

# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

## CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, November 11, 2013

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m.** by Council President Nancy Marincic.

**INVOCATION BY:** Councilman Joseph Suster

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** At this point in time I'd like to turn the meeting over to Mayor Collova so he can swear in Council Members.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Mme. Chair, thank you very much. We have the distinct honor, all of us today, of witnessing a very important event here in Garfield Heights—the swearing in of our new Council team. I know we're all looking forward to this. We're going to have time to talk about this, but let's first swear everybody in so we could sit everybody at their seats for Council and we'll go from there. We're going to start off tonight first swearing in Mr. Mike Dudley, Ward 1. Mike Dudley, please come to the podium along with Pastor Snell.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** For the people who don't know him, he's not only a pastor. He's my best friend. He's also been my campaign manager for the last several years and God has blessed me to win these elections. Did you ever hear young people say you have a Pastor as a friend, you don't have fun? We have more laughs than I ever had in my life. My neighbor is Rev. Jones. It's like living next door to your mom and dad. It's been a blessing. I got my wife over there for 35 years as of January 6<sup>th</sup>. Number eight and number nine are over there: Isaiah and Elijah. We have seven grown, but we have nine. This has been my guide.

*(Pastor Snell swore in Clmn Michael Dudley, Sr. at this time.)*

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** I now call all the rest of Council.

*(Mayor Collova swore in the six remaining Council Members at this time.)*

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

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** All present and accounted for. The first order of business will be a motion to elect a new City Council President.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Mme. President, I would like to nominate Mr. Joe Suster for Council President.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** I need a second on that.

**CLMN GLENN:** Madame, I second it.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Roll call on the motion to elect Clmn Suster as our new City Council President beginning with Clmn Nenadovich.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** If he wants it that bad, you know what, Joe? You can have it. Yes.

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

**CLMN SUSTER:** Mme Chairman?

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** I would like to say the vote tally first. I would like to happily announce that the vote tally is 7-0. Joseph Suster is the new City Council President.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Mme Chairman?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Yes, Clmn?

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** I'd like to make a motion that we nominate Mike Nenadovich as Council President Pro Tem.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** I need a second.

**CLMN GLENN:** Madame, I would like to second the motion.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Roll call on the motion to have Clmn Nenadovich as the Pro Tem for City Council President beginning with Clmn Suster.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Same thing before I vote. If you want it that bad, you can have it because I don't need it to do my job. I vote Yes.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Thank you.

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

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Motion passes with 7 Yes votes. The new Pro Tem for City Council is now Clmn Nenadovich. I'm going to hand over my gavel and the Rules of Council. Joe, I'm going to have to move Barb over to the other side of you. Barb, you have to move over to the other side of Joe and we all have to shimmy down so I have a seat. Sorry, folks.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Before we go any further I want to thank the Members of Council for nominating and electing me to be the Council President. If my mother saw me today she still wouldn't believe it.

But before I go any further I would like to make a motion that we keep Barb Molin as our Clerk of Council.

**CLMN BURKE:** Mr. President, I would like to second that motion.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Roll call on the motion.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** I would like to really keep our Clerk as the Interim Clerk. No reflection on our Clerk. So I am going to vote No.

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

NAYS: Marincic

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On the roll call we have 6 Yes votes and 1 No vote so Barb will remain the Clerk of Council.

**CLERK:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Moving right along we'll start with the reports of the Mayor and his Directors. Mayor Collova, do you have a report this evening?

**REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:**

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. First off, thanks to everybody for coming. This is a great turnout. I'd like to see you come every Council Meeting. This looks really good. I want to congratulate all of Council on winning their elections. We have gone a long way in the last few years. I anticipate that we're going to move forward. Council, I don't even think the people know how important and how vital a job is a Council. They make the decisions that make the city either go forward or not. They have done an excellent job. I'm really looking forward to working with the Council--all of my old Council Members and my new Member, Matt. We're looking forward to this. I think we're in for a great two years and even more than that. So with that said I also want to say that I do think the city has come a long way. We've done a lot of great things and this Council has been a big part of it. There's also been three other Members that served with me on this Council that are no longer here. Tracy Mahoney, Debbie Sarnowski and Frank Geraci have also done a great job on this Council. It's great that they're a part of the community and you don't have to sit on this Council to be effective in the city of Garfield Heights and I'm sure we're going to hear a lot more from those three. I thank them for all the help that they gave me.

Moving along, I don't know if you've had an opportunity yet to see Save-A-Lot. Save-A-Lot is open. It's on Garfield Blvd. and Turney Road. It's absolutely beautiful. I say that a lot but it's the truth. They put a lot of money; a lot of hard work into it. I was impressed as could be. I took pictures. You have to get there. The place is really nice. They did a fabulous job on it.

With that said, I know we have someone in the audience that can verify what I'm going to say now, but I'm going to bring this up to everybody. There is a national realtor known as Caldwell Bankers Realty that did a survey throughout the country and I understand that they looked at 1,900 markets throughout the country. They looked for the most expensive cities to live in and the most affordable cities to live in. This is on You Tube. There was some talk about it on the TV. I'm sure we're going to hear more about it. I think the number one city for most expensive was Malibu and a few from California. I think the average house there is about \$2.1 million in that regard. They talked about many of these homes throughout the country as being the expensive communities. They also did a survey on the top 20 or the top 10 most affordable cities and number one throughout the country 1,900 markets—city of Cleveland was number one as the most affordable. I think that's a great tribute to what they've done in the city of Cleveland. When you think of all the good things. They talk about location. If you see the video they make Cleveland look better than I ever saw it before. It really looks great. But the thing I was most impressed with. And they had the following cities were from all over the country, California, Indiana, Montana. There were cities from all over the country. Number two most

affordable city out of 1,900 markets in the United States is the city of Garfield Heights. That's unbelievable. You can look at that a couple ways. I know our house values have gone down and we certainly want to bring them back up. That's one of the goals of this new Council and myself in this coming term, but it's great to see positive things come out. So Jennifer, thank you for your company doing that market research and if you put a plug in for Garfield, thank you for that. We appreciate it.

With that said, I'm going to get into. Let me say this before I do the legislation tonight. After this meeting is over we are going to have coffee, cake and some desserts right next door so please everybody join us and welcome our new Council.

I also want to say that we have a young student from Garfield Heights joining us today to give a report. Shimiko Samodan. He's going to be giving a report. I've been practicing that. We'll see how good Joe does when he says it. It's going to be a long two years with me and Joe, but I'm looking forward to it.

We have one resolution tonight 25-2013. It's a resolution honoring the 11<sup>th</sup> day of November or Veterans Day. We all know how important Veterans Day is . We know how important the Veterans are. We had a memorial service or Veterans service today at our memorial right here and it was attended very well. All the Veterans there to see the old timers, to do the gun salute and to do everything that they do and raising of the flag. It really makes you feel and think. We have Councilman, Mike Nenadovich, who talks about the Vets all the time, but it really is something. We need to bring these troops home. There's no question about it. They've suffered enough. Their families have suffered enough. I hope that the wisdom of our national leaders can work something out to bring our young troops home so that's something today that I'm going to be proud to see Council pass. With that said, Mr. President, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Does anybody have any questions for the Mayor? On that note we're going to take four jumps backwards. I forgot a bunch of things.

**READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** The reading and disposal of the Minutes from Wednesday, October 28, 2013. Someone like to make a motion we accept them?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes from October 28, 2013 as presented.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** All in favor say Yea. All opposed? Thank you. That passes 7-0.

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

**LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** We will go back to the reports of the Mayor and his Directors. We did Mayor Collova. Now we'll call on Law Director Tim Riley.

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Police Chief Bob Sackett.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** Thank you. I also have no report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Service Director, Tim McLaughlin.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. We're still going to continue picking up leaves so I'll ask you to rake them onto the tree lawn, not into the street or over the catch basins. We're also working on Christmas lights. Getting them up for the Christmas Lighting Program. From everything I've seen today we'll probably be involved in a little bit of snow tonight so we'll see what happens, but that's the end of my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Anybody have any questions for the Service Director?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** I have a question. There was a deer that obviously was hit by a car over on Warner Road right after you passed the new restaurant that opened up. Do we pick that up or does somebody else come and pick it up?

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** No, we pick up the dead animals.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** It's about 200 yards up Warner after you pass the Towpath restaurant on the right hand side. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Mr. Nenadovich.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Mr. McLaughlin, I have a question for you. You mentioned leaf pickup. Is there a pattern that you're going to be following? Or a cycle that you're going to be following? Is it going to be after garbage day?

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** No. I hear that all the time. I don't know whoever put that out but there's no way possible that we could keep that kind of schedule and all I would have all day long is telephone calls why we were not there the day after garbage. I hear that all the time but I been here 35 years and we've never said that. It's street to street. Once the volume picks up. Two weeks ago we sent one truck through the whole city in four days because there was nothing down, but now when they're wet and they're all going to be down at the same time depending on when people rake them, it's going to take us some time. All I can say is put them out on the tree lawn. We're going through Ward by Ward, street by street and that's the best way possible.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Tim.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Anybody else? There being none. Mr. Dobies is not here tonight. I talked to Mr. Dobies and he wishes to keep on as our Sergeant at Arms so I'd like to make a motion that we keep Mr. Dobies on as Sergeant at Arms.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** I'll second it.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** All in favor. All opposed. Don't miss a meeting. That's what happens when you miss meetings.

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

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Absent

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Our City Engineer, David Krock.

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** Thank you, Mr. President. I handed out a written engineer's report and I have nothing further unless there are questions. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Anybody have any questions for Mr. Krock? There being none, we'll move on to our Finance Director, Ron Tomola.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report tonight.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Moving on, does anybody have any questions for the Finance Director? There being none, we will move on to our Economic Development Director, Noreen Kuban.

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Anybody have any questions for Ms. Kuban?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Mr. President, I got a question. Any word on Dunkin' Donuts? I thought they were going to open very soon?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Very soon. They're moving along quickly. We're all looking forward to donuts and coffee.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** I am too. OK. So you don't know if it's going to open in the next week or two? I thought it was supposed to be by the middle of this month?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Perhaps Mr. Wervey has a better date?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** OK. I'll wait for his report then. Thank you. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you. Mr. Wervey do you have a report this evening?

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** Just one thing. Their estimated date was the 15<sup>th</sup>. I don't think they're going to be able to hold to that, but I would guess by the end of the next week. They're practically finished indoors.

In addition to that, the Detac Funds, the money from the Prosecutor's Office, are finally coming to fruition. We're issuing permits for the houses to come down and some houses are down already. I wasn't here Friday so I don't know exactly what the situation is, but they are doing the asbestos abatements, they are doing the clean-outs and some are down already. Because of the way that those grant funds were dispersed Ward 1 and Ward 3 are the primary beneficiaries of that because of their proximity to Cleveland. That's all I have this evening.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Does anybody else have any questions for the Building Commissioner? There being none, we'll call on Shimiko Samodan. How close did I come?

Shimiko Samodan. You were pretty close. Thank you, Mr. President. Actually we just wrapped up our fall sports season. The freshman football team took the NOC championship, which was

vey good for school. From the top eight football teams in the region go on to the playoffs and we just missed it. We took ninth. So hopefully next year we could get to that level.

We're also gearing up for the winter sports season. We are looking forward to our basketball team because I think we're ranked like two or three within the region. We have our wrestling, our girls' basketball and our bowling. Our varsity cheerleaders also performed at the first ever Fields Up to Play event at the Cleveland Browns Stadium. We were the only team there. We were the only team invited and it was the first ever so we're very proud to be invited as a high school to perform there.

Also our annual SOS Carnival was a great success this year and hopefully it will bring the same success next year. Our duct tape school spirit contest. We were involved in that and hopefully we could win \$500.00. You could actually vote at ducttapeschoolspirit.com. We're going against Villa Angela, St. Joe's so we could go on-line and vote and the winning team gets \$500.00.

Lastly, our fall play, Steel Magnolias, is premiering Friday at 7:00 p.m. I know a lot of our students have worked hard on it and stayed up long nights to perfect the play and hopefully we could have a good turn out. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** I'm not going to ask if somebody has any questions for you. This concludes the reports of the Mayor and Directors. Now we will move on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's agenda and these are the rules.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA:**

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Anybody have anything to talk about tonight's agenda? Anybody have anything to say about tonight's agenda? OK. That takes care of that. We'll go into Miscellaneous Comments by Citizens.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Mr. President, point of order.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** I'm sorry. I'm in a hurry.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** We'll go into Ordinances and Resolutions and we have one resolution on tonight's agenda. Would the Clerk please read the title.

**RESOLUTION 25-2013**

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, VETERANS DAY

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On the adoption, starting with Mrs. Marincic.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Absolutely, Yes.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Yes. Our Veterans got to be remembered. Thank you very much for this.

**CLMN GLENN:** Yes, I would also like to say that this Council's well represented by Veterans and I would like to thank Sam Bella for putting on the Veterans Memorial with the Mayor. I vote Yes.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Before I vote, I'd just like to say I, myself, personally would like to thank Sam Bella and the Veterans that were here this morning and not only that, I'd like to also thank Clmn Nenadovich, Clmn Gene Glenn and myself and Lenny Piazza. We all came down this morning with leaf blowers to clear off as much of the leaves as we could. On Friday they were here and they cleaned up the leaves once, but seeing it was after the weekend there were still more leaves so we came this morning. I think today is a very good day that we remember these Veterans because some have given their lives and some are still in places in harm's way. So on that I vote Yes. This morning? I'm sorry. I missed Mrs. Marincic who was there.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** I already voted.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** We're talking about leaves.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** I was there, but I didn't leaf blow.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Before I vote, I wanted to say thank you to all the Veterans and everything that they do, what they've done for us and what they still do for us when they come back home. So with that I vote Yes.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Before I vote, I come from a military family. My father was actually an Army recruiter that put me in the service. He had served 27 years and I had done 10 years and my older brother had also served. I always tell people just don't mention a word about protect your Vets. Look out for your Vets. You have to say it from the heart. Too many people use it loosely. If you use it loosely one day it will come back and it will definitely snatch you on the back end. With that, I'm proud of our Veterans, always been and I vote Yes.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Resolution 25-2013 was adopted with 7 Yes votes.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Miscellaneous Comments By Citizens. These are the rules.

**CLERK:** Comments shall be restricted to any problem a citizen has which has previously been submitted to their City Councilperson or to the city hall department directly involved. If submission of a problem to a department or a Councilperson has been made and there is a lack of service rendered in this regard, then the problem may be presented during Comments from Citizens at this meeting. It is the intention of this rule that no request of a first nature be presented on the floor at this time. Comments are limited to five minutes. No citizen may be heard more than once.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you. Would anyone like to speak this evening?

Tommy Lyons, 13619 Cranwood Park Blvd. I just have a question. Who's responsible for removal of trash that's being thrown behind my house? I have come to city hall. I went to the Service Department and they told me to go to city hall and I haven't had any response.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** You don't know who is putting the rubbish there?

**MS. LYONS:** No, I don't know. I live beside the empty lot right there at Cranwood Park and Lawrence. That's supposed to be the designated street 136<sup>th</sup>. This was August 29<sup>th</sup>. I came here about the second or third day in September. I haven't had any response from anyone.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Where do you live again? I'm sorry.

**MS. LYONS:** 13619 Cranwood Park Blvd.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Cranwood Parkway? And it's an empty lot next to you? Are they dumping trash? Is it tires? What are they dumping?

**MS. LYONS:** Doors, all kinds of flat paneling like.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** And you haven't seen anybody do this?

**MS. LYONS:** No. I didn't see anyone do it, but we've cleaned up some of it, but the heavy doors and things the paneling, etc. I'm unable to lift it.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** Mr. President, can I respond?

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Yes.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** Clmn Dudley called me on that. I sent a work ticket down there. I was under the impression it was picked up, but I haven't checked back on the tickets that get sent back to me, but I will follow up on that tomorrow. That is a constant problem. Nobody ever seems to see anybody dump there but there's quite a bit. It's not just somebody dumping a couple tires and taking off. It's been going on for a lot of years and I don't know if there's a way we can block that off where people can't get back in there? I'd have to take a look at that but I will follow up on that tomorrow. I apologize. I thought that was taken care of.

**MS. LYONS:** I appreciate it.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you.

**CLMN GLENN:** Madame, I'd like to respond to you. We had the same problem in Ward 4. It happened on a Sunday. It was coming back from church. We seen a pickup truck loaded with garbage bags, etc. and they were dumping it on a privately owned dumpster that business owners have to pay for. We called the police and we got a good response. The policeman gave him a ticket. They went to Court. I want to tell you I was present there, too, to identify the perpetrator. They won't be doing that again in my Ward.

**MS. LYONS:** I wasn't home at this time and unfortunately like the gentleman said, Mr. McLaughlin, did say it, this is an ongoing problem and I been there 40 some years. It seems like

they know when I'm not at home because my car isn't there. I don't put my car in the garage. They know when I'm not at home. They caught me off guard that time.

**CLMN GLENN:** Keep your guard up.

**MS. LYONS:** I had some other things, but since I'm only allowed to speak once, can I ask the one question?

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Sure, sure.

**MS. LYONS:** Is there anything saying that the person. I know that leaves are supposed to be blown up on the tree lawn? OK. I have evidence here where this landscaper is continuously blowing the leaves out of this lady's yard that he does and into the middle of the street. He does this with the leaves, he does it with the grass cuttings, etc. Is there something to do?

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Just let me know and we'll get it taken care of because you're not supposed to blow it out there.

**MS. LYONS:** I put it on the tree lawn. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you for your comments. Anyone else?

Pat Dovak, 11907 Tonsing. First of all I'd like to congratulate all the elected and re-elected officers and the Mayor. I'd like to address this to Chief Sackett. Regarding a house on my street. I don't want to give the address out right now. I will give you the address after the meeting. There's people that come and go there and there's a constant banging on the front door and blowing of the horn to get these people to wake up to answer the door. This happens at 2:30 in the morning; 12:30 at night. Your officers have been out there once and caught them doing it. It's such a nuisance and a disturbance and it just keeps happening and happening. The people that live there are renters.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** OK. Of you give me that address after the meeting we'll take care of it.

**MS. DOVAK:** OK. The next one I want to address to the Mayor, to Chief Sackett and to Mr. McLaughlin. On November 9<sup>th</sup> at about three o'clock I called Mr. Suster regarding the garbage cans. In the last two weeks it's been very windy and believe it or not those garbage cans are in the street. These people are not removing them and Joe called the Police Department. A police officer came out, knocked on the front door, nobody answered. He got in his car and he left and the garbage cans still sat there. This was on Saturday. My garbage was picked up on Thursday. I called the Mayor's office. Jennifer said they have 12 hours to take the garbage can in. I called the Police Department and the dispatcher said they have 24 hours. I called Tony and Tony said he has no idea. Is there an ordinance about when these cans need to be brought back in? There is for putting them out, but not being brought back in. It's an eyesore when they're sitting out there until Saturday and Sunday.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** I know that you did call my office and spoke with my assistant, Jennifer. I know she did tell you that it was 12 hours. There is an ordinance for 12 hours. I send my foremen around as much as we can. It's not high on the priority list in the morning depending on what I have going. I do send my foremen around and they put warning tags on them to warn them and then after that we try to call the Police Department. I don't

automatically call the Police Department. We've probably given out 40 or 50 warnings in the last month, but I only have part-time employee foremen so on some days there's only one foreman in there and he's running the whole show so he doesn't get out and do that stuff, but it is 12 hours and I will make sure that they look at Tonsing and if it continues we'll have to turn it over to the Police Department.

**MS. DOVAK:** Two weeks ago it was out there until Saturday 2:30 in the morning and they're dragging them in. I don't understand why is it 12 hours? If garbage is picked up at four or five o'clock they have 12 hours to leave those cans sit out there?

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** I don't make the ordinances so I don't know. You'd have to ask somebody else why it's 12 hours.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Pat, if somebody was working second shift they won't be there until the next morning anyway. Second or third shift depending on when they leave the house. We need 12 hours as a fair amount of time, but even at 12 hours if somebody puts the rubbish out now at 4:30 they are supposed to be in by 4:30 in the morning. If they are out there at 6:30 or 7:00 and they get them in at 8:00 I'm sure they're not going to be ticketed, but it has to be reasonable. You can understand if they stay through the night depending on when they got home, but some of these people use the excuses when it gets in over that, over 12 hours, it's ridiculous and it's hard for them to come up with a legitimate excuse and that's when the people should be ticketed. If they get a ticket they probably will get it in within 12 hours the next time.

**MS. DOVAK:** All right. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Is there anyone else that would like to speak at this time?

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** There being none, we will go to Miscellaneous Business, and we will start with Clmn Mike Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** First of all I congratulate everybody tonight. This is going into my sixth year that we finish up and my eighth year and in my case we're looking at probably running one more Council term in 2015. That's when I plan probably to run my last time for Council.

I also wanted to announce I will be turning in my resignation as the Parliamentarian of the Democratic Club citing differences, etc. I got strong moral values and I see it better that way so I will be resigning not from the club, but I will be stepping down from that position because I have too many differences with what's going on in that club right now.

Also I'd like to thank my family, my wife, my supporters and my children. They worked very hard in getting letters and information out. I'm glad to see my good friend Tommy there and Brother Jones and Sister Jones, Reverend Jones, my buddy, Pastor Snell. I tell you you can't beat having a better friend than him. I would say to the people in the city of Garfield Heights has been some good people. I mean they still being good. In Ward 1 and the whole city, but that number one stand for something and I walk in the additional part that we got going up Henry Street that belonged to Nancy. I love having her people in the community.

I tell people a lot of people don't realize you know this is the 50<sup>th</sup> year for the Civil Rights Bill of 1963 and if you are not keeping track of it, a lot of changes the Supreme Court been trying to take a lot of rights away from individuals and I tell people you need to learn a lot about the Civil

Rights Bill. It's not just about African-Americans. You're learning some disability, some fair hiring practices also included in that. So I ask people to strongly be careful of any comments you make about that bill but I have sent numerous letters and I even sent a letter down to the Supreme Court because in 2009 I believe or 2007 there was some issue and they jumped right back this year in 2013 and you have to keep track of that.

I think, Nancy, you did a great job and you definitely was a good Council President and also a good friend and I thank you for that. I'm thinking, Mayor, that we get to serve two more colorful years together. I thank you all for coming out here and I thank the residents of Garfield Heights. You've been very supportive and continue to be supportive in the future to us. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Ms. Marincic.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Thank you. Thank you for the kind words, Clmn. I would like to congratulate all of my fellow Council Members on their election and/or re-election and welcome our new Member. I would like to congratulate our Mayor, who will be sworn in the beginning of December, did you say?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** December 1<sup>st</sup>.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** OK. Well congratulations. It will be my pleasure to work with you for another two years. I would like to thank Ward 2 for having their faith in me. I ran unopposed and what an honor that was. I promise them I won't disappoint them in the next two years. Clmn Suster, congratulations on being our new City Council President. I know you are going to do a wonderful job.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** And that is all I have tonight.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Clmn Nenadovich.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to congratulate all the candidates that won and the Mayor to be sworn in. Congratulations on another fantastic four years like you had before. I thank the young man for the school report, letting us know what's going on in our schools. It's good to hear positive about the kids in our city. It's good to hear positive. I want to thank all the Council Members that chose my vote for Pro Tem.

Being as how it's the 11<sup>th</sup> of November, Veterans Day, I read something in the paper today that that was picked November 11<sup>th</sup> was the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day on the 11<sup>th</sup> month in 1919. That's how long Veterans Day has been going on. I want you to remember our Vets. Like I say write your Congressmen and tell them we got to bring them home. Thank you, Mayor, for mentioning that. I really appreciate it. It means a lot. If you think freedom isn't free, ask the 4,053 people who aren't coming home. Here's another fact I heard today in the news. There were 16 million people in World War II. 1.5 are left. Remember the Vets. Freedom isn't free. I thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Clmn Glenn.

**CLMN GLENN:** Thank you, Chairman. I want to start off by thanking the voters, the residents in Ward 4. I want to congratulate all the people that were sworn in tonight. The Mayor, in the

two years that I have served here I've seen a lot of good progress, a turnaround for this city with the leadership of the Mayor and the Council. We hope to continue this here.

One thing struck me tonight that really caught my eye. I'm a big sports fan. So the freshman team won?

**MR. SAMODAN:** Yes, they won the NOC championship just like last year.

**CLMN GLENN:** That caught my attention so I look forward to three years from now they'll win a big championship.

**MR. SAMODAN:** Hopefully make it to States.

**CLMN GLENN:** Thank you, Chairman.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** I would just like to say I'd like to thank all of you for attending tonight's meeting. It's a very meaningful meeting for us because we were all sworn in. I want to thank my colleagues for appointing me President of Council. I'll do the best possible job that I can.

I look forward to working with the Members of Council. I've worked with the majority of them for a number of years and we've always gotten along. Our big objective, in talking to a few people, is we want to continue doing the best job that we can for the residents of the city of Garfield Heights.

I'd like to take a moment to also welcome our newest Member of Council, Matt Burke, and I'd also like to congratulate Charlene and Matt Burke on their 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary that they celebrated last Thursday?

**CLMN BURKE:** Thursday. Thank you. I drove her out of town for that.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** And with that, we will move on to Mr. Burke.

**CLMN BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I would also like to echo the sentiments of everybody here and congratulate all the Council Members, congratulate the Mayor for his re-election. I also want to say thank you to Shimiko, as well, for being here and giving his report. I look forward to serving the next two years with my colleagues and I also want to say thank you to my family for being here tonight.

You know, I think strong families bring a lot of good family values to the city of Garfield Heights. In the past few weeks we have talked about the youth in Garfield Heights and how destructive they can be at the library, etc. I have heard some stories about the high school, etc., but I got to tell you I think when it comes down to it and I remember when I was a child and my mom and dad are over there and they can attest to this, if we got out of line you didn't want to come home because you knew you were going to have to face some kind of trouble. So it kind of helped keep us in line as a youth and I think we need to do that better as a community. I know I served as the Baseball League Commissioner for the last two years and I've been able to serve with a lot of good people that were good coaches and cared about the kids and I can tell you all of them will talk about how there's no guidance anymore. You know these children will get out of line, but it's up to us as responsible adults and good family members to offer the guidance that we need to offer to keep these kids in line. We also need to give them something to do, but I think the guidance is what a lot of them are screaming for.

So with that I want to say thank you for everybody for really accepting me and I look forward to working with you.

Also there's a Block Watch Meeting. I think Ward 6 is combined with a few other Wards and it's usually held the first Wednesday of every month. If I'm not mistaken, Gene, I think your Ward is having a Block Watch Meeting tomorrow night?

**CLMN GLENN:** Tomorrow night.

**CLMN BURKE:** I plan on attending that as well. So, again, I want to again, just say thank you to everybody.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Before I call on Mr. Vaughn. I forgot to make an announcement of my own. There will be a 2014 Finance Committee Capital Budget Meeting. It will be held on Monday, November 18, 2013, a week from today, at 7:00 p.m. in room 019 which is the Council Caucus. All residents are invited to come if you care to. On that note I'll call on Mr. Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thank you, Council President. Again I want to thank the Vets for all you do. If it wasn't for these gentlemen and ladies we wouldn't be here today. I had the pleasure this weekend a buddy of my son's came in for my son's wedding. He just came back from the Middle East. He serves in the Air Force. He stood in that wedding with that uniform on, his dress blues, and everybody in that church either congratulated him or was just in total awe. He stole the show. I saw more people go up and just say thank you, Robbie, for what you're doing. He's heading out to South Dakota, going away from his family again, him and his wife and their child have to move out there, but they accept this life and they are willing to do it for all of us. It's people like this that we really have to thank.

I'd like to thank everybody that got re-elected. You, too, Matt. And I look forward to working with Matt and everybody else. It's going to be a good two years. We're going to move forward. We're going to move further ahead than we have. We're really going to get things done. I appreciate it. I'd like to thank the voters of Ward 7 for their support and for overwhelmingly coming out last Tuesday and voting. Ward 7 did have the highest voter turnout. Did you notice that, Nikki? It's OK. I congratulate them and I appreciate all that they do for me and I'm proud to be their Council representative.

I'd like to thank my family. This is a big responsibility for my family. When the phone call rings I'm not there they're picking it up or just listening to me gripe and moan about Joe or somebody else. It gets comical at home at times. Especially my wife, Barb, she's kind of like the focused one. She brings us all back down to Earth.

You talk 21 years, son? Ours was 30 last week.

We all have a Block Watch on November 21<sup>st</sup>. I think the Mayor's coming. Are you coming this time?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Absolutely.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** We have a standing thing at our Block Watch. If I'm not there he blames everything on me and takes credit for everything. If he's not there I blame it on him and I take credit so maybe this time we can balance it a little? What do you think, Vic?

I'd like to thank Nancy for all she did. Two years ago when this whole new process of picking Council President came up it was new to all of us. With the Charter changes, etc. I remember Nancy was a little hesitant on doing it. We talked her into it. We got her to do it. You did a fine job, Nancy.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Thank you.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I know that you want to sit back and take care of your Ward and we appreciate that. Thank you. With that, Mr. President, could we adjourn this meeting?

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Yes. There is a motion on the floor to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, say Yea. All opposed. The Yeas have it.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Joseph M. Suster  
President of Council

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Barbara Molin  
Clerk of Council