

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

Tuesday, October 11, 2016

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

**INVOCATION BY:** Councilman Eugene Glenn

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Before everybody sits down I'd like to have a moment of silence for Mrs. Montgomery and her daughter. Thank you.

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

**READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** All present and accounted for. The Minutes of City Council of September 26, 2016.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Council Meeting of September 26, 2016 as written.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On the motion made by Clmn Nenadovich to accept the Minutes of September 26, 2016 as written, all in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

ABSTENTION: Burke

Six Yes votes.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:** None.

**LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE:** None.

**REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:**

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

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Yes, Mr. Chairman. Thank you very much. I do have a report this evening. First off, I want to echo the sentiments. My deepest sympathies on behalf of the entire city go out to the young lady and her daughter that were killed in a pedestrian accident on 131<sup>st</sup>. When you see something like that it makes you realize that the problems that you have are not quite as serious as what they could be. Once again, I express my sympathies for the entire city for that family.

The next thing I wanted to talk about today is I have a few notifications. First off, we have an Indians Honor Volunteer of the Year who is a Garfield Heights resident and I wanted to read it.

Norman Wells of Garfield Heights has been selected by Business Volunteers Unlimited as a Cleveland Indians Volunteer of the Year. Wells has donated over 900 hours of volunteer work this year with the Boy Scouts of America and the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. Last Thursday he received a plaque and got to throw out the first pitch for the Indians game that day at Progressive Field. He had a great time at the game with his family and fulfilled a lifelong dream. Congratulations, Norman. Job well done.+

The next thing I wanted to talk a little bit about was I got a notification from the Third Financial Empowerment Mobile E-Bus.

It was great speaking with you. Per our conversation, we are interested in bringing in our Fifth Third Empowerment Mobile Bus to the Garfield Heights community on Thursday, 10/20/2016. We are flexible on the time. Our only requirement is that we be there for at least three hours. The Fifth Third Financial Empowerment Mobile E-Bus is a 40 foot classroom on wheels and self-contained mobile technology center equipped with 14 computer terminals with satellite access to the Internet. The E-Bus provides support for home ownership, credit counseling programs and provides access to comprehensive financial services information to the community. All the E-Bus services are free and available in English and Spanish. The E-Bus promotes financial literacy and home ownership in an informal and relaxed atmosphere.

While on the E-Bus visitors will be able to request their free credit report and receive a personal evaluation of their finances, have credit counselors available to discuss how to improve their credit, receive information on how to apply for mortgage or foreclosure prevention, learn about fraud prevention and identity protection, view Internet banking and bill payment demonstrations, learn about our Next Jobs Employment Initiative.+

This is something that is being offered to the city of Garfield Heights. It's important that we take advantage of this. This could be really a big boost for some of our residents and I certainly urge Council to talk to their residents and try to get some people out there for this. The time has still been undetermined. We think it's going to be 3:00 . 7:00 p.m. We won't get confirmation of that until tomorrow. If anybody's interested in this, please contact my office for the times. That's on Thursday, 10/20/2016. Joe.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** I have a question. Where is it going to be at?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** It's going to be right in our parking lot

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. That's what I wanted to make sure. Thank you.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** OK. I have something that I want to read to Council and I would ask that you get back to me. Recently we have had much discussion about motorcycle events in the city and it has caused some concern with the residents. I'm going to read to you a notification I have received.

On June of 2017 on a weekend of the 24<sup>th</sup>, I would like to start a Ride for Cancer. I would like to invite every motorcyclist to donate \$10.00 single or \$15.00 for the passenger to join in a ride to several hospitals in the Akron-Cleveland general area to visit children

battling cancer and also adults with terminal cancer. I would like each rider to donate at least one comforting gift such as a teddy bear, a pendant or whatever they can offer for at least one patient struggling with this awful disease. With the money raised, we can provide grilled hot dogs, burgers, bag of chips and a drink (a can of soda, bottled water or juice). After the ride possibly (which we couldn't possibly do, but I'm sure Mr. Dobies would like this) open the city pool for free charge to the riders, free pizza and pop (of course we can't do that because the pool is shut down, but he goes on to say) as a survivor myself with a mother and father that are also survivors I'd like to show a genuine love, care and concern and I would like to use the backing of the city of Garfield Heights to put us on the map in a positive way. I would also like to take photos on this day and have them posted on the display case at the city hall. I have not contacted any cancer care facilities yet, but I have located a few starting with our very own Marymount Hospital.

If all or any of these facilities or any others to be chosen would like to contribute donations, that donation can also be provided for food and snacks on that day. Presented to the remaining money from the riders' donations and other donations received can be donated formally to Research for Cancer. I hope this is enough notice to allow consideration for this event. I expect the turnout to be a great success. If it turns out to be as great as I am expecting, this can become an annual event as riders are always looking for large group rides, usually always willing to donate funds safe and generous event. We can be reached at this number. +

I read this to you, Council, because this is something that I think would be great. I think it's good for the community. It's certainly good for cancer research. It couldn't hurt the kids that are struggling and the patients that are struggling with cancer, but at the same token because of the problems we've had with certain residents about a motorcycle ride, I want to make sure that I get all of Council's approval on this before I go forward with it. Keep me posted in the next week or so what your thoughts are. I personally am in favor of this. We will certainly have our Police Department there to make sure that we keep it as controlled as we can. Joe.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Did they say what date in June, or they're just looking now?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** It says the weekend of the 24<sup>th</sup> June of 2017. That's the tentative date.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Thank you.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** OK? With that said, I would also like to say I couldn't be happier about the progress of our own Cleveland Indians. What a great season they had up to this point. We hope it continues on. I wish the Cleveland Indians all the luck in the world and I'm certainly glad they won last night because I didn't want them to have to play tonight during the Council Meeting. The Council Meeting might have been very fast. With that said, good luck to the Cleveland Indians.

I'd get into tonight's ordinances. Ordinance 50. An ordinance designating the Garfield Heights Civic Center as Red Cross Garfield Heights Disaster Relief Shelter in time of emergency or natural disaster. I certainly urge Council to support this. Ordinance 51 is our annual contract with the County Board of Health. We do this every year. Ordinance 52. This is to put in applications for funding for our sewer system repairs. Dave Krock is up to speed on this if you

have any questions, I would refer them to Dave Krock. With that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Mayor. Are there any questions of the Mayor on his report? Are there any questions of the Mayor on his report? There being none, we will move on to Law Director, Tim Riley. Tim, do you have a report for us this evening?

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Moving right along we move to Police Chief Bob Byrne. Do you have a report for us this evening?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE:** Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman. One item. October 22<sup>nd</sup> is the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Prescription Drug Take Back Day. I wanted to remind people that we do have a drug drop box in our police station's lobby. The only rule is that you only place pills in there. No liquids or needles. So if you have old pills or pills that you don't need anymore it's a safe place to take them. The Sheriff's Department will come and pick them up and they properly dispose of them. That's all I have.

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

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. We had the Second Hazardous Waste Roundup of the year in September. We collected 6,405 pounds of products to be disposed of properly by the Solid Waste District.

We also just finished 141 Cleveland water cutout tickets. We concreted them and repaired them the ones we've had so far, and now they will be turned over to be billed to Cleveland for refunds to the city. We're still working on closing out some of our summer projects. We're getting there.

The leaf pickup--we've gone through the machines, etc. Tentatively, Monday October 31<sup>st</sup> we will start picking up leaves. First thing I ask all the time is please rake leaves to your tree lawn, not in the street. It gets all over the street or blocks up the sewers. Also, some of the problems that we've experienced is those leaf trucks are vacuums. They are not like the sewer jet where they can take a stone or a rock and crush them. The problem we have is that people rake up their yards and they rake up everything so what I'm asking is the piles of leaves cannot contain sticks, twigs, rocks, grass clippings, trash or other materials that will clog or damage the leaf machine. If we do find that, we're going to stop picking up that spot until it gets cleaned out the proper way. Those trailers are only used for four/five weeks out of the year, but the damage to them from that when you get something stuck or it shatters those turbine blades is extremely expensive and we're starting to find when people just rake up their yards whatever is in it they leave in it and boom you take out one of those machines for the short period of time that we use it, it might take two weeks to put it back in service. Plus the cost of it. If we pass over it and leave it there, if you don't clean it out you're going to have to bag those. The rubbish will take them, but we keep running into this problem. All I'm asking is to rake the leaves and try to keep everything else out of the leaves. We're going to try to start October 31<sup>st</sup>, which is a Monday. If I have to adjust it, I will adjust it. They said that we're not going to have too much color and things in the leaves this year because of how hot it was, so it may just go to brown and drop, but I will adjust it to that. We will probably get through the city two times. We usually go four-five weeks depending on what the first week in December looks like. With that, you have my report.

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

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Tim, you had mentioned that you had 145 cutouts. What is the reimbursement cost roughly on something like that?

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** I think it probably averages almost \$1,000.00 a hole by the time concrete and asphalt. I charge them for the employees of course. I charge them for use of the trucks, the bobcats, etc. They have a rate system, but we follow under the rate system from what our employees make compared to if Cleveland had to come out and do it or if they hired a private contractor to do it. This way when we do it we know that we backfilled it, etc. proper. Sometimes it's a pain. We been up to 170-180 one year depending on how bad. Until they replaced the ones on Turney Road, we probably used to have 20/30 a year on Turney Road alone. It fluctuates. Usually about \$1,000.00.

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

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

**CLMN GLENN:** Tim, whose responsibility is it to reseed the grass? Our city or the sewer department?

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** On what kind of digging? If it's in their yard.

**CLMN GLENN:** It's on the curb lawn.

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** Then it will be us. If it's in their yard. No, but if it's on the curb, if the County Public Works doesn't come back, then we end up doing it.

**CLMN GLENN:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Anybody else? We'll move on to Parks and Recreation Director, Bob Dobies. Bob, do you have a report for us this evening?

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Mr. President and Council Members, good evening. Just a very short report. Just reminding everybody, we will have our Annual Halloween Ice Skate Saturday October 29<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Reduced admission of \$3.00 includes skates. Children four and under are free with a paying adult. There will be treat bags for all kids under 12. Thank you. That concludes my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Any questions of Mr. Dobies on his report? Any questions of Mr. Dobies on his report? There being none we'll move on to City Engineer, Dave Krock. Do you have a report for us tonight, Dave?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** I do, thank you, Council President. I just want to voice my support for Ordinance 52. That's a grant program with Northeastern Ohio Regional Sewer District and this allows us to make the application for some future projects. That's my report.

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

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Mr. Krock, I noticed on Turney Road that.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Excuse me, Mr. Nenadovich; is this in regards to his report?

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** It's about work on the roads.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** That would go under Miscellaneous.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** OK.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Anybody else have any questions of Mr. Krock on his report? There being none, we will move on to Finance Director, Barb Biro. Do you have a report for us this evening?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO:** No, I do not, Mr. President. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. We'll move on to Social Services Director Kathy Rush-Parssons. Do you have a report for us this evening?

**SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS:** Just a quick announcement, thank you. It is time for the Annual Food Pantry Registration that we do annually. Registration will take place on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> or Friday October 28, 2016 from 10:00 until 11:30 a.m. and then again from 3:00 . 4:00 p.m. Then we have another date scheduled on Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2:30 p.m. till 4:30 p.m. That's right here in the lobby of the Civic Center. Anyone who attends the Monthly Food Pantry must re-register every year and provide the following documentation: proof of Garfield Heights residency, proof of income and proof of all household members living with you. As always if anybody has any questions they can contact me at the Senior Center. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Does anybody have any questions of Kathy on her report? Does anybody have any questions of Kathy on her report? There being none, 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, I do, Mr. President. I'd like to note that the Regional Chamber of Commerces in our area are having a Grow Your Business Expo on Wednesday October 19, 2016, 4:00 . 7:00 p.m. It will be at the Holiday Inn at Rockside Road. The chambers that are participating are the Parma Area Chamber, Southeast, Brecksville, Shaker Heights and Garfield Heights Chamber of Commerce. All businesses are welcome to attend.

On Monday October 17, 2016, the Soil and Water Conservation District is hosting an event for Native Plant Gardens in order to reduce water runoff. That is at 4:00 p.m. at the parking lot of the Historic Society. That concludes my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Thank you. Does anybody have any questions of Noreen on her report? Does anybody have any questions of Noreen on her report? There being none, we will move on to Building Commissioner, Bill Wervey. Bill, do you have a report for us this evening?

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** I'd just like to mention that the Land Bank, on our behalf, is winding down the demolitions of the homes that we received the grant money for. Over the next few weeks, we will be out in conjunction with them checking on reseeding of lawns and making sure everything ended up being in good condition. By the next Council Meeting I should be able to have a count as to exactly how many we did and what kind of money we spent, etc. That's all I've got.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Anybody have any questions of Mr. Wervey on his report?

**CLMN GLENN:** Bill, you say the money we spent? Wasn't this grant money?

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** Well, I'm using the royal we. Yes, it was grant money.

**CLMN GLENN:** Are we going to utilize all the money for demolition?

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** Most of it's going to get used.

**CLMN GLENN:** OK. Thank you, Bill.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** And there will be a second round. I don't have all the information on that, but we'll get another crack at this.

**CLMN GLENN:** Be looking forward to your comments on the second round. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Bill, do you know when you'll be getting that other notice for the second round?

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** I have no idea. I'll let you know. Either Noreen, Pat or I will let you know as soon as we know something.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Fine. Thank you. That's the end of the Mayor and Directors reports.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** We'll now 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 in the audience that would like to make a comment on tonight's legislation? Is there anybody in the audience that would like to make a comment on tonight's legislation? There being none, we'll move on to Committee Reports beginning with Clmn Vaughn.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to report on our Safety Committee Meeting that we had on Tuesday, September 27, 2016. We met to discuss the issues with Kurt's

Gateway Bar and Grill on their Bike Night. We heard concerns from the neighbors, we heard concerns from businesses and we talked to Kurt himself. I would like to call a meeting to be held for two weeks from tonight at 7:00 p.m. to find ways in which we can either go ahead with allowing a Bike Night at the lounge or other alternatives. We've done the finger pointing; we all talked about the noise. Now we're going to look at ways either we improve it or we don't allow it to go forward. So that would be two weeks from tonight- October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. That's all I have to report at this time.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** With that, I'm going to ask the Law Director a question pertaining to what the Mayor had said about these people that want to come in and do the bike night for cancer. Is this in any way going to affect any decision that is made for that bar?

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Well I mean that.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Motorcycles are motorcycles.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Right.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Not that I'm against it.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** I think you are comparing apples and oranges though. They're having a bike night as opposed to a bike ride for a charity. It all depends on what Council decides. I mean whatever action they feel needs to be taken. I would say wait and see what's decided at the meeting.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Because I really would not want to get tied up with the two of them. Mr. Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** We could discuss that also at that meeting if you like.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. I would. It isn't that I would want to see the cancer run not be, but I want to make sure that we're protecting ourselves all the way around.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Good idea, Joe. So that means that meeting will take place. We'll discuss the two things. Again, I want to stress that it will be done in probably an hour and 15 minutes- no later.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** You're giving me 15 minutes?

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I'll give you 15 minutes, Joe.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Thank you. Clmn Nenadovich, do you have a report for us this evening?

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Yes, I do, Mr. President. We'll be having the 2017 Budget Finance Committee Meetings. They will be held on the following dates: Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in Caucus, Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Caucus Room and Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Caucus Room. If you are looking for what departments are what day, you can find that out on our Website. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. That's all you have?

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Moving on, wed move on to Ordinances, beginning with Ordinance 50-2016. Would the Clerk please read the title?

**ORDINANCE NO. 50-2016**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE AMERICAN RED CROSS OF GREATER CLEVELAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESIGNATING THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CIVIC CENTER AS A RED CROSS/GARFIELD HEIGHTS DISASTER RELIEF SHELTER IN TIME OF EMERGENCY OR NATURAL DISASTER.

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 50-2016 passes with 7 Yes votes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 51-2016**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT TO PROVIDE HEALTH SERVICES TO THIS CITY FOR THE YEAR 2017.

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 51-2016 passes with 7 Yes votes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 52-2016**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT (NEORS) PROGRAM(S), FOR THE MIDWEST NEIGHBORHOOD STORM/SANITART SEWER SYSTEM RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO EXECUTING ANY AND ALL APPLICATIONS, AGREEMENTS AND /OR CONTRACTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE NEORS IN ORDER TO SECURE THE GRANT FUNDS REQUESTED, PER THE APPLICATION AS PREPARED BY CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 52-2016 passes with 7 Yes votes.

### **MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** We will now move on to Comments by Citizens. Would the Clerk please read the rules?

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

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

### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** There being no one, we will move on to Miscellaneous Business beginning with Clmn Glenn.

**CLMN GLENN:** Thank you, Mr. President. November is the month of elections. It's our right to vote. It's very important that you vote.

We will not have our Block Watch for November due to elections. Thank you, Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Thank you, Mr. Glenn.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** The only thing I have is that I would like to wish the Cleveland Indians a lot of luck. I don't say they're going to sweep them. I don't say they're going to lose them all, but let them play the way they've been playing and we won't have any problems. That's all I have. Clmn Burke.

**CLMN BURKE:** Yes, Mr. President, thank you. I would just like to again say that my thoughts and prayers are with the Montgomery family and the tragic accident that happened last Saturday night.

I want to also send out prayers to the folks that are affected by Hurricane Matthew. I know a few of those folks. Some of them were from right here in Garfield Heights that moved down to North Carolina and South Carolina. I am in constant contact with them. They're doing well.

Also I wanted to let everybody know my Community Awareness Meeting is next week Monday right here at the Civic Center where we have State Representative Stephanie Howse to come in and talk about what she does for us as a Representative and also we have our very own President of City Council, Joe Suster, say a few words about what it's like to be the President of City Council and to have to work closely with Mayor Collova. I was trying to draw a response from there.

The other thing is I want to also go on record as saying I missed the last meeting and we had a resolution to support the renewal of the school levy. I want to go on record as saying that I do support the school system. I do support this renewal levy because we cannot take money away from our school system. As much as it struggles as much as I would like to see it be a better school system. They do have their problems when it comes to their grading and the way that they're evaluated. Until that changes I don't think you're going to see a big change in their grade until the State changes the evaluation system.

Then the last thing is I know Cody Allen gave us all a heart attack last night, but I would like to say Go Tribe! That's all I have.

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

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Real quickly, I just want to say people, please, slow down on the roads. We had two tragedies this past week. We don't need any more, especially on the Turney Turnpike out there. Please slow it down. I don't understand how people even have a suspension system left any more, but everybody, kids are back in school, slow down the traffic, please.

Yes, Go Tribe! We're going all the way. We're going to do it. That's all I have. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Clmn Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** First of all, my condolences to the Montgomery family. It was really something to see when the accident occurred up there that you saw a lot of individuals who didn't hesitate to get involved and go over there to see what they could do. You could see the hurt on a lot of their faces and they didn't even know these individuals. It's all the safety forces you could look in them guys' faces when they was up there from your Police or your Fire Department and you could see that even as well as the residents and so people are passing through you could see the pain, you know. That really touched a lot of people and showed that we have a lot of good hearted people in our community. Like I said, Ward 1 we are a very unique community. We are a strong community. I was really proud that I never knew this young lady, but after the incident, the things that were said at the store were good things about her from her neighbor, Mr. Dill, who you saw on television, etc. It goes to show that we have a lot of good people in this community that we don't even know about.

I just want to mention sometimes when I go in the store and I go up and I give people hugs and my sons always ask me, they whisper in my ear, you notice if you ever be around me when I see somebody my sons shake their hands (Isaiah and Elijah) what I actually whisper in people's ears and some people don't know I hug them and shake their hands and I always tell them that God loves you and so do we. This goes to show that life is too short and your children is too

precious. You never know when they walk out that door, even your husband or your wife or anybody else you may not see them again. Even individuals that disagree with and have arguments you'd see me I won't hesitate to tell them I love them because they won't lose no sleep, but if I harbor the hate in my heart, I would lose a lot of sleep. I know life is precious and everybody means a lot to me as well as everybody else. Keep that family in your prayers as well as the gentleman who was driving the car that hit the family. Keep his family in prayers. I know he's going through a lot now.

I would also like to tell you that on November 8<sup>th</sup> your vote is very important to you. A lot of people made a lot of sacrifice and a lot of people died for your right to have this vote so you got to get out there on November 8<sup>th</sup> and you got to make it count because if you going to complain and you don't show up to vote, then you're not part of the solution; you're part of the problem. I want to see the poll jam packed. I'm not telling you who to vote for, but I may suggest. I want to see it jam packed.

I also want to say keep the families that went through a lot of damage and lives who were lost because of Hurricane Matthew from Haiti to the Bahamas, up the East Coast, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. Keep them in your prayers, etc.

With that, remember to be safe and watch them crosswalks. Watch those turns that you make, but respect the people walking and beware the children. We got Halloween coming up. They happy and they greedy for that candy. Be cautious out there. With that, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Mr. Dudley. Mr. LaMalfa, do you have anything for us this evening?

**CLMN LAMALFA:** Yes, I just got one thing. I'm getting a lot of phone calls about parking overnight and I want to remind everybody that at night they got to pull their cars in their driveways. That's all I have. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Clmn Nenadovich. Do you have anything for us this evening?

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Yes, a few items. Real quick though. First of all my condolences to the Montgomery family. Tragedy is always bad, especially when it comes like this. It's not expected. It's all of a sudden. Like Mr. Dudley says, it's easily snuffed out in a fraction of a second.

I do have a question for Mr. Krock. On Turney Road I see the curbs, etc. are being repaired. Is this like a prelude to Turney Road being paved next year?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** Yes, the County is doing some work on the sewers right now and that is in preparation for the paving next year. So they're getting ahead of it this fall like they said they would. Next spring we're supposed to see things get started.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** That word supposed to that scares me.

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** I just talked to them today, but until we see it.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Dave. Again, like Mr. Dudley says, the voting on November 8<sup>th</sup>. I want you to think about the Charter change and lengthening the terms for Council from two to four years. Consider it.

I want you to remember our troops.

Go Tribe!

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

**CLMN GLENN:** Mr. President, before we adjourn the Council Meeting I'd like to remind everybody that the next Council Meeting will be Monday, October 24, 2016. Thank you. Motion to adjourn.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I want to thank you all that showed up tonight out of your busy schedule because I always tell people no matter where you live in this city you should try to make two Council Meetings a year. I thank especially you ladies and Mr. Miles over there for showing up and the rest of you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Once again, the motion was made by Mr. Glenn to adjourn the meeting. All those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed? Meeting is adjourned. AYES: Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:43 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Joseph Suster  
President of Council

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Barbara Molin  
Clerk of Council