim Building Commissioner right now). It's now a week. He hasn't quit so I'm really excited. Obviously, he has not talked to Nenadovich yet so that's a good thing. Welcome aboard, Mark. Thanks very much for being with us.

The next thing is Council has decided and we have talked about this myself and Kathy Parssons have put together the program for extending the Meals on Wheels. Kathy can talk a little bit about it if you have questions. We are looking at bringing in another 20 people on the program. We're going to work it through the Western Reserve. We did a lot of research with Marymount Hospital and the Western Reserve. We believe the better way to go is with the Western Reserve. It's a much needed program for our residents. I think they are well deserving. If you have any questions you could talk to Kathy, but I'm very proud of extending that program.

The other thing I want to talk about is a new caterer in town that is operating the old Knights of Columbus, which is now called The Grand Ballroom. I want to tell you what a great deal they put together. The food is absolutely excellent. The service they provide is outstanding. They are a great group to work with. I had an opportunity. I had a function there and it was raved about so if you have an opportunity you have a function go to The Grand Ballroom. That's the place to be. They did a great job.

The last thing I wanted to talk a little bit about today was I have received many phone calls many inquiries from residents about why we are tearing down the trees on Granger Road Hill. They aren't happy with us doing this. There is more to it than we just want to take trees down. There is a rock-scaling program that is put on by the Feds. It's a \$1 million program and I think it costs about \$100,000.00, but there's a reason why they're taking the trees down and I'm going to explain it to you very basic. When Dave Krock gives his report, he's going to explain exactly what I want to tell you. This is something the Engineers have come up with. I understand that we were considered one of the more dangerous mountains as Granger Road Hill and this is being done to secure everyone's safety. We're listening to the experts and that's why everybody that is telling me stop. we are not going to stop. We're going with the experts.

So with that said, I'm going to get into tonight's legislation. The first ordinance, number 18, is AFSCME Fact Finding Report. The Fact Finder's Report has come out with a 1% offer as a wage increase with a \$300.00 bonus. I am not going to say I'm completely happy with this report, but I do think that we probably should pass it because for the amount of difference that they were talking about it's not worth the fight. I will make sure that whatever AFSCME has gotten the other employees that didn't get it will be awarded for sure. Ordinance 19. We're going to go out for bids for Grand Division and Midwest paving program. This is long overdue. Once again, if you have questions we could talk to Dave Krock. As you know, Grand Division is half Cleveland and half Garfield Heights. Dave has worked with the Cleveland people to put this together so it will be a split program. Midwest of course is off of 98th Street. It's the industrial parkway that is well overdue to get this program done. It's important for our businesses to want to stay here and want to come in so those are two streets that are going to be added on to the list of streets we're doing this year. Ordinance 20. This is preliminary legislation for

Transportation Boulevard improvements. Once again, Transportation Boulevard is having improvements done to it with the expectation of Bridge View taking off so there's a widening of the bridge and widening of the lane on Transportation Boulevard.

Resolution 12. A resolution declaring the month to be Autism Awareness Month and April 2nd to be the World Autism Awareness Day. This is something we do every year. It's a great cause. I certainly would like to continue this. Resolution 13 is basically we're updating the Police Policy and Procedures Manual. Resolution 14 ratifying the appointment of James Feeney as a member of the Land Reutilization Program and also combining in with 14 is Resolution 15. We are also asking to ratify the appointment of Douglas Piascik. (I hope I pronounced that right. I'm sorry if I didn't) to the Land Reutilization Program. It's program that Noreen heads up. She could tell you a little bit more about it. These are two gentlemen who have been working very actively in the city and because of the involvement want to keep them and make sure they are as used as we possibly can. Every opportunity we get to use them we are going to do it.

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

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

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. We will move on to Police Chief Bob Byrne. Do you have a report for us this evening?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: I do have a quick one, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. I just wanted to report that the Ohio Collaborative gave our Police Department full compliance status for two of our policies, which they took into consideration in 2016. That was Use of Force and Hiring and Recruiting. So we received full compliance for that. That's in connection with Resolution 13. We're in the process of changing our policy manual and we hired Lexipol to do that. That resolution is to apply for a reimbursement through the insurance company. So with that you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Are there any questions of the Chief on his report? Are there any questions of the Chief on his report? There being none we'll move on to Service Director, Tim McLaughlin. Tim, do you have a report for us this evening?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. The hot patch plant- one of them opened today so tomorrow we will get the crews out. We'll be starting in the main streets first. There's a lot of work to be done on Broadway, etc, and I will be using everyone I have on patch. The tree crew or anybody else is going to be on patch until further notice unless something's an emergency because that's the only way I can get this done. It still takes some three/four months to get all the streets done in the city so all the crews will be on patch. Then we will go Ward to Ward as we have in the past. Complete a Ward and then move on. We're not going to jump all around. It doesn't work real well that way. You cause more problems because people see you on one street and you move back to another area and they want to know why you left. We'll do the best we can. There might be about three crews out. We'll do the best that we can.

This last week we cleaned out the retention basin behind the high school at Crudele Park. That's always a big project. Last time was so bad I had to make the County do it, but this time we hope it wasn't as bad. We did it on our own.

The last thing I have is the Hazardous Waste Collection is coming. It will be April 17th . April 21st and April 24th . April 28th 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Service Garage 13600 McCracken. Then we'll also have the document shredding on April 29th from 9:00 . noon. Also on that day you could bring the hazardous waste from 8:00 a.m. . noon. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Tim. Are there any questions of Tim on his report? Are there any questions of Tim on his report? There being none, we'll move on to our Recreations Director, Bob Dobies. Bob, do you have a report for us this evening?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Yes, I do. Mr. President and Council Members, good evening. First of all, I would like to congratulate all our futsal participants on completing another successful season. A big thanks goes to all our volunteer coaches, parents, staff and backers who continue to make this a very popular program for the children of our city. The 2017 Divisional Champs were the Arrows in the Pee wee Division, the Force in the Minor Division and the Blast in the Major Division.

I hate to be redundant, but as I reported last meeting, this is the last week for t-ball signups. Please get your registrations in and avoid the late fee.

Girls softball signups continue this month and run through Saturday April 29th.

Again, we are helping Little League with signups. You may pick up an application at the Rec or call Mr. Bob Merrick at (216) 990-8386.

As we wind down the ice season, I'd like to remind all we will be hosting the 49th Annual Ice Show, which will be held in two weeks- the weekend of Saturday April 8th at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday April 9th at 2:30 p.m. for a matinee show. This year's theme will be Setting the World on Fire and will feature all of our figure skaters from our tots to our advanced soloists displaying their talent and gracefulness developed during all the hard work they put in this season. We are very fortunate to have this facility and dedicated coaches who spend countless hours developing our children's talents. I ask all to come out and join us and enjoy our children performing. Tickets are available the day of the show or in advance beginning tomorrow March 28th during regular business hours. Adults \$7.00 and \$4.00 for Youth and Seniors. Two-day passes are also available. Adults \$13.00 and \$7.00 for Youth and Seniors. Five and under are free.

Speaking of ice, as our hockey season came to an end our hockey program had many successes again this year. Starting off the season our Pee wee team took runner up in the Annual Gold Cup Tournament, our Mites, Sports and Pee wees all took second place at the Annual Melt-the-Ice Tournament. It should be noted that the Mites went four overtimes in the tournament championship game before succumbing. Our Pee wees advanced to CSHL championships after defeating Parma and then they took Mentor to overtime again following and taking second place. Our Bantams also took second place at the Hockey Time Rock n' Roll Tournament after winning the qualifier game with a shootout play. Last, our Mites again placed second place at the Doc Newman Tournament. Those are the real little guys. They are neat to watch. I would like to thank all our hockey players for their hard work, determination and dedication to compete at a high level that their ability allows. A big thanks goes out to our

parents for standing behind their children not only to learn the skills of hockey but to prepare their children for the future by being supportive of their standing, giving direction and having children learn life skills by being part of a team. Thank you goes out to our coaching staff for their tireless efforts and dedication to our children and the program and last a big thank you goes out to both my Commissioner, Mr. Brian Carson for his dedication and his successful first season at the helm and our Booster Club President, Mrs. Joy Jordan, club officers, members for all their hard work and dedication and support. Our program remains strong because of the efforts made by so many unselfish people who continue to care. 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 move on to City Engineer, Dave Krock. Dave, do you have a report for us this evening?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I do. Thank you, Mr. President. I have three things to report on. The first one is Ordinance 20. This is the preliminary legislation for Transportation Boulevard. In a couple of months, you will see the final legislation from ODOT that will have all the final numbers in it. This is a procedural step we are taking.

Secondly, regarding the Granger Hill. This is a safety improvement project. This was ranked number two worst rock fall zone in the district for ODOT so they funded this project with a \$1 million grant. The tree clearing has to be done before April 1st due to environmental regulations. The project won't get started until about August, but this is the time of year the trees have to be cleared. Along with tree clearing on the North side of the road for the next week or two we are going to have to deenergize the streetlights. So if you see lights out that's why. They will reenergize when they are done. When the project gets going this fall, part of it will get one this fall that will follow up with the rest in spring. They are going to be reshaping the sides of the slope. There will be some areas that will get a wall. Some other areas may get fenced. So it's kind of a combination of things all for safety and should make the hill a much better place to be.

The third thing is really Turney Road. I am sure you've all seen the signs along the road. Again, weather permitting, etc. They will get started next week. That's my report.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO: Absent.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Dave. Are there any questions for Mr. Krock on his report? Are there any questions for Mr. Krock on his report? There being none, we move on to Social Service Director Kathy Rush-Parssons.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS: Thank you, Mr. President. I just have a quick update. Friday April 7th is the last day for the free AARP tax preparation service. Unfortunately, all the appointments are taken. So we will not be able to accept any more appointments from today on. Also there will not be any appointments on Friday April 14th as it is Good Friday. If you haven't made an appointment to get your taxes done, unfortunately we are full. We were referring people to Maple Heights and Bedford but from what I understand they are full as well. So unfortunately there won't be any more free tax service this year.

Just to follow up on what the Mayor said about the Meals on Wheels Program. I will have more information coming soon. We are in the process of hiring a driver. We are shooting for probably the beginning of May for a target date to expand the Meals on Wheels Program, but I certainly will let the residents know when we are ready to proceed with that. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. 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. Noreen, do you have a report for us this evening?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes. Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to urge Council to pass Resolutions 14 and 15. This adds two new members to our Land Bank Committee.

Also this year will be our fifth year for the Riversweep, which will be held on Saturday, May 13th, 9:00 a.m. . 12:00 p.m. This year we are going to have two new areas that will be cleaned up. One is Forestdale Park. We are asking people to volunteer to clean up the areas around the city. 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? There being none, we will move on to our Building Commissioner, Mark Moro. Do you have a report for us this evening?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: No report, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. That concludes reports of the Mayor and the Directors. We will move on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's agenda. Would the Clerk please read the rules.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:

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

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

Mary Ryan, 5014 East 114th Street. If I would of gotten this earlier I would of asked Joe what this is. What is Resolution 14? What is land reutilization? What does that mean?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Noreen, you want to answer that? Anybody?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, thank you. We have a Land Reutilization Program. Basically a land bank. The city occasionally finds itself in the position of acquiring property. In the case of all the demolitions that have been going on, many of those properties the titles are transferred to the city and we are able to offer them for sale to adjacent property owners. Sometimes properties are near a business or adjacent to a business and we offer to sell those to the businesses so they can expand or use it for additional parking.

MS. RYAN: We are always had that program, right?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Correct. We are just adding two additional members to the committee.

MS. RYAN: What do they do?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: They evaluate the proposals and assist in making of disposition of the property.

MS. RYAN: OK. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone else that has any questions on tonight's agenda? There being none, we'll move on to Committee Reports. Are there any Committee Reports this evening?

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none, we'll move on to Ordinances and Resolutions, beginning with Ordinance 18-2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE CERTIFYING THE FACT FINDER'S RECOMMENDATION FROM THE MARCH 13, 2017 FACT FINDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS AND AFSCME LOCAL 2729, AFL-CIO, AND OHIO COUNCIL 8.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 18-2017 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING DAVID KROCK, CITY ENGINEER, TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, PER THE OHM ADVISORS PROPOSAL, AND TO GO OUT FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS, FOR THE 2017 PAVING PROGRAM . GRAND DIVISION AND MIDWEST AVENUE, AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF COSTS FOR THIS PROJECT.

Moved by GLENN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 19-2017 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2017

PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION FOR TRANSPORTATION BOULEVARD IMPROVEMENTS.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 20-2017 passes with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2017

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DECLARING THE MONTH OF APRIL TO BE AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH AND APRIL 2, 2017, TO BE WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 12-2017 passes with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2017

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO DO EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR THE LEXIPOL SUBSCRIPTION SUBSIDY PROGRAM THROUGH OHIO PLAN RISK MANAGEMENT, INC.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 13-2017 passes with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2017

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF JAMES FEENEY AS A MEMBER OF THE LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, FOR THE TERM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with myself.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Before I vote, I would like to say that I've only known Mr. Feeney for a short period of time, but I know by being put on this commission he's going to do a great job. I vote Yes.

CLMN GLENN: Welcome aboard, James. I vote Yes.

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 14-2017 passes with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2017

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF DOUGLAS PIASCIK AS A MEMBER OF THE LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, FOR THE TERM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2017 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with me.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN BURKE: Before I vote, I would like to say that I've known Mr. Piascik for a long time. He was actually my Assistant Baseball League Commissioner when I was Commissioner of the Garfield Heights Baseball League. I know he will do a great job. With that, I vote Yes.

CLMN GLENN: Welcome aboard. I vote Yes.

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 15-2017 passes with 6 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 would like to speak this evening? Is there anyone who would like to speak this evening?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. There being none, we will move on to Miscellaneous Business beginning with Clmn Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, I'd like to welcome Mark aboard. We will get to know each other.

Also the basketball team. Great job. Well deserving young men. The police say all the time we hear about the bad ones. Nobody publicizes the good ones, but our Neighborhood News takes care of that.

I drove around my Ward this week. Weather's getting a little bit better. Yes, there are a lot of homes in disrepair and it's rough. Jobs are scarce. Money's scarce. You know what doesn't cost money? Not blowing your leaves in the street. Not blowing your grass on the street. Putting your garbage cans away. Cleaning up around your yard. Not parking on your front lawn. Showing respect for your neighbor by not blasting your music real loud. Not yelling and screaming at the top of your lungs. That doesn't cost any money. That's called courtesy and I think we got to get that back in our city because I'd tell you what. People feel the street is the place where they take and just put everything that they don't want in their yard. Then they call him to have him clean the sewers out when they flood. They call him when a car busts a tire because they put bricks in

the street or they've cleaned up the debris from the yard and threw it in the street because it's the city's street. They should clean it up. Even though it was one chunk of asphalt like this. The trashcan sitting there in front of your house. Open the lid. Drop it in. Continue on with your business. Take the can in he back. This is what they call pride, people. This is what they call pride in your city and we got to get that back. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Clmn Nenadovich.

CLMN GLENN: Good job, Mike. I got a comment here. We're going to keep it going. I have a little problem in Turneytown. Somebody's dumping tires down there. Not the owner of the property. Somebody's dumping them. He's collecting them, but they're piling up pretty high. I hope if anybody ever sees anybody dumping tires let the city police know about it.

Welcome aboard, Mark. You get to know me. I'm the Chairman of the Building Department Committee.

On the first Tuesday of the month, we're going to have our Block Watch. Our treasurer, Barb Biro, is going to be our speaker. She knows all about the finances of the city so hopefully we'll have it well attended. That is it, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Gene. Mayor, are you going to have a resolution drawn up for the basketball team?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: That's not a bad idea. If you guys are in for it? If nobody has a problem with it, I'd be glad to do it. Especially since the Law Department people will have to do it.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We've done it in the past and I think it's only right that we. They didn't make it all the way, but I think they should be acknowledged. You know this is what I had said at the last Council Meeting. We have to show these kids we care. When you see what happened in Cleveland over the past weekend and these kids were just running rampant. If we don't show appreciation to the kids that are doing the good then we're going to go nowhere with these kids. That's all I have.

Matt Burke, do you have anything this evening?

CLMN BURKE: I want to reiterate some of the things that Clmn Nenadovich said earlier about just picking it up around your own premises. Be proud of your city. Be proud of our city. We have a great team of people that work in our Service Department. They go around the city and they pick up and they do things to make this city look better, but there's only a handful of them. The more we can do as citizens, the better this city is going to look and that's really all I have to say. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Clmn Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To go on with what Mr. Burke said, maybe we should make the theme this year Bring Pride Back to Garfield Heights? Where we all chip in, clean up an area, take responsibility for it. Let's make this town spic n span again. It would really help a lot of things.

On Thursday evening, I'll have my Block Watch up at St. Monica's on the campus of St. Monica's/St. Benedict School and we'll be meeting at seven o'clock. Our speaker this week is going to be Dave Krock so come and bring your questions about Turney Road, Hathaway Road and all those other ones that you want your questions asked because that is the time. Dave, I'm looking forward to this meeting.

I'd like to congratulate the boys' basketball team and yes, we need to be looking out for the youth. We had a lot of good teams from northern Ohio compete this year. That's really important. Let's keep the boys. Give them credit where credit is due.

I would like to talk about something here if it's OK with you? The Health Fair that's going to be going on this weekend. This is going to be involving the city of Garfield Heights, Marymount Hospital, the Cleveland Clinic, Catholic Community Connection. They're going to be having a Health & Wellness & Fitness Spring Fair at St. Monica's this weekend from 10:00 a.m. . 2:00 p.m. It is free. Youths, teens, adults, Seniors, Veterans, bigger and better. They're going to have free health screenings, cooking demonstrations, Tai Chi, Yoga and Zumba classes. Raised garden bed demos, kids' corner, chair massage, paraffin treatments, etc. They are also bringing miniature therapy horses. Dimple, Stella and Lucky are going to be there. Something different we've never done before (that I can't remember). A special guest will be Evan Delehantay from Shark Tank is going to be here. So if you have nothing to do on Saturday, come on up. It's not going to cost anything. We all can improve our lives by getting our blood pressure and a few other things checked. There will be raffles, give away prizes, a snack bar, vendor products and services. So please join us for this. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Did you miss anything?

CLMN VAUGHN: I don't know. I think I read everything off of here.

MAYOR COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, I neglected this in my report. Tom's report reminded me of it. Wednesday evening here once again Garfield Heights is hosting the Vietnam Veterans Program that they put on over here. It's an unbelievable program. It's great. Great speakers. They bring in Veterans from all over. There's even Vietnamese Veterans that come to the thing so if you have an opportunity to show up, it's at our hall here seven o'clock and they do it up right. It's really a great tribute to Vietnam Veterans. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you.

CLMN DUDLEY: I would encourage you all to attend that program at St. Monica's. They do it at St. Tim's and it's a great program. I encourage you all to go over to St. Monica's. Definitely attend it. You will enjoy, you know.

What I want to cover today, first congratulations to our basketball team. As far as they got, it's just remarkable. We are proud of them.

I'd like to say welcome aboard, Mark. They put you down here by me for a reason, OK? You going to be OK.

I wanted to mention too. It's getting hot out there like some of my colleagues say. The street is not a playground for our children, peoples. You got plenty of parks in Garfield. We blessed to have all the parks here. We have Garfield Park. In Ward 1 we across from St. Tim's. At the Cranwood ball park, Forestdale for the children. In other communities, you also had nice parks.

Keep your children off the streets. Don't make the cars have to blow and wait for them to move. After all the signs said that they are not to be playing in the street from the beginning, so they don't need to be out there for their sake. You are the adults. Keep your children off the street. If I drive by, I ask them to move one time and I only ask one time only.

Second of all, I mentioned last week about the pit bulls. I have called in as I see them marching up and down the street after hours, etc. You are prohibited from having a dog in the city of Garfield Heights that is a pit bull. So you definitely don't need them when you're walking down. People are stepping out of their way. That's a problem right there.

Also, we have some homes that are starting to be a slight nuisance in some of the Wards. I know in my Ward. Where people have decided they want to run auto repair shops out of their yards, run a car wash in the yard also. You cannot be running a repair shop where people are parking in front of other people's homes waiting to get in your driveway to get your car repaired. Don't do it, people. OK? That's going to be a problem. When you're running car washes out of your yards, you got people playing music in front of other people's houses while they trying to wait to get into your yard to get their car washed. Don't do it. If I find out about it at one of the houses, I talk to you one time and I'm turning you into the city. So do not do it.

I'd like to say that you know we're not going to deal with some of the stuff we have been dealing with the last year because we have sometimes individuals in the community getting a little outrageous now. When you come into this city, you come to make it better for your families. That's why you moved to Garfield Heights. You want a better environment. You want something better for your children. You want to live in a better environment. You got to want to leave some of that trash behind you. If you bring your kids here, don't let your kids bring the troublemakers from wherever you lived before into our city if you are trying to get them away from there. Make the city proud of you. Most of all you got to make yourself proud of your city in order to make it work. With that, that's all it's going to be, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: I would just like to say I think everybody should give Mike a hand for what he just said.

CLMN DUDLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, everybody. I appreciate it.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion that we adjourn Council.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Clmn Nenadovich to adjourn Council Meeting, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed? Meeting adjourned.

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:47 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Joseph Suster, President of Council

Barbara Molin, Clerk of Council