

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO**

Monday, May 22, 2017

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

INVOCATION BY: Clmn Thomas Vaughn

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

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: The Reading and Disposal of the Minutes of May 8, 2017.

CLMN BURKE: Mr. President, I would like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 8, 2017 as written.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Clmn Burke to accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 8, 2017, 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.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there any legislation coming out of committee this evening?

CLMN NENADOVICH: No.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

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

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, yes, I do. We recently had our Gun Safety Program at the elementary schools in Garfield Heights. The Garfield Heights Family Resource Center Manager, Ruth Pollack, along with Detective Dillon and Officer Seawright presented the Gun Safety Program for all Third Grade classes in Garfield Heights City Schools in the week of May 15, 2017. This is the third year the Gun Safety Program has been offered. The Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program is a gun accident prevention program for children in Kindergarten through Fourth Grade. Since 1988, the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program has been taught by more than

26,000 teachers and law enforcement officials nationwide. Since 1988, the program has reached over 26 million children in all 50 States. The main teaching tool for the program is a cartoon video featuring Eddie Eagle and the Wing Team. Eddie and his friends teach children that if they ever come across a gun they need to stop, don't touch, run away and tell a grownup. After the 10-minute video, students have an opportunity to ask questions and to discuss gun safety with Officer Seawright, Detective Dillon and Ruth Pollack. This program is the third year we ran it, it is very successful. This is an unbelievably great program for the kids of Garfield Heights. Talking to Ruth, it's unbelievable how many guns these young third graders see lying around the house. I know there's a lot of concealed carry out there and it seems to be a big thing for everybody to have a gun today, but let's be safe because what these third graders are telling us there's a lot of people out here that the guns are just laying on the couch, laying on tables, so let's be mindful so we don't have to learn the hard way. I want to thank Dillon, Seawright along with our Family Resource Manager Ruth Pollack for once again a job well done. We appreciate it and we'll be doing that every year and if we can even enhance the program.

Next I wanted to talk about another program the Garfield Heights Family Resource Center once again, Manager Ruth Pollack is hosting a free self-defense class on Wednesday, June 21, 2017, from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Road. Christopher Ritondaro will be the instructor for the evening. Christopher is a Patrol Supervisor and Training Instructor for NASA Protective Services Training Academy. He is also a member of the Ohio Tactical Officers Association for Cuyahoga County.

Below are some of the topics that will be taught and demonstrated.

- Personal Defense--what to do if approached and how to protect yourself while walking;
- Home Defense- Christopher will go over layers of security you can have in your home;

- Basic Strikes, a variety of punches and kicks will be taught as well as how to use your hands, feet, elbows and knees to defend yourself;

- Your physical body will change, heart rate, adrenaline, blood circulation, breathing and metabolism. Something you need to be aware of.

- Behavioral Detection. Learn how to look for certain clues given by people that may indicate harmful intent.

All these topics and more will be covered on Wednesday, June 21, 2017. Participants must be 18 years and over. Registration is not necessary. If you have any questions, contact Ruth Pollack at (216) 475-1103. This is the second time we had this class. The last time was very successful. If you have an opportunity to come to these free classes, take advantage of it. These can only help you. We are happy to have these for the residents. So feel free to come and learn whatever needs to be learned.

The next thing I wanted to talk about is I had a resident ask for a meeting with me last week. Her concern was the city not being as clean as she thinks it is. About papers being down, this general look of the city was not clean. She wanted to know what we had done about it and what we can do about it. She's really a nice young lady. I explained to her that a couple years ago we went into the Court Community Service Program. We started a Court Community Service Program during the summer months only and it was very successful. We brought them in four days/week during the summer months only to help clean up the city. Because that program was so successful we last year brought them in all year long, even in the winter. On the snowy days, they helped clear the snow off of bridges, etc. Their main job is to clean the city. This year we

took it a step further. We not only use them four days /week, but we are using them a fifth day- as needed- to keep the city clean. The young lady said that herself and a few other neighbors were interested in doing their part for the city to help pick up litter. They wanted to do their part because it's really tough. You get the kids driving in their car they throw the McDonald's bag out the window. They're walking down they throw their cup out the window. It's hard to constantly have Court Community Service or somebody picking this up. So she requested from me if we would go out and buy the litter grabbers that residents could use to pick up the litter. I thought that these litter grabbers would be like \$10.00 each and of course, like everything else I learned nothing in this world is \$10.00 anymore so it was more expensive than we thought. What we are going to do is anybody that wants to use a grabber to pick up litter in the city, if you want to do this around your neighborhood, we're going to offer them at the Service Department and we'll have them. We're only going to have about 25 of them so you know, I'm asking you to do this to clean the neighborhood up, not to bring it home so you could have one when you need it around the house, this is something for the city. So we're going to put a little bit of an expense out to get these. Tim, did they come in yet?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: I'm not sure if they came in yet.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Give us another week or two for anybody that's interested. But if you want to help clean up the city, we're willing to help you with the resources to do it. That lady was more than happy. She asked for it and I'm glad to be able to respond to her.

Next, I wanted to talk about Memorial Day. On Monday, because of Turney Road, once again we are not having a parade, but we are having a memorial as we did last year right outside here by the Historical House. We're going to have a very proper memorial procedure. Following that we will come inside for coffee and bakery. I'm inviting everybody to come. We owe this to the Veterans. We owe it to all those men and women that gave their lives and paid the ultimate sacrifice and all Veterans everywhere. If you have an opportunity to stop by at 10:00 a.m., it's a very good ceremony.

With that, Mr. Chairman, I'm going to get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 31-2017 and Ordinance 32-2017 has to do with the Average Pay Fund for the Police and Fire Departments. If there's any questions, Barb Biro can respond. She put those figures together. Ordinance 33. We're expanding the usage of U-11 A and U-11 B districts. Ordinance 34 is Grand Division. I think this is on hold. I don't think we've received a response back from Cleveland yet. The intention is that Garfield Heights and Cleveland are partnering up to do Grand Division. Half of Grand Division is Garfield Heights and half is Cleveland.

With that, I wish everybody a Happy Memorial Day. Mr. Chairman, with that 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? I would just like to make one comment if I could. You know, people talk about the rubbish around the city. If you take a look in front of some of these businesses, they're probably the worse part of all of it.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, I couldn't agree with you more. We will be citing the businesses. One of my hopes is Turney Road being completely done, dressing up Turney Road will give the businesses some thought for pride to keep their businesses up too and I'm hoping that will be a big help. Many of the businesses complain that the street is bad, why do we want to clean it up? Why do we want to sweep it up? So they won't have that excuse now. That is just

some of the businesses. Most of the businesses certainly do their part to help the city, but I am hoping that this resurfacing of Turney Road will change a lot of their thinking.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mayor. Anybody else? There being none, we will call on Kevin Weiler, who is filling in for Tim this evening. Do you have a report this evening?

ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR KEVIN WEILER: I do not, since I am filling in, but if there are any questions or anything that I can answer for Member of the Council or the staff.

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

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: No report tonight.

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

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Yes, Sir, Mr. President. We are patching in Wards 6 and 7. We are about three streets from completing Ward 6 and maybe about half way through Ward 7. There are a few streets that we need to go and revisit: Valley Lane, some of the main streets like Antenucci, the lower part of Turney Road where we didn't have the time to stay in there and do a real extensive job and we are going to go back to those.

Also, after we have caught up here I will have the sweepers out sweeping the streets. I know they look bad because of all the broken up patch and the things that are along the curbs, the broken concrete, etc. After we get these caught up I will have them out and we will go on to doing some of the other tickets we have. We have tree tickets. We have not even gotten to any of the grass tickets yet, but hopefully in the next week or two we will be able to start getting some of those. 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. Bob, do you have a report for us this evening?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Yes, Mr. President and Council Members, good evening. The only thing I have tonight is summer signups begin Tuesday May 30th. Thank you.

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

CLMN VAUGHN: Summer signups for what?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Summer program. Swimming, Tom. That's common sense.

CLMN VAUGHN: No.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: T-ball is complete. Softball is complete. The fitness class is complete, so we begin summer signups for swimming May 30, 2017.

CLMN VAUGHN: I was just shocked it was so short, Bob. That's all.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Moving on we'll 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. Regarding Ordinance 34, as the Mayor mentioned, this is for the combined resurfacing of Grand Division with the city of Cleveland. If they do not come through for some reason or sign their agreement, we'll of course not do the work. We do want the support of the Council so we're ready to go as soon as they approve there.

Regarding Multi-street Phase III, (that's the next grouping of streets). That project bids on June 8, 2017. We should see the work start probably late summer by the time we have all the approvals. That's the next grouping of streets. That's my report.

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO: Thank you, Mr. President. Yes, I do. In regards to Ordinance 24-2017, it's the Third Reading on the ordinance for the re-issuance of the \$2.5 million note of the monies that we borrowed last year. We are asking Council's support on this. The pricing will be done the third week in June and at the instruction of the Mayor, we will begin paying down this \$2.5 million. We're going to begin with \$100,000.00, but as our debt continues to go down, each year we will be adding more repayment on this note until it is paid off.

Ordinance 31 and 32 is a requirement of the Charter in regards to the Police and Fire salary. The average pay surveys were done and the Police Department--three out of the four departments will be receiving their first raise of less than 1%. They haven't gotten one since we changed the Charter in 2015, I believe and this will be the first year for the Police Department. In the Fire Department, three out of the six will be receiving a raise and this will be their second year that they will be receiving a raise after the Charter change. So we're asking support for 31 and 32. That is my report. Thank you, Mr. President.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSON: Absent.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Barb. Are there any questions of Barb on her report? Are there any questions of Barb on her report? There being none we'll move on to Economic Development Director Noreen Kuban. Noreen, do you have a report?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I'm referring to Ordinance 33-2017. This is to clean up a few items about the U 11-B zoning code. I believe the Mayor mentioned that.

Also, the Garfield Heights Chamber of Commerce along with the Southeast Chamber of Commerce will be having a golf outing on Wednesday, June 21, 2017. Golfers are welcome. You can also come to dinner only and businesses or anyone else can sponsor the event. The Chamber phone number is (216) 475-7775. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Are there any questions of Noreen on her report? Are there any questions of Noreen on her report? Next, we'll have Building Commissioner Mark Moro. Would you have a report this evening?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: I do not, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. That concluded the Reports of the Mayor and the Directors. Now we'll 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: Does anyone have any comments on tonight's agenda? There being none, we'll move on to Committee Reports. Do we have any Committee Reports this evening?

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Moving right along, we'll go into Ordinances and Resolutions, beginning with Ordinance 24-2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2017

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF INCOME TAX REVENUE BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVING STREETS AND ROADS IN THE CITY BY RESURFACING, GRADING, DRAINING, CURBING, PAVING, AND IMPROVING, RECONSTRUCTING AND CONSTRUCTING CATCH BASINS, AND MAKING OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER FOR A THIRD READING:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

CLMN BURKE: Mr. President, I think this is the Third Reading.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK.

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: Ordinance 24-2017 passes on the Third Reading with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 31-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING GARFIELD HEIGHTS ORDINANCE NO. 30-2016 TO UPDATE THE SALARIES OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR 2017 IN ACCORDANCE WITH GARFIELD HEIGHTS ORDINANCE NO. 14-2017 AND SECTION 41 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER

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 31-2017 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 32-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 29-2016 TO REFLECT INCREASED SALARIES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 41 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER

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 32-2017 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 33-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1138.03 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS TO UPDATE WHICH BUILDINGS ARE PERMITTED TO BE LOCATED WITHIN U-11A AND U-11B DISTRICTS

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 33-2017 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 34-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CLEVELAND FOR THE RESURFACING OF GRAND DIVISION AVENUE

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:

CLMN NENADOVICH: Before I vote, I would like to say a long time coming. Dave, thank you for the work you've been doing on that. I hope Cleveland jumps onboard. Mayor, thank you for the efforts that you put into this, too. I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 34-2017 passes with 7 Yes votes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT SUSTER: That concludes all the Ordinances this evening. 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 that would like to speak this evening?

Mary Ryan, 5014 East 114th Street. Hi. This is directed to the Mayor because he did not bring it up again at this meeting or last Council Meeting and we discussed it. About the medical marijuana building or whatever it's going to be on Transportation Blvd. So I want to know because it was in the paper in April that they have deadlines. I would like to know what's happening with that because did they apply and we just wait?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: To be perfectly honest with you, Mary, since my initial contact with the people that wanted to put a farm in Garfield Heights I have never received any contact since

then. Mr. Riley has called back twice. There's been no return call. At this late date, I would have to assume that they chose to go somewhere else, but that is for the farm. There still are dispensaries that are out there. There are three forms to this thing so we are keeping an open mind to it. We certainly have not made a decision. We are keeping an open mind to it because this may be an advantage for the city to bring in some tax dollars that are badly needed, but as far as the farm goes, although I haven't heard anything, my guess is that they are heading somewhere else.

MS. RYAN: That's too bad. Thank you.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Mr. Suster. This Thursday night will be Ward 7's Block Watch. We will be in the pavilion at St. Monica's. Please come join us for an enjoyable evening.

Also I ask that as many residents as possible be able to join us on Memorial Day. Please come out. Join us on the square as we gather together to honor those who have given their lives for this country. It's always a nice ceremony. Please take a few minutes out.

I also want to congratulate all the graduates, whether it's from high school, college, grad school, whatever professional school. Congratulations to you. It is important that we keep in mind as we saw those great 10 individuals that were here before us a couple weeks ago, it is important we keep educating these people and letting them build. Our future is based upon them.

I want to wish everybody a Happy Memorial Day. Be safe. Drive safely. That's all I have, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: OK. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First off, I will piggyback on my colleague down there, Clmn Vaughn. Congratulations to all the graduates because education is very important. We know that. I always say the power of the pen is one of the most powerful tools you could ever have. I wish all of them the best in any future endeavors they may have.

Also, I wanted to say I was really happy with the Riversweep that we had up in the Ward 1 area. And for those in the city that helped also to put it together. I don't remember who all was involved, Noreen, but they did a great job. I mean all of the young people that came out. They went down and got them tires. You don't have a clue how much trash is in Alvin Woods. There was a lot. My sons went out and put it inside the front-end loader and it was a lot of mess that came out of the woods down there. I look forward to more people participating next year. The youth that came out was unbelievable. Mayor, you should have saw them--like a little army, you know. I really enjoyed it.

Also I want to mention, too, that I received a complaint so I want people to know I am aware of it. We are having a little issue with the football squad that is going on up there at Cranwood

Park. I am aware of it and I have talked to one of the fellows who coaches a team over there on the matter that the calls came in about leaving their stuff in the wrong way. It's been worked on. If not I think we will have to do the same thing we done last year. We'll have to ask them to move to another location. I'm hoping that it will work out because you got a lot of young kids and it's a program to keep them out of trouble; keep them out of the street. We're going to try to make this successful, but if not we will take the necessary action to do what we have to do. You go to live across the street from them. OK.

Also, Memorial Day is coming up. Let's everybody be safe. Be careful of the people that are drinking and driving out there. Whatever you do if you got to drink, don't drive. We want all the families to be safe.

Last but not least, I know we got some high grass and we have not been forgotten on the high grass issue. I got to cut back my corner. They know about the high grass and they going to take care of it. You had a lot of wet saturation that came down and made the grass grow a little quicker than normal. So be a little patient. It's going to be taken care of.

I wish everybody a Happy and safe Memorial Day. That's all Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Joe?

CLMN LAMALFA: I don't have anything, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Clmn Nenadovich?

CLMN NENADOVICH: Yes, I only have the one thing. I want everybody to come down to the Memorial Day ceremonies out here. Tom, what time are they held at St. Monica's? Do you know?

CLMN VAUGHN: Eight a.m.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Eight a.m.? They have a beautiful ceremony there with the Catholic War Vets. Remember what the day is for. It's not just a day off with pay. Somebody had to die probably to get a day off so you could enjoy it with your family. So let's remember the Vets. It's not only the soldiers and sailors and armed services, but the police and the fire that gave their lives. Remember that. They are also Veterans and they deserve the same respect.

I wish everybody a Happy Memorial Day.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Clmn Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, Mr. President. Starting off, the city's looking a lot better and cleaner. The grass cutting crew is doing a good job. There's a few that need to be cutting yet.

Just remember the construction workers, our city service department workers are out in the street. Safety first. Slow down.

Memorial Day is a day to remember our heroes. They are in the grave. That's what Memorial Day is all about. It's our freedom and right to be here. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: All right. I concur with Clmn Glenn. I would just like to wish on behalf of my family that everybody has a Happy and safe Memorial Day.

I would also at this time, like to congratulate Kevin Weiler and his wife on their new baby that they got Saturday. They became grandparents again. So congratulations. That's all I have.

CLMN BURKE: Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to say thank you to the people that attended the cookout on May 10th for the Community Awareness Meeting. We had over 70 attendees and it was really nice to see people interact with one another. It wasn't always the same group that comes. We had a few new faces. I would like to say thank you to Garfield Heights Citizens United for supplying all the hot dogs and hamburgers, they actually (through Citizens United) they got Tiffany's Pizza to donate a pizza and Starbucks to donate some coffee. I want to thank Doug Piasek for his wonderful job cooking those hot dogs and hamburgers. He did a great job. And anybody who brought a dish. It was really well attended and really well put together. It was nice to see the residents interact with one another and come out for an event like that.

I also would like to wish everybody a Happy Memorial Day. Remember the Vets for their service. Sadly, I won't be able to attend the Memorial on Monday. I'm going to be out of town with some family remembering my Dad and some of my other family members that have lost their lives and moved on so.

That's all I have. With that, I would like to make a motion that we adjourn.

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:33 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Joseph Suster
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council