

# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

## CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, November 24, 2014

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

**INVOCATION BY:** Councilman Matt Burke

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Roll call please.

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

**EXCUSED:** Nenadovich

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we excuse Clmn Nenadovich from the evening's proceedings.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On the motion by Clwn Marincic to excuse Clmn Nenadovich this evening all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed? The motion passes with 6 Yes votes.

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

### **READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:**

**CLMN BURKE:** Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that we accept the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting of the City of Garfield Heights from Monday, November 10, 2014 as written.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On the motion made by Clmn Burke, all in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed? That passes with 6 Yes votes.

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:** None.

**LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE:** None.

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

### **REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:**

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman, yes, I do. First off we had some questions about the sign that's in front of fire station No. 2 on 131<sup>st</sup> Street. We went out and got some quotes. The quotes ranged from \$7,000.00 to \$1,300.00. It was quite expensive, but we did pick

one of those quotes and we put in a PO today so that project should be done shortly. So we're happy to get that completed.

The next thing I want to talk about a little bit is the \$50M demolitions fund from Cuyahoga County has been approved. We had Noreen Kuban and Bill Wervey attend a meeting to talk about how this money would be allocated and what we had to do to present our properties. I think Noreen's going to get into that on her report.

The next thing I wanted to read was about the Christmas Lighting Ceremony that is this Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. at the Civic Center right here. We're going to have music indoors at 5:00 p.m. and the outdoor lighting ceremony's going to begin at 5:30 p.m. Santa Claus will arrive on a fire truck so you can meet and greet him. Right after the lighting ceremony concludes Santa Claus will come inside our dining area and he will be there for pictures if anybody would like pictures. This is always a great event. We look forward to it each year. More and more people come. I know Council is always there and I appreciate you for being there. This is going to be a very special day and we're looking forward to it this Sunday right here at the Civic Center.

The next thing I wanted to talk about was a couple of Council Meetings ago I had mentioned that the Mayor from Bedford, Dan Koci, had called me up prior to the Garfield Heights/Bedford football game and asked me to make a friendly wager. Now in the spirit of keeping neighboring communities together even though Bedford did rank number one and Garfield was ranked number eight I accepted that challenge and they had a great game. Bedford came out the victor. Bedford has a great team, one that the entire city should be proud of. We certainly are proud of our kids from Garfield Heights. They did an outstanding job and I'll tell you what just hanging with the kids from Bedford is quite an accomplishment because they did really good. But unfortunately that sometimes when you make a bet you lose. Actually Mayor Koci was in Texas today and I thought he might miss this Council Meeting tonight and he flew in just to graciously attend our council meeting. So I would like to call up Mayor Stan Koci, a good friend of mine, and I think he has something for me, so Mayor?

Mayor Stan Koci: Vic and I have become good friends and we've been working hard together especially on our dispatch center and knowing your brother Tony for years. I was on the Bedford Fire Department. I go way back with the Collovas. It was fun to make the bet and even more fun. This is not to take nothing away from the Garfield kids. Both teams were in the playoffs. It's been a great season. Good kids. Good game and it gives me pleasure to let you borrow this Bearcat jersey.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** I will proudly wear the Bearcat jersey and there's a reason why I will proudly wear this jersey because the Mayor's also agree to bet on the basketball game this year. I think at that time he may see a different jersey and it will be the Garfield Heights jersey that I will be presenting to you. For now I will wear it.

**MAYOR STAN KOCI:** I won't take any more of your time.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Don't you have to wear that, Mayor?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** I am going to wear it.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** It's green you know?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** It's not Holy Name green.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** It's the same color. That's all that matters.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** I certainly appreciate you missing those hearings to come here. I told you I would meet you somewhere.

**MAYOR STAN KOCI:** It was great fun and I wish the best to both teams.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** We will continue the tradition. Thank you, Mayor. I wish I had bet Holy Name. We would have beat them.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** You did and you lost.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Tonight's legislation. Ordinance 67, an ordinance amending Garfield Heights ordinance 07-1986 in relation to the Police Chief designee bonus. Why we're changing the language is because in the past there was always a captain that was the Chief's designee and he received a higher rate and because we don't have captains now we have to change the language. Right now we have a lieutenant that would be receiving it so we have to change the language. Ordinance 64. Approval of our financial statements. As we do each year Ron's going to get into that in his report. Ordinance 69 is an ordinance authorizing us to make application and enter into agreement with the Federal Emergency Management and Agency's Assistance to Fire Fighters' Grant for the purchase of purchasing a rescue squad. We've been doing this for the last few years trying to get this grant. We've been unsuccessful, but we are going to continue to try to get the monies for this. Ordinance 70 is a one year extension of the contract. The dispatchers, jailers have agreed to a one year extension and Council, this goes to what the police and fire did earlier and this is at no change whatsoever so that's a great plus for the city and a great plus for dispatchers and jailers.

Resolution 19 is a resolution on behalf of the city of Garfield Heights honoring and commending the Garfield Heights High School football team for an outstanding season and if they would have won just one more game I would have thought it was really outstanding, but they did have a great season and that's what the youth in Garfield Heights is all about. You go watch these young men play football and do some of the things that they do in the city that are positive. That's the things we should be focusing on. They did a great job and we commend the entire team. Resolution 20. We're applying for a grant from the Western Reserve regarding our Seniors (the aging program) and Kathy, I'm sure you're going to touch upon that in your report. With that I want to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving; a great Christmas season. I'll see you before Christmas, but definitely a great Thanksgiving to everybody. Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Mayor. Does anyone have any questions of the Mayor on his report? Does anybody have any questions of the Mayor on his 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:** Thank you, Mr. President, no report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. We'll move on to Police Chief Bob Sackett. Do you have a report for us this evening, Chief?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** Thank you. I don't actually have a report, but I would urge you to pass ordinance 67. Like the Mayor said it's in regard to the Police Chief designee. Just the language is changing. The amount's staying the same. I think it's a fair amount and hope that can continue. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Do we have any questions for the Chief?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Chief, who is this individual?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** If this passes currently it will be Lt. Robert Byrne.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Any other questions of the Chief on his report? There being none, we'll move on to Service Director, Tim McLaughlin.

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. In the last eight days we have been dealing with the early snow events and ice. Today was the first day that we were able to get a couple crews back out on leaves with the snow melting, etc. We completed the last streets for the first time through the city totally. We will be going back for a second time now through the city. We did have some problems with leaves being raked out into the street. People called and complained that their neighbors' leaves were down in their yard because of the plows, but I've asked about it and they're not supposed to put the leaves out in the street but it's what happened. We are beginning tomorrow back in Ward 1 and we'll have a crew in Ward 7 working towards each other. We're going to do the best we can. It's supposed to snow again by possibly Thursday or Friday, one to four inches. This holds us back. It's not just outside. Every city that I've talked to is having the same problems because you just can't pick them up when it snows and they're frozen. That's the way it is. All the calls I got today everybody's street was important. I understand that but I can't run around and grab a pile here and a pile there. We'll never make it so we're back in Ward 1 tomorrow and back in Ward 7 and try to get as much accomplished as we can.

We've also in the last week had some crews out patching some of the potholes that opened up with the snow. We're trying to get the Christmas decorations in order but I think today the wind did some damage from what I could see so we're going to have to go back and take a look at it.

We did have some tree damage today from the winds. Unfortunately I lost my tree guy. He shattered his hand on Saturday, slipping in the ice. That holds us up a little bit. You know when somebody does the job everyday, they're the guy who goes up in the air, you miss him right away.

Lastly, Thursday and Friday rubbish pickup this week will be a day late so Thursday's will be Friday and Friday's will be Saturday because of the holiday. That's the end of my report.

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

**CLMN GLENN:** In regards to leaves, Tim, while you're picking up these leaves the trucks go by do you also do the storm sewers as you go by them?

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** No. Those aren't storm sewer trucks. They're leaf trucks. Not the same vacuum.

**CLMN GLENN:** Got you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Are there any other questions of Mr. McLaughlin on his report? There being none we'll move on to Parks and Recreation Director Bob Dobies.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Mr. President and Council Members, good evening. I have a very short report today. I would ask for your indulgence. My chillers have been out for better than 2/3 of the day here so I may get a message here. I may have to leave and go over and check on them. One of the Service guys is coming back up. Ice is holding so we're in good shape there.

First I wanted to thank all who came out to Disco Daze. It was a great night. Turned out to be a great day for family fun. Thank you, Pat for volunteering. You are one of our mainstays down here now. I'm going to give her a time card shortly.

Just a reminder that the Gold Cup Tournament is this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Friday they'll be skating from 7 a.m. till 11 p.m., Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and Sunday the championships starting 9:00 a.m. There will probably be four or five games on Sunday.

Last I wanted to per Council I each gave you a recap of the annual grass report, the overview report. It's working after three years. You'll notice how we changed in some figures there. We started this year with 826 and I think we ended up with 1,001 properties. That was between the Building Department continuing to assess properties, getting complaints and going forward. By posting them we were out posting early and we got started a little bit earlier. We got started posting them earlier. You'll notice it's broken down by Wards but especially on that first cut we cut over 55% of the properties. Mayor's concern was getting out there early and getting it taxed so the grass doesn't get two-three feet high in some areas and we were able to accomplish that because we had two crews ready and waiting at the beginning of the season. That gives you an overview. You'll see it by Ward the dates when we were in the Wards cutting. You'll notice we didn't go back. It was every three to four weeks we were in each Ward. So there was a reasonable amount of time for somebody to get their grass cut all the time before we came back and understand there is where it comes from Council, Building, my guys there's some properties that are always unkempt and they shine out so we do go from different Wards from time to time to carry those bad properties. But I try to encompass all that.

We went up a little bit on cuts and I think Part 1 is that we did get out early. Like I said it was just that first cut that was over 451 properties out of 800. We did a little bit better than 50%. Out of the 1,000 properties we cut 2,000 over the season which ran from the end of March through the first week of November when the snow started. Owners cut 5,506 properties. The percentage of properties cut by us versus properties cut by us went up a little bit percentage wise but again the property has increased. Part of that too, is that the Land Bank Properties are growing too. We incorporated those in the grass cutting list just on a regular basis. They're combining in the neighborhoods and down the street. We're cutting those also. As that list grows we gain more work. With 1,000 properties understand this (and I've said this over the last couple of years) we go out and check every property that's posted on a daily basis. We checked 7,611 properties over the course of the season. I don't want to hear anybody calling me up to say you guys are not doing nothing or taking a break here or whatever the case may be. They go out and check every property on a daily basis when they're given their worksheet. That's just an overview. If you have any questions please call. I'd be more than happy to answer anything for you. It does

gives you an overview of another successful grass season. Thank you. That concludes my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Mr. Dobies. Is there any questions for Mr. Dobies on his report? Is there any questions for Mr. Dobies on his report? We'll move on to our Finance Director Ron Tomola.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** Thank you, Mr. President. I would just like to encourage the passage of Ordinance 68. This is the three year agreement with the local government services, division of the State Auditor's office for the preparation of the city's financial statements at a cost of \$17,500.00/year. No increase from the last three year agreement we had. The State Auditor has been actually preparing our financial statements since 1990 when cash statements are no longer an option and you have to do a GAP financial statement now. LGS has being doing them for us for the past 24 years. That's my report.

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** Absent.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Were there any questions for Mr. Tomola on his report? There being none we'll move on to our Social Services Director, Kathy Rush-Parssons. Do you have a report for us this evening?

**SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS:** I do. Thank you, Mr. President. Just an announcement. The Senior Center will host its annual Christmas party on Thursday December 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Music will be provided by Ed Klimchek and tickets go on sale tomorrow and the cost is \$4.00.

Also on the agenda tonight is Resolution 20 which the Mayor addressed a few minutes ago. This allows the city to renew our Title III Grant Funding with the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging. This grant provides a total of 13,1032 meals on a yearly basis for the Seniors in our community and it also provides a little over \$20,000.00 to the city in reimbursements for the providing of those meals for the Seniors. This is a one year extension on our current two-year grant and it does allow for the funding to remain the same without any reductions in the number of meals or the amount of reimbursement for the year 2015. So I certainly urge Council to pass that.

Finally, last week was our monthly food bank distribution and several area businesses and organizations made very generous donations of food and money, which did allow the city to provide a large number of things giving meals to our residents. I don't have a final count because we are still registering people and distributing food bank bags. We want to make sure that anybody who needs a Thanksgiving meal is provided for up until the last minute. So I wanted to mention that I will have a complete list next month but I did mention this to the Mayor that there were several businesses in the city that really went above and beyond what they have ever done in the past. So I want to thank them publicly, but I will have a complete list next month for you. That's my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Are there any questions of Kathy on her report?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** When you do get that list, could you e-mail it to me? I'd like to sponsor legislation thanking them.

**SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS:** Yeah, the Mayor and I actually also discussed that earlier, Nancy, because you will be amazed when you find out how much help these businesses did provide. I will do that.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Thank you so much. That's all I have.

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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Yes, thank you, Mr. President. The Mayor had mentioned the \$50M bond. The County financed a \$50M bond. The requirement is that all the properties must be vacant and they are allowing \$1M per city. The properties can be either houses or retail properties. Bill Wervey, our Building Commissioner, has identified about 113 properties. We cannot guarantee that all 113 properties will be demolished. We will have to put together a budget estimating how much the cost will be per property. We would like to get our properties in on round 2 which has a deadline of the end of February and the Cuyahoga County Land Bank will be our agent so they will manage the demolitions. So that's great for our Building Department so that won't add any more work for their regular business. That concludes my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Are there any questions of Ms. Kuban on her report? Are there any questions of Ms. Kuban on her report? There being none we'll move on to Building Commissioner Bill Wervey.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** Good evening, Mr. President. I don't have a report, but I do have a comment for Clmn Glenn. Later this afternoon somebody came in to the office. A contractor came in and they were presenting drawings for making a repair to that house that was damaged by the truck on 88<sup>th</sup> Street.

**CLMN GLENN:** Thank you, Bill. That house on 88<sup>th</sup> Street was all caved in.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** Right . Where the porch collapsed.

**CLMN GLENN:** Exactly. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Is that all you have, Bill?

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** Yes. That's all I got.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Does anybody have any questions of Mr. Wervey on his report? Does anybody have any questions of Mr. Wervey on his report? There being none we'll move on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's agenda. Will 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 comment on tonight's agenda? Do we have anybody that would like to comment on tonight's agenda? There being none we'll move on to Committee Reports. Are there any Committee Reports this evening? There being none we'll move on to Ordinances and Resolutions.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** We'll start with Ordinance 67-2014. Would the Clerk please read the title?

**ORDINANCE NO. 67-2014**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING GARFIELD HEIGHTS ORDINANCE NO. 07-1986 IN RELATION TO THE POLICE CHIEF DESIGNEE BONUS.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On its adoption, beginning with myself.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Before I vote, so some people can understand this, this is not a bonus being given out to somebody like you do at a job because they gave a good performance. Understand that this individual is going to be filling in for the Chief and there's a big difference if you're a sergeant or you're a lieutenant and all of a sudden take on a responsibility for the Chief so it's not a bonus per se like you would get for good job performance. He's going to have to handle that position and it's not an easy job. It's a differential. We ain't giving away money in the case here that is not deserved. We understand the city is in a financial situation. This is money just making up a differential so it's not just a handout. With that I vote Yes.

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 67-2014 passes with 6 Yes votes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 68-2014**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES DIVISION OF THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, WITH "BASIC GENERAL PURPOSE EXTERNAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS " FOR THE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014, 2015 AND 2016, PER THE ATTACHED LETTER OF AGREEMENT.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 68-2014 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 69-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO MAKE APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER'S GRANT PROGRAM (AFG) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A RESCUE SQUAD.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On its adoption, beginning with Clwn Marincic.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Let's hope the second time's a charm and we'll get this grant money this time for our new rescue squad and I vote Yes.

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 69-2014 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 70-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE LABOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC., (FULL-TIME DISPATCHERS, RECORDS CLERKS, JAILERS AND CHIEF DISPATCHERS).

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On its adoption, beginning with Clwn Marincic.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 70-2014 passes with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-2014

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS HONORING AND COMMENDING THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM FOR AN OUSTANDING SEASON.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLWN MARINCIC:** It was an amazing season and Yes.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Before I vote, I would like to say you know, we hear a lot of the bad things about some of the kids within the city and these young gentlemen put a lot of time and effort into this plus their parents do also and I would just like to commend them and I vote Yes.

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Resolution 19-2014 passes with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2014

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR TITLE III GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLMN GLENN:** Before I vote, and I'm going to vote Yes, there's an awful lot of poor people out there and this grant money is going to be well served to needy people. I vote Yes.

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Resolution 20-2014 passes with 6 Yes votes.

### **MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Next we will move on to Comments by Citizens. Will the Clerk please read the rules.

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Is there anyone that would like to speak this evening? Do we have anyone that would like to speak this evening?

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** There being none, we'll start with Miscellaneous Business, beginning with Clmn Glenn.

**CLMN GLENN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I have a few things to say today. One of them is that we have Crudele Park in Ward 4. Because of the library we lost a sled riding area. We have a new area called Crudele Park. It's off David Avenue at the entrance. It's a good place to take the kids sled riding. It's right behind the high school so be aware of it. It's a place to go to take your kids sled riding.

I'd also like to say that the Ward 4 Block Watch will be December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7 o'clock. We're having our Christmas party. We're having food. The Mayor and the Police Chief have an open invitation. Hopefully they will come.

And one other thing I'd like to bring a point to. I had an e-mail today from the manager from Family Dollar stores and I'd like to read it here:

"Make sure that the drivers are not parking in our lots overnight."

We had problems with overnight parking next to residential houses and we're getting great cooperation from Family Dollar. The Police Department has been given the OK to demand they move.

"If they call, make sure they know that they're not permitted to park on our lots overnight."

So we're getting great cooperation from the businesses. We didn't have to legislate no laws against this here and the problem's solved. There won't be, as far as I know, no tickets—just a warning--they have to move so they don't have to park overnight. That is my comment, Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Thank you. First thing I'd like to say is our next meeting will be Monday, December 8, 2014 right here in Council Chambers. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of my family and myself to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving. If you're traveling anywhere take your time and be safe so that you come back to us safe. That's all I have. We'll move on to Mr. Burke.

**CLMN BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to once again congratulate the Garfield Heights Bulldog football team. My son plays on that team and he had a great season and he's had a great four years. I know it's hard to see him hang that up after four years of fun and hard work but they really feel like they accomplished something and I commend them.

I just want to remind everybody that this is a time of year that you see a lot of heightened theft problems so make sure you lock your car doors and secure your belongings because some of these people will go out and break into cars, steal the radio or something to try to get it and pawn it so they can buy Christmas presents or whatever. Just kind of, you know, lock your doors.

My Community Awareness Meeting for December is going to be December 10<sup>th</sup>. We may have to move it because there may be a Work Session or a committee meeting that night, but I will let the residents know if we do move it, but for right now let's plan on the 10<sup>th</sup> and that will be our Christmas get together.

I also want to remind everybody about the lighting ceremony and Sunday, even though I will not be able to attend. I have to go visit an uncle who is out of town and not doing very well, health wise.

And last but not least, I would just like to wish everybody and their families a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you. Mr. Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all I want to congratulate the Garfield Heights Bulldogs on a great season. Thank you very much and next year maybe we can go all the way? Good luck and thanks for all that you did for our city this year.

My next Block Watch will be December 18<sup>th</sup>. It will be our holiday Christmas party. Please join us. There will be plenty of food and a good time. It will be at seven o'clock in the St. Augustine Room at St. Monica's.

This Thursday afternoon of Thanksgiving if anybody would like, there will be free meals being offered at St. Monica's. Anybody that would need one delivered to the house please call the parish rectory. Last year I believe they served around 200 meals that day so please stop up.

I want to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving. Please be safe out there. Drive carefully. Spend the time with your family. Enjoy them. Be grateful for the good things we have and the good community we really do have. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Mr. Vaughn. Mr. Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** First of all I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Remember don't drink and drive. If you got to drink, get your designated driver and just stay where you're at. Definitely don't drink and drive.

I'm glad to say congratulations to the Bulldogs, our football team and just making it to the playoffs. Whether they went further or not really don't make a big difference. You made it there. That's a beautiful thing. You can hang your hat on that.

Also I'd like to mention we had an incident over there in my Ward. Somebody decided that they were kind of cute to take a pellet gun and shoot the back window out of my car. You know when you do things like that stuff like that comes back to you so I put that in God's hands and I hope they find the person before I do.

I'm happy to hear the news about the money to demolish some homes because I know we still got some bad homes, especially on Christine and a couple other streets. That's music to our ears. I look forward to that.

This is a holiday weekend and you know you want to be safe out there. You're out there doing your shopping, etc. The criminals are out there waiting for you to put all that good stuff in your trunk and walk away. They're waiting for you to put it in. I worked security for 20 years. People, if you got to put it in, put it in the trunk, but don't leave it in the back seat and leave it visible. Don't leave it in the front seat. You got a GPS? Don't leave it sitting out on the dash so everybody knows you got one. Put it away. It gives them a reason to go into your car. Windows cost. Mine cost \$366.00 because I got a \$500.00 deductible.

Most of all I want everybody to be safe. Also I'm kind of proud, but I'm actually proud of our community. When I think about Ward 1 I say we—not I—as coming a long way. I can think about how it was 20 years ago when I moved and I think it was 10 years ago. When I look up at 131<sup>st</sup> and I looked down the street I had nothing but just to be proud of the people and nothing that I accomplished. It's something that we have accomplished. I really think the safety forces have really helped me. They are strong and safe in the business district so people can patronize and feel safe and it looks so beautiful when you go up there on a Friday or Saturday night and it's kind of lit up. If I would have thought about it 15 years ago I would not have believed that it would have been the way it is today, but that's called working together.

Most of all you enjoy your holiday and I thank Ms. Whitmore and Mrs. Sally and the gentleman right here (he's not in our Ward, but he hangs with us) for coming out and spending your time at these meetings.

My prayers go out to my neighbor. I mentioned this. Within the past four years I watched her daughter have her homecoming and she passed and her brother passed a year later and the mom she passed about a month ago and they was good neighbors. You couldn't ask for anybody better. My prayers go out to everyone who lost someone during the holiday season. I wish each and every one of my colleagues and everybody else a Happy Thanksgiving and a safe one. That's all Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Mr. Dudley. Mrs. Marincic.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** I just have a couple of things. Mr. Dobies, I really appreciate this grass list. I think you gave Council a lot of very useful information and I'm going to put that to good use. That aside, you're on the school board, aren't you?

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** I believe so. Yes.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** How's our basketball team looking this year?

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** From my understanding we should have a good season.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Look at our Mayor. He looks like a dork in that shirt.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Sonny Johnson will not be happy.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** You better make sure they win. I'm putting this on you.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Coach Johnson says it's a very good year. He said we're going to have a good year this year and even more next year. He's got up and coming Freshmen and Sophomores.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** I got your back, Mayor.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Thank you.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** OK. And last but not least I'd like to end the meeting with my traditional Thanksgiving blessing for everyone here and our community.

May your stuffing be tasty  
May your turkey be plump  
May your potatoes and gravy have nary a lump  
May your yams be delicious  
And your pies take the prize  
And may your Thanksgiving meal stay off of your thighs.

Happy Thanksgiving to everybody. With that I make a motion to adjourn.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On the motion by Mrs. Marincic to adjourn all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed? Meeting is adjourned.

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:45 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Joseph Suster  
President of Council

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Barbara Molin  
Clerk of Council