

# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

## CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

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

**INVOCATION BY:** Councilman Michael Dudley, Sr.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Roll call please.

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

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On the reading and disposal of the Minutes of September 28, 2015.

**CLMN BURKE:** Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the City of Garfield Heights, Monday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015 as written.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** On the motion made by Mr. Burke, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:** None.

**LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE:** None.

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Mayor, do you have a report for us this evening?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have a brief report this evening. I wanted to talk a little bit about a couple of calls that I received about requesting that we change Halloween to a different day or a different time. So what we did was we checked with other communities throughout Cuyahoga County. The vast majority of them have it at the same time as we have it on the day this year. It would be Saturday at 6:00 p.m. Probably 90 . 95% of the communities have not changed. I also checked with the Police Chief. The Police Chief feels that there's no problem having this at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday evenings so we've decided to stay on the October 31<sup>st</sup> at six o'clock.

With that I want to get into tonight's legislation. Tonight's ordinances 44 and 45 are rezoning issues. If you have any questions Mr. Wervey can handle that. Ordinance 46 allows the State to control the traffic signals on all 480 ramps in Garfield Heights. This is just so they can coordinate all the lights at all the ramps throughout 480 and we (as far as the Administration) do not have a problem with this at all. With that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Mayor. Does anybody have any questions of the Mayor on his report? Mayor, would you like to give the report for Police Chief Bob Byrne?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes. Chief Byrne gave me a report. We would like to announce that Officer Todd Vargo has been promoted to Sergeant. Todd's been with us for many years. He is a fine outstanding young man. He has done a great job as a Patrolman and we are happy to see him be a Sergeant. I swore him in the other day. Almost the entire Police Department (or a good majority of the Police Department) was there. It was quite a nice event. He was very happy and I was pleased to be able to do that.

He also wants to announce that after 26 years of outstanding service Sgt. Dennis Welch is retiring. We certainly thank Sgt. Welch for his years of service here in Garfield Heights. He went to school here in Garfield Heights. He stayed in Garfield Heights as a Patrolman. He's done a great job and we're certainly going to miss him. There's some tough shoes to fill.

Lastly, he also wants to send out congratulations to Mike Brasdovich who is retiring from being an Auxiliary Officer after 26 years. These guys on the Auxiliary Police do a great job and we're very happy to have those people to work with them. So that is the Chief's report, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Does anybody have any questions of the Mayor on the Chief's report? There being none, we'll move on to our Assistant Law Director, Kevin Weiler. Kevin, do you have a report for us this evening?

**ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR KEVIN WEILER:** Mr. President, I do not have a report. Just for anybody that doesn't know me out there, I am Kevin Weiler. I am the Assistant Law Director sitting in for Tim Riley tonight. Thank you.

**ACTING POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE:** Absent.

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

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** Yes I do. Thank you, Mr. President. First I want to start off with we were looking at starting leaf pickup this week but we didn't because there's nothing on the ground yet. Hopefully we will try again next week. It will depend on what's down and what's raked up how I do it. Actually I'm still trying to use all the guys to close up some of the summer projects that we have. Right now I have them on Turney Road trying to patch Turney Road to tie that up for the wintertime and I'm going to be working on Warner Hill too, which is in bad condition again. So we're going to try again next week. I will look at it to see what's out there, what was raked up before I make the decision who's going out there. How many crews. Leaf pick up. It will last about six weeks weather permitting. They'll be picked up street by street, Ward by Ward. We will not be running around to every phone call that comes and says I raked my leaves. Come and get them. You don't get anywhere that way. I hope to get through the city at least two times. Leaves can be put in your regular rubbish totes,

but they cannot be put into the recycling totes. Only the rubbish totes--the 95 gallon ones--they can be put in there or they can be bagged and put out next to your garbage.

I think most of the people in Garfield Heights have received the recycled clothes and shoes information in the mail and the green bags that were sent with this. That's going to start on October 19<sup>th</sup>. You can put these bags filled with clothing and shoes out on the same day as your regular rubbish. There's a number on there if there's any questions. Simple recycling.com or 1-866-835-5068 for any kinds of questions you may have on the clothing and shoe recycling, but that is scheduled to start on October 19<sup>th</sup>. That will be picked up with your regular rubbish.

Also I'd like to get into a little bit about rubbish. We're having a very difficult problem with the rubbish that's going on now. I don't know why, but a lot of you are familiar with the problems I am having with it because you brought them to me yourself. People are putting out rubbish whenever they want to. They are filling up tree lawns. They're throwing it all over the street. I don't understand. Rubbish has been under this company for almost five years. Every day. I don't understand. Let me run through this. The holidays that the rubbish company does not work: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. So any of those holidays fall during the week it will move your rubbish to one day late. All the rest of the holidays they work. They're a private company. They work. They weren't off yesterday. They work on Columbus Day. It's always been the same even back when we collected our own rubbish. It just seems to be a problem. Putting rubbish out. You put the rubbish out on your regularly scheduled day. It should be at the curb by 7:00 a.m., six o'clock the night before (now we're going into four o'clock the night before the end of the month.) Extra bags can be put out next to your containers but the totes must be out there. I don't understand why we're having a problem with this now. I went from having two rubbish complaints a day to having to put a foreman on there every morning to ride the rubbish route from the day before and tie him up with all that is going on. Anyhow the bulk pickup you can put out with your habitual rubbish. Construction debris. We're having tons of trouble with that too. If you have your house done by somebody, you're rehabbing houses, etc. it does not go on the tree lawn. The city does not pick up construction debris and we never have. I looked through all the old contracts today, but we're having problems with that.

We're having problems with landlords that they don't care what their tenants do. They refuse to follow up. We recently ticketed one with a couple healthy tickets because he didn't seem to care. We're running into this more and more. I don't know what the answer is, but we're going to step up trying to chase these people. They don't answer their phone. They don't come to the door. We had the Police go to their house. We've had the Building Department. Bill can tell you within the last couple weeks. He's tired of me too. Just trying to find out who owns the house. It's empty. Why is this stuff being put out? It's pretty messed up.

One of the other problems that we have too is scavengers. They make a mess. They go through these tree lawns and they throw the stuff everywhere. The rubbish company's not there to clean up your tree lawn. They're there to pick up the rubbish in containers and boxes, etc. but scavenging is illegal in Garfield Heights. They go through the stuff on the tree lawns and pitch everything everywhere. We just had a problem on Park Heights. It took us three weeks to resolve just finding who would own up to the problem. It's just wild. But the scavengers do help magnify the problem by digging in through there. That scavenging ordinance was passed in 1992. It's been in effect for a long time, but we're going to have to try to start coming down on that because every call I get is the scavengers went through it and took what they wanted. Now we got to clean it up. I wanted to go through that. We're trying to take a look at it. I know some

of you are familiar with it because I get the phone calls. I have a foreman on there everyday, which I really didn't want to do but we're going to try to keep working on that.

I wanted to thank Bob's crew again- the grass crew with John Becony in that crew. They've cleaned up Fire Station 1 and 2. They've cut and trimmed. I think sometime this week they're going to putting some mulch, etc. around the bushes. I don't have the people to continually do that. It looks terrible but his crew had some rainy days and they took care of that for us. With that, that's all I have.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. I have a couple questions for you. The machine that picks up the garbage cans? Can that pick up bags also?

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** No. He has to get out.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** He has to get out and do that? OK. Also with leaf pickup I don't know if anybody's aware, but the community to the east of us has now stopped picking up people's leaves. They have signs throughout their city saying that if anybody has any questions to call them.

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** Mr. President, you know one of the problems of that too is that leaves are costly to dispose of. Everybody charges you. We're lucky that we have a resident in this town that owns a landscaping place in our town that takes our leaves for nothing. Last year I had people calling me from other cities wanting to know where I went because they heard that I don't pay and they wanted to get in on it. The guy does it because he's a long time resident of our town and he does us a favor, but leaves have gotten to be very expensive to dispose of and more and more towns are talking about going away from it- just bagging it. It's in our rubbish contract to take bags of leaves so more towns are starting to look at that, but sorry. I don't mean to cut you off.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** That's OK. The other question I have. Do you think a lot of this rubbish is due to new people that are moving in and don't understand what our rules are for rubbish?

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** I think it's a lot of everything. I think it's a combination. I think it's landlords who don't care what their people do. The people who live in the house don't care what they do. Scavengers. I met with my foreman this morning to try to figure out what we can do with this because it's worse every day for the last two-three months now and we never find an answer. I go find Bill to find out who owns a house. Who's the landlord? People on the phone will hang up on me when I call and ask them if they're the landlord or say I don't own this house and hang up. It's a never ending battle, but it's increased. We have over 10,000 houses in pickup so if I got a couple complaints a day to take this rubbish or I put it out late or didn't bundle it right, but now it's getting to be total- there's 10/15 per day and they're not simple things where a foreman can go out and grab a bag of rubbish, throw it in his truck and be gone. He'd throw it in the dumpster. These are full blown tree lawns. I showed you some pictures. They're unbelievable. Then we find other landlords that bring their trash from another place to his house in Garfield Heights and put it on the tree lawn. We're trying to look at it. I don't know what the answer is but I sat with my foreman today to try to figure out where we can go with this and then I'll meet with the Mayor and see what we can do.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. I'm going to ask Bill Wervey a question. When somebody comes in that has just moved in to the city or is renting, do we give them that little booklet we used to have, "The Quality of Life"?

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** Yes. Good neighbors make good fences or whatever the title on it is?

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** They don't throw out garbage.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** If I might add to what Tim was saying, if you or your constituents see somebody, call us or call the cops when it's happening because it's way easier to do something when you get somebody in the act.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Does anybody have any questions?

**CLMN GLENN:** I'd just like to add to that, Mr. Wervey. Sometimes we have tires; people are dumping tires on lawns or in shopping centers. That becomes a garbage problem too, so it's one problem after another. Thank you.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I got a question for Tim. In Akron many years ago I was working at Brinks and they was recycling. They had a place down there and lost of people taking leaves down there and they were converting leaves into energy or something? It was going on in 2005 all the way to 2007. Are they still doing that down there?

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** Yeah, I'm not sure about that. Years back we and Maple Heights used to dump some of them. They had property and they were doing it but what happens is the function of you can't leave them just lay there and degrade. Now you get into money with bring a shredder in, you have to have somebody there to turn them every so many days. It got to be where it wasn't cost-efficient. That didn't last very long. I've looked around and there's really nothing. You turn around a stack of leaves and there was a company on Rockside Road that had leaves and the smell starts going into the neighborhood. I'm sure Mr. Vaughn was aware of that. That's a tough thing. We don't have any property to do that or the people or the equipment. We have looked at different things through the years. It's not feasible.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** It's good, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Is there anybody who has any questions of Tim? We'll move on to Parks and Recreation Director Bob Dobies, do you have a report for us this evening?

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Mr. Chairman, Council, good evening. Is there any time left for me tonight? Thank you. Just real quick. Two events coming up. Halloween Skate Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., residents only. It's a reduced rate of \$3.00. There will be prizes, a DJ. There are flyers around the city. It's on the Website already and all children under 12 will receive treats.

On November 6<sup>th</sup> we're going to have the Rising Star Competition. This is where our figure skaters perform different disciplines to raise their level of achievement. This will take place Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Approximately. They still have applicants coming in from 7:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday.

If you would allow me the conversation that just went on, Mr. Chairman, when you brought it up about Maple Heights canceling their leaf pickup. I know the community knows, but I am thankful to the Mayor, Council, the Directors I work with, that through fiscal emergency we did not cut

one thing and we're still operating today on a balanced budget. I think that says a lot about our community and the people here, and our employees and the residents understanding the difficulty other cities are going through and it's something we should truly be proud of. Thank you. That concludes my report.

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

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO:** Thank you, Mr. President. I have nothing to report this evening.

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** Absent.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Thank you. Our City Engineer is not here this evening so we'll move on to our Social Service Director, Kathy Rush-Parssons. Do you have any report for us this evening?

**SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS:** Yes, I do, Mr. President. Just a quick reminder to everyone that we will be having our Annual Mandatory Food Pantry Registration coming up on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and then from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Also again on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 till 4:30 p.m. right here at the Civic Center on the first floor. Registration is required every November and proof of residency, income and birth dates of all household members is required. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Are there any questions of Kathy on her report? There being none we'll move on to our Building Commissioner Bill Wervey. Do you have any report for us this evening?

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** Are you going to Noreen or do you want me?

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** We'll leave Noreen till last.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** We already talked about the zoning issues in Caucus. We talked about trash pickup. I don't really have anything else. I guess for Barbara if you need help getting the advertisements for the public hearing regarding the zoning in the paper give me a call. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Thank you. Are there any questions of Mr. Wervey on his report? There being none we'll move on to Economic Development Director Noreen Kuban. She hides behind Bill. I can't see her back there.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to announce about our Harvest Fest this October 24<sup>th</sup>. We're benefiting Garfield Heights Community Gardens and it's going to be from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Garfield Heights Civic Center. The event includes pumpkin decorating, hayrides, crafts, children's games, face painting, prize raffles and refreshments. This year we're partnering with Momentum Church and they will bring some volunteers in and will provide costumed characters including Cleveland Browns mascot Chubs, a photo booth, a disc jockey and additional help. Tickets will be sold for activities, food and prizes at the door. The ticket prices are \$1.00 each or seven for \$5.00. The cost of food and activities varies from one to five tickets. Raffle prizes in

the themed gift baskets will also be sold in advance as well as during the Harvest Fest. Thank you.

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

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Mr. Chairman, if I may? If you would indulge me? I would like to thank Noreen for being here tonight on her birthday. You couldn't find a better place to be on your birthday. Happy Birthday.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** She doesn't look a day older.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Moving along we'll go to Comments by Citizens on tonight's agenda. Would the Clerk please read the rules?

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Is there anyone that would like to comment on tonight's agenda? There being none we'll move on to Committee Reports.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** We'll now move on to Ordinances and Resolutions. We'll begin with Ordinance 44-2015. Would the Clerk please read the title?

**ORDINANCE NO. 44-2015**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, KNOWN AS ORDINANCE NO. 121-1962, PROVIDING FOR THE REVISION OF THE BUILDING ZONE MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PARCEL NO. 541-28-054, 10705 SOUTH HIGHLAND AVENUE.  
Moved by GLENN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to PLACE INTO WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE:

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 44-2015 will be placed into the Ways and Means Committee.

**ORDINANCE NO. 45-2015**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, KNOWN AS ORDINANCE NO. 121-1962, PROVIDING FOR THE REVISION OF THE BUILDING ZONE MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF PARCEL NO. 541-16-082, 4813 E. 90<sup>th</sup> STREET.  
Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to PLACE INTO WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE:

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 45-2015 will be placed into the Ways and Means Committee.

**ORDINANCE NO. 46-2015**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE REPEALING GARFIELD HEIGHTS ORDINANCE 13-2003 AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ("ODOT") FOR THE CONTROL AND MAINTENANCE OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY DEVICES LOCATED AT THE I-480 EXIT RAMPS THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 46-2015 passes with 7 Yes votes.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS**

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

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

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

Nikki Majka, 13561 Foxcroft. I am approaching City Council for my grad school project on a policy issue and for my crew. We are proposing that Garfield Heights annex diversity training for all the police as an effort for community policing where the police actually go out in the community and interact with the citizens like get out of their patrol cars and talk like to residents and the kids to try to act like a group effort to keep the community safe. And get the neighbors city training it's also at the State level where they are trying to implement it. So we decided Garfield Heights could get on board beforehand and be an example and allows for a collaborative effort for the City Council, residents and employees to all work together to keep Garfield Heights safe and our last idea is to have the blue ribbons saturating the community on all the city buildings. That's all I have.

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

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Mr. Chairman. Nikki, I think those are some good issues. We'll take them up with Chief Byrne. OK? Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Is there anyone?

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I want to make one comment, Mr. Chairman. I don't know if you remember in previous meetings where I said that it was a shock and the residents wasn't used to this, especially the youth in the Ward 1 community where we had officers that would stop the kids and they thought they was harassing the kids. They wasn't. They was giving their cards in Ward 1 and letting them know if they had any problems or concerns that you can call. They been doing that in Ward 1 and some of the kids become receptive. Some don't, but it's been a tremendous turnaround and reception in the community by the officers there. They been doing it in Ward 1 for years now. It's something they already been doing and it worked very well for us. I wouldn't know about the rest of the city, but it's worked well for us. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** There being none wed, move on to Miscellaneous Business beginning with Mr. Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** The best go first. All right. I want to say a couple of thank yous, you know? The Mayor mentioned Sgt. Dennis Welch and I know some people don't know him, but he's a real good guy. He will hug my whole family. He got to give my boys a hug, he got to give me a hug or whatever the case may be and he was a lot different than you would expect from an officer. When he was in the community in the Ward he got along fine with everybody up there. Like when he told me several weeks ago he had a couple weeks to go I hated to see him go because I know we have other officers but Sgt. Welch is one of a kind. He's a lovable guy, but he is about business. I wish him the best. We definitely going to miss him because I know my sons were crazy about him. We definitely going to miss him.

I want to throw some thank yous out there. My buddy Chief Sackett, because I know he's going to be getting ready for retirement, but I'm going to tell you what you all didn't know about Chief. He made a big difference in the community. When I was having issues up there, when I took over Council, we had a lot of bullying problems up there. People called me. Their kids could not play in the yard. I experienced this when my children were younger. But what Chief did after I talked to the neighbor, when I was in Council and they would disregard me and continue to call other children to go in front of people's houses and look in houses I would be coming home sometime from work and who did I see coming off the front porch of the home I complained about? It would be Chief Sackett walking off the porch of that house. He would do that. You don't get nothing like that from any other Chief in the city and I go to meetings and they can't believe some of the stuff done in our city by some of our law enforcement to help out the community that they don't have in their city but I tell them it's by relation. They will treat you according to how you treat them too. He's going to be missed. He wasn't just the Chief of Police. he was a good friend of the family. We love the guy in all honesty as an individual. I really miss him. I still get to deal with him sometimes. He's a great guy and I wish him the best.

I got to say my dear friend who's sitting next door to me I got to make this quick there. She sits next door to me for several years and I met Nancy when she was running for Mayor and I was running for Council. That's when we first met. She's been a great friend of the family. When I initially came to Council she was explaining some of the rules and told me you could speak at this time and she's great. I'm going to miss her when she goes at her final meeting next week. She's a little sweet heart. I love her to death for my family. Sometimes she would always ask me what's wrong when I come in here when I'd be a little mad she would always come and say, %What's wrong? Don't let it bother you, Mike.+Nancy is great. She was a great asset to this

Council and she's surely going to be missed by me. I been sitting next to her and just talk with her.

I want to thank the community in Ward 1 who's been great. I'm going into my 5<sup>th</sup> term now and they've been very supportive. I wanted to thank the two young ladies sitting over there who came to the meeting because when I first ran for office, those two individuals gave me the first signs on their street. It was Tommy and Betty. I will never forget that. It's been going for 10 years or so.

I thank my colleagues here and also the Administration. Me and Bill developed a great relationship. He done a lot for me when it came time to handling stuff for the community. When I turned a building and busted out a wall in this apartment complex they didn't second guess it. Actually when I talked to them about it he helped get done what had to be done. He came out and he helped me and it's been a great relationship. We get mad at each other some time but Bill do take care of business when he has to and I love that. That makes eight years going into my 8<sup>th</sup> year.

I want also to be able to give thanks out to Janice Tubbs. Those of you all who know her, I mean she done helped me do all of our projects. The time she invested in working with me if she was getting paid she would have got overtime. She done a lot. She the reason why this is aired on television and she done a lot of paperwork in the community and she helped me on a lot of our programs and she made a great play. She put in her own time for these kids that we had there.

My Seniors I love to death at St. Timothy Manor, St. Timothy Park. Don't worry. Mr. Dobies, you owed this time to me. Give me two more minutes and I will wrap this up. I want to thank those Seniors up at St. Timothy Manor and Park. They been great, very supportive, etc. They volunteer they time to kind of help out with some programs that we were putting on in the community.

Not last and least, for also my family who has been a great support. When I first took the job I took much of a financial loss. My pay was cut less than half on the other job that materialized. We were living on Ramen noodles as a steak. But they stuck with me, you know? I appreciate that. They helped me get to where I'm at and Praise God because it was God's decision that I be here and at the end of the day He's the one that makes all this possible for me. I'm really pleased.

Also for the last, the businesses up there. When you go up to Ward 1 you take a look at 131<sup>st</sup> and then you back up maybe about eight years when we only had about four or five businesses up there. You look at it at nighttime. It's a beautiful sight. It's lit up. You got everything you can ask for. But it was the gentleman who built that plaza who could have went anywhere and built a plaza, but he built that plaza up there. We are virtually self-contained up there from day care to beauty parlors, etc. It's been a great thing. I don't know if you all remember Roman? Roman was a great guy. Some of you remember Roman. Roman was a great guy. He really helped people get what had to be done to make businesses successful when he came up there, etc. I tell you, it's been some good years, there's been some rough times, but you know I'm seeing it through, you know? With that I look forward to going on into the next several years for those individuals who are going to be returning. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Ms. Marincic, do you have anything tonight?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** I would like to thank Mr. Dudley for the kind comments. Don't make me fall apart because I know I'm going to at my last meeting. Keep me in your prayers for the next meeting that I can keep strong. That's all I have tonight.

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

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Very short. Remember the Vets. November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day. Keep them in your prayers.

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

**CLMN GLENN:** A short, little note here that there's been a change in locations for voting in Ward 4 for Precinct 4-C. They will be voting at the library now. They sent out notifications. One of our new locations is the library in lieu of Elmwood School.

I want to mention that our Block Watch was kind of successful. We had a good turnout. One of the participants happens to be sitting here (Wendy) gave a speech on the CERT and other than that, Go Bucks! Go Dawgs!

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you. I would just like to mention that our next Regular Meeting of Council will be October 26<sup>th</sup>, which is two weeks from yesterday. I have to keep thinking of what day of the week it is, because we usually meet on Monday.

I'm going to go over the Finance Committee Budget Meetings again because we had to make some changes because of tonight's meeting and some conflicts with some people that could not come on the dates that were scheduled. So I will go through this. On Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup> we will start at 6:30 p.m. Six-thirty will be Building Commissioner Bill Wervey, 7:00 will be Acting Police Chief Bob Byrne, at 7:30 it will be Fire Department Chief Tom Nemetz and on Thursday, October 15, 2015 our meeting again will start at 6:30 p.m. We will have Parks and Recreation Director Bob Dobies, 7:00 will be Kathy Rush-Parssons and that will take care of that for that evening. There will only be 6:30 and 7:00.

Then on Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. we will have Judge Weiler and Judge Nicastro and Donna Marcoguissepe. Also we will have Service Director Tim McLaughlin. At 7:00 we will have Noreen Kuban, our Economic Development Director; 7:30 will be Dave Krock, our Engineer. On Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup> we will wrap up the whole thing which will be 6:30 p.m. the Law Department, Tim Riley, Mayor Vic Collova and then we will have an overview with Barb. So if anybody has any questions on those I hope we don't have to make any more changes. I think I got them all.

OK. I personally want to thank Barb for putting this all together because we had one schedule set up and we had to change it because we forgot that yesterday was a holiday so we got all through that but I personally want to thank you for your time and effort. I know you have a lot of other things to do besides these kinds of things. With that, that's all I have.

Mr. Burke, do you have any miscellaneous business for us this evening?

**CLMN BURKE:** Just a few short things. I want to remind everybody that in view of the Finance Committee Meeting taking place that I will not be having a Community Awareness Meeting tomorrow. It's much more important to go over the city finances.

I would also like to congratulate Officer Vargo on his promotion and I wish the very best to Sgt. Welch and Auxiliary Officer Mike Brasdovich on their retirement.

Last but not least, Happy Birthday, Noreen. That's all I have.

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

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I thank you, Sir. I'll be short and brief. My best wishes to Patrolman Welch and Auxiliary Patrolman Brasdovich. Best of luck in your retirement. Congratulations Sgt. Vargo. Happy Birthday, Noreen. And I can see you fine down there. I don't know what Joe's problem is?

Nikki, I want to thank you for your suggestions for the plans for diversity training for police officers. I believe that this is something that we should bring up at the beginning of our next term in Safety Committee. So anything else that you might have on that, if you want to give this to us we will be more than glad to. I think it's really important we have young adults who are studying that bring these ideas to us and it helps. It really does. Most important of all let's get those blue ribbons out. Let's show our police officers that we're behind them.

You know what? Mr. Chairman. That's one more thing. He's got one more thing.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Barb, would you make sure everybody gets a new copy. Would you e-mail it to them, please? Or you could bring them to tomorrow night's meeting. OK?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO:** Mr. President, I'll e-mail Council and all Directors tomorrow morning.

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

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Mr. Chairman, I move we adjourn this meeting please.

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

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

**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