

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

Monday, May 23, 2016

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

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Michael T. Nenadovich

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Roll call please.

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 9, 2016.

CLMN BURKE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council of Garfield Heights for Monday, May 9, 2016 as written.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Clmn Burke to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Garfield Heights City Council of May 9, 2016, 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:

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mr. Chairman, this evening I would like to have Ordinance 24-2016 come out of Legislation and put on the order of regular business.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. On the motion made by Clmn Nenadovich to remove Ordinance 24-2016 out of the Legislative Committee, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: 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 would like to read a flyer that we received about Flag Day.

%Scout Flag Retirement Ceremony. Wanted. Old, torn, worn out American flags. This is being done by the Boy Scout troops of St. Monica's Troop 389, St. Martin of Tours Troop 380, St. Therese Pack 361, St. Charles Pack 73, St. Barnabas Troop 575, Seven Hills Troop 190, St. John Lutheran Pack 137 and Sts. Peter and Paul Troop 220. This will be done on Flag Day, Saturday June 11, 2016 at St. Martin of Tours Church grounds, 14600 Turney Road, Maple Heights, Ohio. The time will be 3:00 p.m. for the cutting of the flags, 4:30 p.m. they are going to have a Mass, 5:30 p.m. a ceremony and burning of the flags. For more information you can contact Paul Blados, Troop 389, at area code (216) 524-0397.+

This is really a nice ceremony. I have went to a couple of them. They really do a great job and this would be a great thing to attend.

Next, I want to talk a little bit. Noreen Kuban brought up last Meeting about the Weatherization Program. I just want to once again tell the residents, tell Council, talk to your residents. The Cleveland Housing Network offers a Weatherization Program to income eligible residents to reduce energy consumption and lower utility bills, other repairs related to weatherization, such as carbon monoxide alarms, furnace and hot water tank repair/replacement. This is a great program. It is based on your income, of course. Some of our low income people in Garfield Heights, and we certainly have plenty of them, should take advantage of an opportunity like this. So the low-income people that reside in your Wards, please let them know to call the Cleveland Housing Network Weatherization Helpline at 1-888-377-3774. Thank you.

I would also like to remind everyone that Monday, Memorial Day, at 10:00 a.m. we will be having a ceremony here. We have it every year. It really is a great touch. We have a couple of the mothers from our favorite sons who passed away in services who are here to help with the ceremony. It is really done well. We have a lot of Veterans here. The Police and Fire join in, as all of Council do. Please join us Memorial Day, 10:00 a.m., for the ceremony and after the ceremony is done, we will come into the city hall for some refreshments.

The next thing I wanted to talk about. You know, we always talk about the negative part of the kids, the juveniles in this entire country. Every time I'm involved in something with the kids in Garfield Heights, it amazes me every time. I was asked to send off our kids from the middle school to go to Washington, DC for one of their school projects. I have to tell you there was about 35/34 Eighth Graders and I couldn't believe how well behaved they are. When I was speaking, you couldn't hear a sound. They're better behaved than my Council people here, they really are. I say that jokingly, but I mean it. You hear so many things about these kids that are bad and I see them in a different light. I was proud to be a part of that. They should be proud. They sent me pictures back from Washington. They really did a great job.

With that said, I want to talk about something that's been going on for a couple of years. The Boys and Girls Club is starting up again this summer and will continue year round. June 2nd is the deadline for signups. Ninety is the total number of children that they're going to accept. They are ages from 6 . 10 and 11- 14. It will be held at the Garfield Heights Middle School. The cost for the summer program from June 6th . August 14th is \$20.00. The Boys and Girls Club has been a collective effort that we put together from the schools, the Court, along with the city. They're really done a great job with this. We had a summer program once before. We are going to start it this summer. It is going to go through August and then the program is going to start

year round, but the summer program is what we're talking about now. They gave me a schedule and agenda of what the kids do. They spend part of their time doing math, writing, they do some crafts, they do some gymnastics, they do computer work. It's a great program plus they get free meals. So please contact my office and I'll give you whatever information you need. This is being handled directly through the school, but it's been an effort from the city and the Court and I would be remiss if I did not say that Judge Nicastro has spearheaded this thing. She's done a phenomenal job putting it together. The Boys and Girls Club have a great reputation and ours will be known as the Garfield Heights Boys and Girls Club. If you know of anybody that would be interested, please let us know because June 2nd, which is next week, the applications stop and they are only going to take 90 so get a hold of everybody as soon as you can.

Also, we received some good news. If you read about it in the paper or heard about it.

Cuyahoga County to create a one-stop shop for auto titles, licenses and drivers exams in Garfield Heights. Cuyahoga County plans to offer one stop shop to get drivers licenses and transfer auto titles at a new Garfield Heights license bureau next year. The move is an attempt to entice dealers on the nearby Bedford Auto Mile to transfer titles in Cuyahoga County rather than use the Summit County office in Northfield. The County loses hundreds of thousands of dollars yearly in title fees because dealers say other counties offer better service. Cuyahoga County loses about \$800,000.00/year in fees because auto dealers seeking better service attain vehicle titles in other counties.

The County will pay \$3.2 million for a five-year lease beginning February 1st in City View Center in Garfield Heights, 4.5 miles from the Bedford Auto Mile. The lease would have a five-year renewal. It is leasing three units in the center located on Transportation Blvd. at Interstate 480. One will be used for an auto title branch office. The other two will be sub-leased to the Ohio Department of Public Safety for a drivers exam testing center and another for a Deputy Registrar Office where people can register vehicles, obtain license plates and get drivers licenses.+

As it says here, they are looking to open February 1st of next year. This is going to bring thousands of people into City View Center. We're going to get some activity over there. Whenever you get thousands of people around, that's when businesses start looking around at ways of making money so we're looking at this to spearhead the City View Center to get it really rolling. We're really happy. We appreciate everything the County did. They are putting a lot of money into this. They are investing a lot into the city of Garfield Heights and we certainly do appreciate it.

With that said, Mr. Chairman, I move on to tonight's legislation. Ordinance 20. The issuing of bonds for the resurfacing of the roads. Ordinance 26. Barb is going to explain it in her report. It's an increase in her petty cash. Ordinance 27 and 28. Let me explain this. We all know that the last couple years (probably longer than that) our employees have gone without raises. That is Union and not Union. Basically they've done this because they know we're in a financial crunch. We're starting to ease out of that financial crunch, but we're still very skeptical about how much money we have to pass around before we see what the budget looks like this year. So once again, this year they will not be receiving a raise. I'm not proud to say that because they certainly deserve and are entitled to a raise. In lieu of that, I am asking Council to approve two additional personal days for all employees in the city of Garfield Heights. It certainly doesn't make up for a raise, losing a raise for this many years, but at least it shows our appreciation to the employees of Garfield Heights and I urge Council to pass Ordinance 27 and 28. Ordinance 29 and Ordinance 30 is in regards to the Average Pay Fund for the Police and Fire. Basically

very few raises, if any. There's only a few guys that received anything and the amount that they received is not much to speak of. It's a half a percent raise, but I urge Council to pass that. That is something that's been going on in Garfield Heights since back in the 1970s. Now we continue to do that every year. Ordinance 31. We are entering into an agreement with the Board of Health regarding storm water activities. Mr. Chairman, you have my legislative report.

As long as I'm at the mike, Mr. Dobies, who is on a mission of mercy for the city (and we'll talk about it another Meeting) he is doing something today for the city. He couldn't be here. We needed him there. I have his report and I know everyone is eager to hear this report so I'll read it word for word.

Dear Council,
Sorry I couldn't attend. End of report.+

Just kidding.

Grass cutting has been underway and as of last week the entire city has been cut for the first time. We have added properties to our original list of 726 properties and now have 863 properties. Please understand as we get the additional properties they have to be posted for 48 hours before we can cut them. With that, we continue to work in specific Wards to remain productive. If the property is bad, we send a crew out to cut. Please have patience and we will take care of it. On a good note as we have posted many additional properties all of a sudden they get cut and that's a good thing. That means the program is working. Please be advised if you get posted, but maintain your property there are no charges applied to anybody.

The pool will tentatively open on June 11th, 1:00 p.m. If anyone is interested in becoming a lifeguard, please stop by the Rec and pick up an application. So there are no questions, we will only hire certified lifeguards.

The Rec office is open for registrations for the summer season, pool passes, I.D. cards, registrations to Learn to Swim classes. Fitness summer classes are also available at this time. Classes begin Tuesday June 14th through September and they are held at the Fire Station No. 1.

We will offer Christmas in July again this year on July 23rd again from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We will again partner with the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots Program. You may drop off donations from June 13th . July 31st.

The 40th Annual Dog Show will be August 7th. This is a free event for children 4 . 14. They can show off their dogs. This event is sponsored annually by our own Dr. Richard Thompson of the Family Pet Clinic and emceed by our own Cleveland weatherman, Mr. Dick Goddard of Fox 8 TV. Deadline for applications is August 3rd. Don't get left out.

Last, we have all the All-Sport Parade this year. This will take place Sunday, June 5th. Momentum Church will be providing the music, water and hot dogs as they did a couple of years ago. For a fun family afternoon, please join us for the Little League Parade and the afterwards fun.+

Mr. Chairman, you have Mr. Dobies report and believe me, it was summarized.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Absent.

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? Are there any questions of the Mayor on Mr. Dobies report?

CLMN GLENN: Can you please inform Mr. Dobies there is an additional list on grass cutting? He's not here today so he's going to add 10 more to that number you gave.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: That may be one of the reasons he didn't come tonight. I will certainly bring it to his attention, Gene. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any other questions of the Mayor on Mr. Dobies report? There being none, we'll move on to our Law Director Tim Riley. Do you have a report for us this evening?

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

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

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No report.

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

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Yes, Mr. President. We're about 90% through the side streets in patching. Hopefully we can get through the rest of them this week and I have some areas I have to go back to some main streets like Antenucci, Transportation, some different areas, but hopefully if the weather holds out we should be through all the Wards by the end of the week. We're actually working in Ward 5 right now at the end of it. We're at Rockside Road. Hopefully we'll get done.

The Household Hazardous Waste Roundup, I want to remind you again. The dates are Tuesday, May 31st through Friday, June 3rd from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Service Garage. Monday June 6th through Friday June 10th, same time, 7:30 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 11th is the shred at the Service Garage, 13600 McCracken from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. 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? We'll move on to City Engineer, Dave Krock. Do you have a report for us this evening?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I do. Just two items tonight, Mr. Chairman. First of all on East 135th Street in Ward 1, just to give the residents a heads up. I did meet with a few on Friday. They had a large sinkhole open up there. We're doing what we need to do in terms of safety right now. We hope by July we'll be under construction fixing the whole sewer system there.

Secondly, I just want to report that we did receive just over \$1 million from Cleveland Water with four new streets to be replaced as we've done with the other ones like the ones we just paved in

Ward 3 and Burleigh and 85th, Mountview, Havana, Richland and Darlington in different sections of those. Anyway, good news, we are getting some additional funding. That's all I have.

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO: Thank you, Mr. President. On Ordinance 20 it's a third and final reading this evening. It's in regards to the issuance of the \$2.5 million note. Just a reminder to Council that the \$2 million is a refinance from last year's road improvements and we are asking for an additional \$500,000.00 for the repair of Warner Road and as you know, also the repair of East 135th.

Ordinance 26. I am requesting an increase of the petty cash fund from \$100.00 to \$200.00. In the history that I found I believe we have been working with \$100.00 since the 1970's and I am asking for the increase for a more efficient flow of petty cash in the Finance Department.

Ordinance 29 and 30, to go off the Mayor's report, it is the annual ordinances for the Average Pay Fund and Ordinance 30 for the Police Department, due to the Charter change that the residents passed several years ago, the Police Department will be receiving no increase this year. The Fire Department, three out of the six positions will receive a slight minimal increase as the Mayor stated, less than one percent. That's my report.

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

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS: Yes, I do. Just a couple of quick announcements. For the second year in a row, Ruth Pollack from our Family Resource Center is in the process of going into all the 3rd Grade classes in the Garfield Heights School District to teach the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Program. She was accompanied by high school Resource Officer, James Seawright, for the 3rd Grade classes at Maple Leaf School and Doug Dillon, the middle school Resource Officer, accompanied her for the 3rd Grade classes at William Foster and Elmwood.

This is a great program that Ruth used to do with Heather, who retired from the Garfield Heights Police Department. The kids all do receive an Eddie Eagle comic book, a sticker and most importantly, they do get a letter to share with their family and their parents to go over what they've learned about gun safety. I think we are all aware of how many fatalities and injuries are at the hands of a gun that's in someone's home. So this is a great program that Ruth runs in cooperation with the Police Department. So that's in its second year.

Also the Family Resource Center is supporting an effort: The Ohio Diaper Bank Makes a Difference Program. It is to support the Cuyahoga County Diaper Bank. The goals of the diaper bank are to insure that children stay eligible for daycare as most facilities do require parents to supply their own diapers. I think people forget sometimes how expensive that can be. Many families unfortunately are unable to drop their children off at daycare if they do not have a supply of diapers. So we are supporting this effort. If anyone would like to drop off a donation of diapers, you can do so at city hall or contact Ruth in the Family Resource Center. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of Kathy on her report? Are there any questions of Kathy on her report? We'd move on to Economic Development Director, Noreen Kuban. Do you have a report for us this evening?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Thank you, Mr. President, I have no report tonight.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Building Commissioner, Bill Wervey. Do you have a report for us this evening?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: I have no report this evening, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Next, we'd move on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's agenda. Would the Clerk please read the rules?

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: 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'd move on to Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinance 20-2016. Would the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2016

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, RE-CONSTRUCTING 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 BY TITLE:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Suspension of the Three Reading Rule.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Point of Order, you don't need to suspend the Three Reading Rule on this. It's the Third Reading.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mr. Law Director. OK. Waiver of Rule 24. All in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed.

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

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

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 20-2016 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2016

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS TO INCREASE COUNCIL TERMS FROM TWO YEARS TO FOUR YEARS.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Tim, correct me if I'm wrong. Do we have to consider by title or do I make a motion to pass for a Second Reading?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Consider by title.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion to pass for a Second Reading.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Clmn Nenadovich to pass at a Second Reading. All in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: That will go on the agenda for the next Council Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2016

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO INCREASE THE PETTY CASH FUND FOR THE DAILY OPERATIONAL USE OF THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

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

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Point of Order, Mr. Chairman. There should be a Waiver of Rule 24.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: No. Not on petty cash. It's only 200 bucks.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Anything that has to do with money with the city that has to be sent to Finance Committee has to waive Rule 24.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: All right.

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 26 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-2016

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE GRANTING ALL FULL-TIME AND PERMANENT PART-TIME ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES TWO (2) ADDITIONAL PERSONAL DAYS TO BE USED WITHIN THE 2016 CALENDAR YEAR.

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 27-2016 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-2016

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE GRANTING ALL UNION MEMBERS OF THE OPBA (PATROLMEN), FOP - LODGE 67 SERGEANTS & ABOVE, FOP -JAILERS/RECORDS CLERKS, AFSCME, AND FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 340, I.A.F.F., TWO (2) ADDITIONAL PERSONAL DAYS TO BE USED WITHIN THE 2016 CALENDAR YEAR.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 28 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-2016

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 20-2015 TO REFLECT INCREASED SALARIES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER AMENDMENT TO SECTION 41.

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 29-2016 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 30-2016

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 19-2015 TO REFLECT SALARIES OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER AMENDMENT TO SECTION 41.

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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 30-2016 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 31-2016

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES, BY THE BOARD, TO PERFORM PHASE II STORMWATER ACTIVITIES AND TO PROVIDE OTHER SERVICES IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE CITY'S COMPLIANCE WITH ITS NPDES PERMIT FOR STORMWATER, PER THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT/CONTRACT.

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 31-2016 passes with 7 Yes votes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We will now move on to Comments by Citizens. If the Clerk would 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? Is there anyone that has any comments this evening?

Jimmy Thomas, 11006 Granger Road. Mr. Suster is my Councilman. I would like to thank the Council and I would like to thank the Police Department. You guys are great. For the trouble we had on our street. I'd also like to ask you about rules and regulations with the Section 8. Are there any rules and regulations with Section 8? It seems like it just gets out of hand. I been dealing with me and my neighbors back here in the back row we been dealing with it for four/five years with two different families. I think everyone in here is kind of aware what's been going on. I won't speak too much because I think everybody knows.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. If I could, unless you want to tell him, Chief, about the lady there?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Well to answer your question, there are rules and regulations and we've used some of these rules and regulations. She was sentenced to, I believe, 90 days in jail.

MR. THOMAS: You know what? I don't mean to cut you off, but since you put her away, it's been just as peaceful over there.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Excuse me. You have to talk into the microphone.

MR. THOMAS: I'm sorry. Thank you very much. You guys are on the ball.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Thank you and thank you for your patience. I know it does not always go as quickly as people would like, but we do have to follow the law and follow the rules of the Court.

MR. THOMAS: I understand that. It's been five years with two different families that same thing. I thank you very much.

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

Jennifer Epifano, 11026 Granger Road. I've been dealing with, I believe the address is 11920 Granger Road, for four/five years now. Thank you to everybody who has helped. I guess what I want to know is now what happens? We have an out of State or out of the country homeowner who does not take care of the property; it's a Section 8 home. He doesn't care who he rents to. If this home isn't deemed a nuisance home and tore down, what is the purpose of removing this resident when God knows what else we're going to get in there?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: I think the Chief has written a letter to get it declared a nuisance home.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: We did and it's more focused on the lady that we were just speaking of. I will follow up with CMHA and see what recourse we have as far as the owner and

his future tenants and make sure of that. They're very much aware of the problems we've had there.

MRS. EPIFANO: Do they care? They rent to anybody as long as they have a voucher?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: I'm not totally familiar with all of CMHA's rules, but I can tell you that.

MRS. EPIFANO: That's what I want to know. Is there a book I can look this up in?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: I don't know, but here's what I can tell you. When we had the original problem we contacted CMHA. We spoke directly with their police department and they started a process like I said, I thank you for your patience. It doesn't always go as quickly as people would like. We seem to have taken care of that problem and I understand your concern about a potential future problem so I'm going to follow up with them and see what we can do about dealing down with the owner and preventing him from bringing somebody else in.

MRS. EPIFANO: What is the rule in Garfield Heights for owning a home that you rent? Do you need to live in Garfield? Do you need to live in the United States? I've done some research on this owner and he owns four different companies that all own a part within this home so it transferred hands again. I'm not sure what. Do we have an ordinance that states anything regarding these homes?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, if I may?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Go ahead.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: We have owners of homes in Garfield Heights that are throughout the country and probably in another country. I don't know that for a fact, but I know they're throughout the country. It's happening all over the world. It's the biggest problem, the foreclosure problem, etc. Once these houses go down people pick them up for a couple of thousand dollars and they rent for a time when they think they can take money. The hard part is we cite these houses, we take them to Court and they put a warrant out for their arrest. They live in Colorado. If they should drive through Garfield Heights and get stopped, they'd get put in jail. We can't send anybody to Colorado to pick them up. The very hard part about this is just like the house you're talking about on Granger. We can deal with the people that are there just like they did. We can deal with that, but it's hard to put restrictions on who you can rent the house to. It's very hard to do that. You have to wait to see, basically, when they get in there. Actually, Section 8 homes and HUD homes have restrictions where these people get these vouchers and coupons to move into these homes and they have rules that they have to follow. If they don't follow those rules, we can't get them evicted. It's just not an easy process. I can't assume that somebody is going to be bad before they even come in.

MRS. EPIFANO: We're past that. What happens when they don't pay their taxes? I looked this home up.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: We have probably \$3.5 to \$4 million in delinquent taxes that would come directly to the city of Garfield Heights if everyone paid their taxes. Unfortunately, there's some laws that don't work in our favor. Just like if you want to evict somebody. Sometimes it takes up to a year to get them out of the house. Is that fair to the landlord? Probably not, but you have those groups out there that fight for that. It's a tough question you ask. The only thing we

can do is try to make sure that we come down on the people that need to be come down on. But the landlords, there's no requirement anywhere that a landlord has to live in Garfield Heights to own a house. He can live anywhere.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Jennifer, what did you say? How much is he behind in the taxes on that house?

MRS. EPIFANO: I think it's \$8,100.00.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: \$81,000.00.

MRS. EPIFANO: It was less than that. It was 2 ½ years since the home switched hands to a new owner. There's three to four different companies involved in this home with one owner. After SWAT went out, not this last time but the first time, it's been three times SWATs. Two for that house. He sold the company again or sold the home again to another company that he owns. I don't get it. I will never understand his reasoning on that. I'm hoping we can do something. I'd like to see the home come down.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Let me ask you this. I know the house. I pass it up because of all the reports. Joe Suster calls me every damn week about it.

MRS. EPIFANO: That's my fault.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I'm just kidding. I'm glad he does it. The outside of the home as far as the grass, etc. seems to be maintained.

MRS. EPIFANO: Garfield just did it. Thank you very much, Joe.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: We're cutting that lawn?

MRS. EPIFANO: While she sat on her front porch.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Somebody down the road there is going to pay \$200.00 every time we cut the grass. So if they go to sell that house, that does not go away. That stays with it. That assessment on it stays with them. Down the road we hope to get paid. Whether we do or not I don't know. How is the rest of the house maintained? I don't know.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: They have a shed in the back that the doors are hanging off of. The garage door is hanging off. There's a car sitting back there that should be towed out of there.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Wervey, do we have that house cited?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: We've got it cited for a number of things, your honor, and we posted it for grass I think the day after the last Council Meeting so that Parks & Rec is cutting it. It's cited for a number of things. We from time to time try to cite the owners for the late trash, etc. as we've heard from multiple sources the owner is not making himself very available to us. At one point, there was a local representative of the owner that I believe we've had in Court, but that does not go very far either because he claims he doesn't get funding, etc., etc.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: OK. The people that are in the house now, Bill, are they through HUD or Section 8?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: They are CMHA program but that was revoked to the best of my knowledge. The contract was revoked. That's the last thing I heard maybe a week or 10 days ago.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: They have had an eviction notice?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Yeah.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: When the lady was sentenced to Court, she was also notified that she was being evicted from the house. Am I correct, Chief?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: I honestly don't know if she's being evicted from the house.

MRS. EPIFANO: I think they moved. They were loading garbage bags.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: My understanding is CMHA was in the process of doing that when that occurred. Now whether they officially got that paperwork or the eviction notice was started I can't say.

MRS. EPIFANO: I don't have a lot of faith. June 8th of last year she was in a Section 8 home and in two weeks, I think, she moved into this home on Granger. So she still has her house. Something's lacking.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Jennifer, your time is up.

MRS. EPIFANO: I'm sorry.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: The fact that the contract is revoked does not necessarily mean there's an eviction. The eviction is between the property owner and the tenant because they revoke the CMHA contract that does not prohibit them from paying rent directly to the landlord. So I don't believe CMHA could do an eviction there because it's not property they own.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman. Jennifer, if you would, after the meeting could you see me for a minute?

MRS. EPIFANO: Yes.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: OK. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mayor. Yes.

Kevin Wasick, 10914 Granger Road. I live right next door to this lovely house. I have a big concern about safety. You're saying she's in jail. There's people in her house. In and out of her house. With this family and the last family, it's like I'm going to do some remodeling on my home, but I'm afraid to because it's still going to be standing. It's a concern when you're disabled and a cop knocks on your door and tells you to go in the basement because SWAT's coming. I mean, come on. If I had little kids I'd really be on a soapbox, but I don't. It's a question

of safety. With all this going on it seems like the safety is like second. Everybody's worried about the ordinances and I understand that that has to be met, etc. but there's a huge safety thing. They stole the basketball hoop from my neighbor on the other side. Rolled it right through my yard. They took care of it and they returned it. But still that's brazen and that's the house on the other side of me. What are they going to start taking of mine? I used to have parties, cookouts, etc. and I don't anymore because I'm concerned about what's going to be happening in the house next door.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We're hoping with everything the Police Department is doing and the Building Department all these things are going to be corrected.

MS. WASICK: I hope so because this is like the second time now.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: I knew about the first time also.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, if I may. You know, believe me we feel the pain because this is happening in more than just where you are. This happens in different places throughout the city and we face much of the same things trying to get rid of somebody. The reality is that many times people think the city does not take action, but our hands are tied. When we bring a SWAT team in there, we arrest somebody and we get them to Court, there's not a whole lot more we can do than that and the Judge gives them 90 days. I don't know anything about that part of the law so I don't know if those 90 days was proper, much or not much. However, after the 90 days is over, we really can't do anything with our part of the law if they come back. We got to hope that we can get them evicted through the process to get them out of there. We did that the first time and everybody was happy when that first family left and you got a family just as bad or worse. We don't know who will come in the third time. It's hard for us to say that. You might have a great neighbor. We don't know that and it's very hard. We don't want to see people like that moving in. That's the last thing we want to see. Please understand that our hands are tied. We understand your pain and if we can get them evicted, we'll get them out of there.

The hard part is figuring out what to do with the next group that comes in. Cross our fingers and hope they're good neighbors. If they're not, we take the same action, but hopefully this works out for you this time. If they're evicted and they're gone, I don't want to say what are the chances you get another bad family living there, but hopefully you catch a break on this one. I know it's not what you want to hear but please understand there's not a lot we can do when the law is involved. We have to follow the law.

MS. WASICK: Just before these people were moving in, because there was a situation with the driveways, etc. there was a woman that knocked on my door and asked if she can park in my driveway. She was waiting for someone from the city to show up. I asked her if she was the renter or whatever and she said no, I'm waiting for somebody from the city to come. I said do you know how much they are asking for rent, because I know somebody that may be very interested in renting that house, depending on how much the rent is or if they're willing to dicker. She said well they're considering it a two-family home and they want \$1,000.00/month. I don't know what Section 8 is, but if they can afford a \$1,000.00 home for her, sign me up. You know? Come on. This has been like five years and I understand that your hands are tied, etc., but it's just we, as the neighbors. Jim's on one side of her. At least he's got a driveway between them. My driveway's right next to them.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. I'm sorry, but your time is up.

MS. WASICK: OK. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone else that has anything to say this evening?

Sean Fitzgibbon, 10914 Granger Road. What does it take to actually declare a house a nuisance home? How many times does something wrong, police be called, etc. to make this? Is there a number to declare this house a nuisance home?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: That's already been treated and already been done.

MR. FITZGIBBON: OK. What comes after that? Just more paperwork and more months go by and more shots fired?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: That's the way it is. It's not if something is declared a nuisance and tomorrow morning they are on their way out. Everything takes time. Like the lady that was the mother of the kids that were in there, she is serving 90 days in jail right now and from what I understood, she was told that she was going to have to be out of the house soon as she gets out of jail. That's only hearsay. Everything takes time. It does not happen overnight, unless our Law Director could shed some light on that?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Well, I think talking with the Police Chief, the process that took place to declare them a nuisance when the police had been called out to them many times. After that, you can assess them the cost of the police response there. That does not get them evicted from the home.

MR. FITZGIBBON: What was the date of the house being declared a nuisance home?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: The first warning we were required to send out was after the first squad call out in February.

MR. FITZGIBBON: February 19th. 12:50 a.m. Anything else you want to know about that day?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: You want to let him speak?

MR. FITZGIBBON: Yes.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: So that's a warning that goes out. Then by ordinance, there's certain crimes that qualify to send those warnings out. I don't recall the exact date but I believe it was in April it was actually declared a nuisance. So after that, the lady was charged with a couple crimes. The problem that I see, in my eyes, with the ordinance is you can declare something a nuisance and charge them for the police response. If they don't have the money, I don't know what we do from that point. So I think the best step we did was the lady's sitting in jail right now.

MR. FITZGIBBON: What's the step after it's been declared?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: You send them a bill. In the meantime, in this particular case, she ended up in jail. She was charged with, I believe, three separate incidences. They all got packed into one and she got 90 days in jail. So, sure, we can send them a bill, but she's sitting in jail. Are we going to see that money? I highly doubt it.

MR. FITZGIBBON: So the final result of being declared a nuisance home is you bill every time the police come or services?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Depending on why you are being called there.

MR. FITZGIBBON: There's no ceiling on that?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Not as far as I'm aware of.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: If I could cut in here? Understand there's two types of nuisances. We have declared homes nuisances because of the shape that they're in. They are deplorable. People don't take care of them. We declare them a nuisance. We can then take the house down or file for the County to take it down like we're getting all of the houses being taken down now.

The nuisance that the Chief is talking about has to do with how many times the police go to a place. What they do is they charge them for each one. They charge money. That's not what you're looking for. You don't care if it costs \$100.00 or \$200.00. That's not what you're looking for. You and your neighbors are looking to get rid of them. If we can charge that house being a nuisance and get it torn down, that would have to be through deplorable and that would take a long time. The key to this thing is if they're Section 8 and that's where I was going to talk to Jennifer after the meeting, and they are under that program then we can have them removed. It's not easy. We just had it done at one time and it wasn't easy. It took months and months. We can do that. I believe she will be evicted before that, but we're going to look into doing it any way we can, but you cannot violate the law even though they are lawbreakers. You, as a city, have to follow the law. You can't go in there tomorrow with the police and say guess what? Pack up, put your stuff into bags and get out because they turn around and sue you to death. The law protects them in that regard. So unfortunately as I said earlier, our hands are tied. We have to try different means and those different means are going to jail for 90 days. If she comes out and she comes over and slaps you, she goes to jail for maybe 180 days next time. We can do that, but we can't put her in jail right now for years because we're not the Judge. Each law carries a maximum sentence. All I'm telling you is it's not an easy process, but we're going to try to do what we can to get them removed.

MR. FITZGIBBON: OK.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: You have one minute, Sir.

MR. FITZGIBBON: OK. She moved a mile away. So she had problems with Garfield and Garfield Police and I don't know whether that house was a nuisance home also so in other words I can live in this house A in Garfield, it can be declared a nuisance property, etc. I'm evicted. I can move right next door and start the whole process all over again. Is that what you're telling us?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Unfortunately, you can. The way the law's set up the property itself is declared a nuisance by the amount of police calls.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: I'm sorry, Sir, your time is up.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: If any of the neighbors would like to meet with me after the meeting, we'd talk about it.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, I want you all to remember Monday is Memorial Day. As we started out at the beginning of the Meeting, remember our troops that are fighting now and the ones that have passed on defending your rights.

Also, speaking of old things, Mr. Suster is now 75 years old.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Not yet.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Seventy years on Council and to add to that, he has been married like a dinosaur for 55 years. That's very rare in today's day and age.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: That applause was for your wife, Joe.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I want to congratulate Mr. Suster ahead of time. Thank you, Sir. I have nothing else. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: That's hard to beat. I'm happy for Joe, because that makes him the senior member here. I'm 70.

I want to iterate that Memorial Day is freedom, not free. I'm a disabled Veteran--proud of it.

I also want to take a notation here. I belong to a pinochle club. On Thursday nights we play pinochle. This club has donated some money to our retired Vets so I applaud them for doing that.

Saying that, we had our Block Watch. We had a good turnout and plenty of food. We will be opening up our Block Watch in September again. Saying that, I look forward to going around the neighborhoods and talking to people. We love to do that and we do it for a good cause for our residents for their concerns and we communicate very well. Thank you, Joe.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Our next Council Meeting will be on June 13, 2016 right here in Council Chambers. As the Mayor said, my wife has to be blessed. That's all I have to say. Clmn Burke.

CLMN BURKE: You mean canonized. I just wanted to thank the residents for coming up and saying their piece. I think that's very important in our society today.

I, too, would like to remember the fallen heroes and one of them in particular. I know we will remember Master Sergeant Benjamin and Corporal Davis, but one that always seems to get like pushed aside for me is Pfc. William Foster. In Ward 6 we have a school named after that fine young man. May 2, 1945 he died, giving his life to protect other servicemen. As far as I know, I

think he is the only Medal of Honor winner from the city of Garfield Heights. So I'd like to just say a little bit about him and remember him and remember him in my thoughts and prayers for this Memorial Day. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Clmn Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you. Ward 7 will be participating in the Memorial Day services this year at St. Monica Church with the Catholic War Veterans. Please join us at 7:30 a.m. again 7:30 a.m. We will have a flag raising ceremony; Catholic War Vets have been doing this ceremony there for over 60 years. So please come out and join us.

Our Block Watch will be Thursday, May 26th at St. Monica's in the St. Augustine Room. Please come out.

Joe, congratulations to your wife. Pope Francis called earlier. Her canonization papers are ready. God, that woman's a saint.

Folks, be careful this weekend. Enjoy yourselves. Enjoy the good weather and join us as we celebrate Memorial Day up here at the plaza at 10:00 a.m. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Clmn Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: First of all, I'd like to wish you a Happy Birthday. You don't give me too much to look forward to, do you? No, but I wish you a Happy Birthday, Joe. Enjoy yourself. It's your special day. Don't let nobody mess it up for you, man. Happy Birthday to you again.

Also, I'd like to mention the fact that they mentioned jail. I can tell you jail do work. I had a neighbor behind me at 13619 Alvin and I got out of my bed about three times at 1:30 in the morning to go around and these families wouldn't quit. It was between them and 13620 Alvin. The third time I went around and I told the officer when he came that Chief did mention the fact that they came again they was taken to jail but I told that family. They didn't believe me and that night they went to jail. They never came out the young lady what lived there at 13619 the Judge gave her 30 days and the neighbor across the street got ten. When she got out of jail, I never knew she was even home. That's what I said how quiet she was. About seven months later, she moved and there's been peace on that street ever since then.

But I did inherit a 13704 on Saybrook down the street from me who's been a problem for many years. I understand when they say the wheels don't turn quickly because this is a home from the H, you know? There is traffic at nighttime and they pull up and they blasting the music. By the time the officer gets there (and the officer comes like in 10 minutes) but they already did what they had to get done and they gone. But we are aware of this home and like I tell the neighbors, nobody's forgotten about these people here. The fellow been to jail several times, but it don't do him no good. The young lady I watched them when she was handcuffed and taken in to jail last summer. But, you know, it's a process and I been dealing with it three doors down from me but I understand that it is a process. I've written them up before and I've written them up again which I will be sending letters through the proper channels again where they have to go. But I'm going to tell you when you put them away for a minute or two, you take away their freedom, they do miss their freedom. So get a process if you want it done the right way. Some time the short way is not the right way. You want that process to work so that it's a fix and not a band-aid. So you got to have a little faith in the system. I dealt with it behind me and I deal with it three doors

down. Now the people on Saybrook at 13704 we are aware of it, but it's going to be taken care of.

Also I'd like to congratulate all our kids that are graduating this year in Garfield School District as well as the Cleveland School District like I tell you all that you don't have to worry about failure because failure will only come--there's only two ways that you will fail and that's through God and that's through yourself. Nobody else can stop you from achieving your goal. So don't never worry about going backward. You can only go forward.

I'd like to mention on gun safety. I tell people you got to educate your kids in the house. I never seen a gun jump off the shelf and shoot nobody before a day in my life. You got to let them know, the earlier sometimes the better. I always told my children when we raised nine kids and we never had a problem or an issue with a weapon discharging or anybody touching that weapon that shouldn't be touching that weapon. They are maintained in a box I don't have to hide them from them they know where they are but they will not mess with them because they understand if you shoot somebody they're not coming to life. This is not a cartoon. They don't come back. You got to educate the children. Don't depend on the system to do the job for you. Just like I say in school, you send them to be educated- not to be raised.

I'd also like to mention if you are in the Cleveland School District and you have a child who is failing in the Eighth Grade; they have a program, which is so little known about it. It's called the School of One. It allows the child to actually attend the high school through a class what they call the School of One where they get more hands on from the teacher and more computer work to allow him/her to accelerate during the summer to go to the right grade if he/she works hard. So sometimes, the child is a little old and they don't grow wiser and the people that go to Cleveland schools don't realize what the program is. This is a great program and it has worked for many children because the child can really be hurt when he's held back and he realizes he done wrong but he thinks there's nothing that can be done. It's a great program for our children.

Also, be safe on Memorial Day coming up. We know there's some people don't do their respects to the military. They too busy drinking and partying. Be safe out there. Watch the children or visiting family members on the street. I hope everybody has a safe Memorial Day and we come back.

One last thing I wanted to mention. We know we had a problem with one of the businesses not maintaining their property, but the city stepped in and I talked to this individual several times in Ward 1 and I know throughout the city we hold all the businesses to the same standards as we hold the residents. They have to maintain their property. I told this businessman if it was in your community on your street we would not have to tell you to clean it up because where you live at on Cuyahoga Heights I guarantee you would not let the grass grow, you would not let the weeds grow around the fence. You would take care of it. So treat our city where you opened a business like it's your own. We pay for you to drive that car you drive and we pay for that nice home that you live in out there. If you want to continue to live out there you going to treat us right. With that, Mr. Chairman, I thank you and everybody have a safe and happy Memorial Day. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mr. Dudley. Clmn LaMalfa.

CLMN LAMALFA: I just got one thing to say to the Mayor. I think we should get Bob Dobies to go to Colorado to get things.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I'd mention that to him.

CLMN LAMALFA: May I make a motion to adjourn the meeting?

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Joseph Suster
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council