

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Wednesday, October 28, 2013

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

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Eugene Glenn

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

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Reading and disposal of the Minutes from the Wednesday, October 16th Regular Meeting of the Garfield Heights City Council.

CLMN SUSTER: Mme. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Garfield Heights City Council dated Wednesday, October 16, 2013 as submitted.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: All in favor say Yea. All opposed? The Yeas have it.
AYES: Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: We will move right on to the Mayor and his reports. Mayor Collova?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mme. Chair. First of all I'd like to talk a little bit about the rock scaling project on Granger Hill. I want to read a notification I received.

"Please be advised that the contractor working for ODOT on this project will be contacting you this week to request the use of officers for traffic control."

ODOT called me this morning. I met with the contractor on-site where they informed me of their schedule. The schedule is they will start tree clearing on October 28, 2013, both sides of the street on Granger Hill and then they will start the rock scaling on November 4, 2013, both sides of the street on Granger Hill. This is going to be a project that is well needed in Garfield Heights.

It is for the safety of the people that travel on that road. This is something that Dave Krock's been involved with and if there's any questions Dave can take you a little bit further on that.

Next I want to talk a little bit about I had a couple residents ask me if you have been in our dining room and you've been in the atrium when this building was put together they had some bricks that were scripted and people purchased them for \$40.00 or \$50.00 (I'm not sure how much it was at that time) and I've had some residents ask me if they could purchase some bricks and get them inscribed too like memorials for their family. This one specific lady's son passed away and she wanted to do it in memory of her son. We checked into it. Our supervisor Tony Lovano checked into this. Doing it on the atrium wall won't work. We can't do it there because it would be totally different than what we have in place there now. But what I want to offer to the people is that the wall on McCracken Road we are going to build a brick floor behind the wall and we're going to decorate it with flowers, etc. and I'll put it out to the people. If anybody is interested in doing something like that to contact us. They could put it in memory of one of their family members or they could do it on behalf of the family and it would probably be at a cost of between \$40.00 and \$45.00. We have not got all the prices on it, but to do it we need to see if there's real interest out there. I can't just do it for the two people that have requested it at this time so I want to get it out. Council, too if you could talk to your residents if anybody's interested in doing something like that, we'll make it look very nice and very special and it might be nice for a memorial for some our family members.

Next I want to talk a little bit about a Safety meeting that we're having on Wednesday. We're having a Safety meeting here. It was called by Tracy Mahoney and being hosted by Tracy Mahoney. We've invited the public to come in to get some ideas of what the Council, what myself and the Administration is doing because of the problems that we're having with some juveniles. Last month at the last Council Meeting we had Melanie here from the library. She talked a little bit about the problem with the youth at the library and I agree with her 100%. They have some problems. She talked about it and it was written and talked about the problem throughout the community and I just want to say that we do have a problem with juveniles no different than any other community. Matter of fact our problem is less, in fact, than some other communities because we really don't have gang activity, etc. We have mischievous kids is what we have and when this library was built I am so proud of that library I can't thank the County enough for everything they put into it. But we have to remember when we were going to libraries back then it was for study purposes, for reading books and it was for people that were there and for the most part it was quiet. That's what you did. You were there to study; to read books. This library was built in a different concept. They have a recording studio in there, they have a video studio in there, they have Wi Games where you can box, race cars, etc. and this is not done by juveniles that are quiet. It just doesn't happen that way. If you think about your kids playing those games at home they can get a little bit loud so I think that there's some activity that's going on over there that the library created a little bit on their own. I'm not saying it's bad. It's good but it has a section with little tykes running around their children's section without creating some kind of noise. So I think it could get blown out of proportion. As far as the residents go, and I'll get into this deeper on Wednesday, but remember that it's not only a problem with the juveniles. It's the problem with some of us and I include myself into that as Seniors as a while because we don't tolerate as much as we used to when we were kids and we have a tendency to forget some of the things we did when we were kids. Now if you think about this, how many of us played baseball or football or basketball in the streets? In front of our house? We used to do it all the time. Garfield Heights it's illegal to do that. Get a ticket. Can't do that. We used to go to Intramurals after school. We can't do that anymore because there is no Intramurals. They don't have the money to do it. Although some of these programs are working at bringing it back into place, right now the kids have absolutely nowhere to go. So the tolerance level we have to

understand a little bit more. The kids, and I've said it before, are not coming home after school and sitting at the picnic table drinking lemonade and doing their homework. That's not what kids do. That's not what we did. That certainly isn't what I did. So I think Wednesday could be a very productive meeting. We know, the Council knows and the Administration knows what problems are out there. We know about the pants hanging around the ankles, we know about the kids walking in the street, we know about the kids congregating. We know about that, but we're looking for a solution so if somebody does come to the meeting and you have an idea which might help us to a solution that would be great.

So with that said I'm going to get into tonight's legislation and we have quite a bit of legislation tonight. Ordinance 58-2013. We're applying for a Department of Justice Grant for the purchase of law enforcement equipment and I'm sure the Chief, if you have any questions, the Chief can certainly answer what this equipment is used for and with that, Mme Chair, you have my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. I have a statement on a question. First of all, I never played football in the street, Mayor. But I hope the safety meeting isn't just to address juvenile crime because most of the issues I have in Ward 2 have nothing to do with juveniles. I don't have any issues with break-ins, traffic problems, so many different variety of crimes that yeah, juveniles do play a part but it's a smaller percentage than my other complaints in Ward 2.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Actually, Nancy, I feel bad that you didn't play football in the streets but I can understand it. You know this because you attend them regularly, at the Block Watches that we have, four or five of them each month, many of the residents there talk about safety issues and the Chief of Police the Chief is there at every one of these Block Watches or 99.9% of them and he responds to all those questions. If you have a question at one of these Block Watches about a problem in a home or a problem in a certain area the Chief addresses it and takes care of it. I would recommend that if people really have some safety problems that's the place to go because they're being handled on a monthly basis four or five times a month so I would encourage people to do that and of course you know, because you are there.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Absolutely and I didn't encourage my residents to come to this meeting because I know it's a work session for Council. That's all I have. Does anybody else have any questions for our Mayor? There being none we will move on to Tim Riley, Law Director?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: No report tonight, Mme Chair.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any questions for Tim Riley tonight? There being none we will move on to Police Chief Sackett. Do you have a report?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: Yes, I do. Thank you. I just want to remind everybody. This Thursday is door-to-door trick or treating in Garfield Heights. It's from 6 to 8. What will happen is the side streets will be packed with cars and kids. It happens every year. By a quarter after eight it's done so if you have to go out be careful on the side streets. If you don't have to go out that would be the best thing and if you could also instead of parking your car in the street, if you put it in your driveway that would be helpful. With that unless anybody has any questions on that grant that's my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for our Police Chief?

CLMN DUDLEY: I'll tell you what we can do for the ones who don't make the meeting. We can make you 3 x 5 cards, Chief. It's going to be Ask the Chief at our Council Meetings. You read a card and you answer the questions. Just a suggestion to call in for some people who can't make the Block Watch. Maybe once a week a realistic question and maybe you'll answer from the seat for that individual?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: That sounds like a pretty good idea.

CLMN DUDLEY: Thank you, Mme. Chair, that's all.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anybody else have any questions? There being none, we will move on to Bob Dobies, Recreation Director.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Thank you. Mme President and Council Members, good evening. I guess I'll have to fill the void. My report is longer than the agenda tonight. Our Halloween Skate this past Sunday was a huge success with over 300 in attendance. All the little ghosts and goblins came out in costume along with their parents and many adults. We had a free bike raffle courtesy of our Police Department. Our neighborhood winners were Ryan Ally, Caleb Urban, Jeffery Banks, Autumn Pobiega and Claudia Zurmiz. We had a special visit by Fox 8 camera man Dan who stayed for our event and interviewed myself, Clmn Nenadovich and many patrons. It may be aired tonight. It hasn't been aired yet. Keep a lookout on Fox 8. All children received gift bags and candy. We gave away reflective Halloween treat bags to use on trick or treat night to go door to door as a safety measure for our children. We have some left over. These are what we gave out. They are reflective. You can see them when the lights hit them. If anybody needs any, we have some left at the Rec Center. Just stop by and pick some up. As always I would like to thank Mary Nichols who coordinates our special events, my secretary and my entire staff. I'd also like to thank the volunteers who take time out of their busy schedules to help: Pat Dovak and Clmn Mike Nenadovich, Ms. Bernie Nenadovich, Lisa Schmidt, Melissa Roman and Elliot Hastings of Smooth Moves Entertainment. He was one of our hockey skaters some years ago who provided she music and DJ at no cost to the city. Thank you to all who attended and made this another fun family day. Pictures of the event will be posted shortly to the city's Web and Facebook.

Our next special event will be held Friday November 15th. We'll be having a '50's Fall Fest from 6:30 to 8:30 for all. Get the '50s clothes back out of the closet and come and skate and listen to the oldies. I'm understanding that with admission patrons will receive a free root beer float to put you in the mood.

Don't forget to sign up for our Holiday Grab Bag Fitness Classes which will begin December 7th. I'm a little bit early on this stuff but I'm putting it out there. You can choose the classes you wish to attend during the hectic holiday season and mix or match or take as many as your schedule permits. All classes are held Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at Fire Station No. 1.

Learn to Skate sign-ups for figure skating are held on Tuesday and Wednesday evening for your convenience and will begin November 12th and 13th. Also Learn to Skate for Session 2 hockey will begin December 1st. There's a little time there which are held Saturday mornings. Our early sign-ups for programs are always welcome. For more information on programming please call the Rec Center or visit it on the Website.

Last as I reported at last month's meeting, the grass cutting season is coming to the end. We have completed six cuts throughout the city on residential properties. This continues to be a

worthwhile program, enhancing the city. I provided Council Members this evening with a recap of the Wards to see what transpired throughout their Wards. Back in March this year we posted 840 properties. As of today there's 971 on the list, but that's 100 properties less than 2012 and that's good. Total properties reviewed over the season and understand, every time that grass grows out they check every property on that list. We checked 5,596 properties, 4,330 were cut by the owners or residents, which is also a good thing. We cut 1,117 properties this season, which is 20% of the total properties posted. Last year we averaged 23% we cut so that came down a little bit, which is a good thing. The city's not making money on these properties, but that means the residents are maintaining their properties. So the success of the program continues to make property owners responsible to maintaining the properties. We are finishing this season with the city park and entrances to the city. I'd like to thank our residents and Council for their patience this season with all the rain we had it make it a little bit challenging. Thank you. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for our Recreation Director? There being none, we will move on to Service Director, Mr. McLaughlin.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mme President. We are in the process of tying up some of the end of our summer projects. In the last two weeks we've done some tree work and started the Christmas lights. We just started them today. We also started the leaf pick up today. There's still a lot of leaves in the trees. We went through a whole huge area today with two trucks. There's not much out there. There's not much to rake out there. Just having them pick up piles here and here. We will be going through them numerous times until we get everything up. Sometimes it takes till December. It seems like it's a week later so far than we went out last year so it's just the way the leaves are coming down. We will go street to street and everyone will get their leaves picked up.

I'd also like to announce the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District will be holding a Campaign Signs Recycle. That will be on November 5th to 8th and November 12th to 15th from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m. at 4750 East 131st. I don't know if you got sent those things they came through today. Also they will be holding a Recyclable of Old Holiday Lights that are no longer useful. Old strings of lights, power strips, power cords. They don't take the Christmas trees so if you have a Christmas tree that's already wired with the lights you have to pull the lights off of it. They won't be taking the Christmas tree. That's from December 2nd to January 10th. That's also 8:30 to 4:30. With that you have my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for our Service Director? There being none we'll move on to Dave Krock, City Engineer. Do you have a report?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I do, thank you, Mme President. I just want to report that we are just winding down all the construction projects now and getting all the final paper work done and as you look around you do see a lot of good projects were completed this year. That's my report.

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Absent.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Absent

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Absent.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for our City Engineer? There being none that concludes the reports of the Mayor and his Directors. Now we will move on to Comments by Citizens regarding the agenda. I am going to read the rules myself for a change.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Comments are strictly limited to a brief statement not to exceed five minutes with comments limited to the legislation on the current evening's agenda. Any resident wishing to speak raise your hand. Any resident?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: There being none we will move on to this big agenda that we have. I'm going to have our Clerk read the title for Ordinance 58-2013.

ORDINANCE 58-2013

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE, TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, A DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT DIRECTLY RELATED TO BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNCTIONS, PER THE ATTACHED PROGRAM APPLICATION GUIDE AND APPLICATION FORM.

Moved by MAHONEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Roll call on the adoption beginning with Clwn Mahoney.
VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLWN MAHONEY: Before I vote, I'd like to say that I'm glad that we applied for this. Chief, I believe last year we got a police car with this grant? Or was that a couple years ago?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: That was a few years back. This year it's \$40,000.00. We're looking at a computer.

CLWN MAHONEY: With that I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I'm happy to say that Ordinance 58-2013 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: That concludes Ordinances and Resolutions. Moving on to Miscellaneous Comments and I'm going to read the rules again. Comments shall be strictly limited to problems that a citizen has which has previously been submitted to their City Councilperson or to the city hall department directly involved. If submission of a problem to a department or a Councilperson has been made and there is a lack of service rendered in

regard, then the problem may be presented during the Council Meeting under Comments by Citizens at the meeting. It is the intention of this rule that no request of a first nature be presented on the floor at this time. Comments are limited to five minutes and no citizen may speak more than once. Anyone wishing to speak? Anybody?

Bob Halan, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. I think I'm the oldest one here and I come from Cleveland in growing up come to Garfield Heights. One thing Cleveland had it was a melting pot as the saying goes of different nationalities. What we had was in each locale we had what is called a settlement house where the people get adjusted to the area. The kids had places to play basketball, swimming, all kinds of gymnastics. We do not have that facility per se. We do have a recreation center which is limited what they can do. Mayor mentioned about the mischievous kids that we have. Every community has that, but we don't have some of the input for the kids to release their energy like a gymnasium. We have the school, but we can't use it after school. The law prohibits it because of the insurances, etc. We don't have parks that really have basketball courts or baseball diamonds to make use of after school, per se and we don't have supervision or somebody in charge of those areas. Several years ago we had the problem in the city about traffic control with the radar, mobile, etc. That was turned down because it did encompass the school area and the playground area. We really don't have anything for the kids to do in safe measure after school, during the winter, during the summer.

I want to propose something to City Council, the Mayor. We are out of the red, so to speak. Can we make it a future project to build something for these kids for after school? Weekends? Provide them something to do so that they are mischievous. Garfield Heights don't have gangs like Mayor said. Let's keep it that way. Keep it happy for the kids. Our future generation. Our future citizens. Our future voters. I'm challenging this City Council and the future City Council some of the members are in the background here.

And also I want to remind you next Tuesday go out and vote. They are predicting only 25%. It's official that Garfield Heights has better percentage than the area of like Cleveland and the surrounding areas. Make the city proud. It's been a proud city. Let's keep it that way and move forward. Thank you.

CLMN DUDLEY: Mme Chair, before you sit down. I'm quite sure you know I'm going to preach a sermon about the lack of activities for our children and youth that have to be done. I am planning. I want to get through the next election so I can figure out who I have to work with possibly on Council, etc., etc. because I agree with you 100%, but I said over and over we have to deal with children differently today and provide different activities. This is not the same Garfield from 1970. This is not the same Garfield from back in the 1980's. As long as we try to keep it in the same 1970-1980 we going to continue to have the same problems we have today. I will be having it actually placed on the scroll (the meeting) and I hope a lot of people come out and give me some input and I hope that as much people that tried to vote down the cameras will give some program activities for these kids. We can fight to get rid of cameras but we can't fight for our kids. How many times you'd be surprised by the number of calls I get, but we got to do something. It costs me what? \$30,000? I'm not sure what the price is to house one individual and it would not take that much money, probably for what it costs for 10 kids to put in some great activities. You're right. Like I said the library will be a hangout when the weather goes bad because they got nowhere else to go and have to exert that energy but then again I was not giving no child a right to become destructive in the community because at home they still have to learn and they still have to learn respect. But you're right on one point, Mr. Halan, we have to do something and we have to start addressing this issue. We can't put it on a back burner. Thank you. Thank you, Mme Chairman.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Bob, I agree with you 100% that the biggest problem that these kids have is that they have nowhere to go. In the old days we used to go after school to Intramurals, play basketball, baseball, whatever. They don't have that anymore because of the financial situation. The School Board can't afford that. We have been looking into many activities. We are talking about trying a Boys and Girls Club. We have had probably a half a dozen meetings with the Boys and Girls Club and we've just as recently as today met with the School Board to talk about after school programs that the kids could have. We are working on that very issue, but the reality of that issue is that even if we get a place for them, even if we come up with the millions and it will cost millions to do it, if we come up with those millions we have to make sure that those kids are not going to destroy it like they did the skate park, etc. There has to be a lot of thought into this. It isn't just putting up a building and saying let's put a basketball court in, let's put some computers in there or let's put pool tables in there and everything's going to be great. That's why we turned to the Boys and Girls Club because they've had years and years of experience doing things like this. But even with that the Boys and Girls Club is telling us and the Chief has been at every meeting I've been at, that it's going to cost us about \$200,000.00. We're going to have to get some funding that's going to be around \$200,000.00 a year. That's a hard thing to come up with. So if the city gets involved with that and the businesses come up with \$200,000.00 now, next year we need another \$200,000.00 and the following another \$200,000.00 that's a lot of money and that's for a very small part of it. When you go to Boys and Girls Club like in Lorain where the Cavaliers have picked up those expenses, it probably cost them a half a million a year, if not more. We're looking into that. We know what the need is but we have to find ways to fund this. I agree with you 100% that they do need something.

MR. HALAN: Thank you.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: And I don't think you're the oldest one in this room. I think there is somebody older. He's sitting on Council but I don't want to mention any of Joe's names in front of everybody.

MR. HALAN: Right now I'm pushing 80. I don't know how old he is.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you, Mr. Halan. Anyone else wishing to speak?

David Mays, 8250 Green Drive. I live near a park that used to have a pavilion, a bathroom, picnic tables, basketball courts. It wasn't from the '70s or the '80s. It's been the last 10 years. The kids have torn them up. I have no problem with building things for kids, but I object to spending my tax money on projects that are not going to be supervised and the kids tear up. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anyone else wishing to speak?

CLMN DUDLEY: Mme Chairman. I'd just like to mention that I can understand what you're saying that some kids are destructive. The majority of the children are good children and you can't just put up things and don't have no supervision. You're absolutely right about that. You must have not just a free for all place like the Mayor said it do take money. It must be organized. It has to be organized. If you don't put it organized, you put a free for all and you don't put no supervision it's going to happen like you say what happened in your back yard, Mr. Mays. It's going to be tore up in no time at all and it's going to be a waste of money. But like I say we have to come with I hope the parents decide to be the same ways that we was able to kick out them individuals so many thousand who said no more cameras. They come up with ways to help

support these kids and like I say the Mayor said through the businesses and I think the business is not obligated but they should feel somewhat of an obligation to kind of chip in something to help create programs because these are the kids once they work and become productive they work and put money back into the community. That's all I had to say, Mme Chairman. Thank you, Mr. Mays.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anyone else? There being none, I think there's a motion Clmn Suster wants to make?

CLMN SUSTER: Yes, I'd like to move the November 13th meeting to November 11th. I'm making a motion that we do that.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: At the regular time?

CLMN SUSTER: Yes

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: OK. On the motion to move the November 13th meeting to November 11th all in favor say yea.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mme Chairman? You need a second on that and I make that second.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: On that motion all in favor say Yea? All opposed.

AYES: Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn
The meeting is changed.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: OK, now we will move on to Miscellaneous Business, and I'd like to start tonight if that's OK? I want to take this opportunity to thank City Council for the trust they placed in me in affording me the privilege of being the City Council President for the last two years. I hope I've lived up to the Council Members' expectations. I think I've been fair with Council, with the Mayor and with the Administration and the residents who attend meetings and it's really been an honor to serve in this capacity.

At the next City Council meeting, which we just moved to Monday the 11th what I will do is I will call the meeting to order and the first order of business will be for someone to make a motion to put a new City Council President in this chair. At that point in time I'll turn over my gavel. I am blessed because I'm running unopposed in this coming election so I'll be returning to the seat and I'll be seating right in between the two Mikes down there. I wish my fellow Council Members luck in the election and look forward to serving with everybody on this City Council and the next for the betterment of our entire community for the next two years.

I want to wish everybody a Happy Halloween, keep safe, wear light colored clothes, carry that flashlight and parents check that candy and having said that I will move on to Clmn Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: I thought you were going to start on the other side tonight.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Sorry.

CLMN DUDLEY: I thank you once again, Nancy, you done a great job and it's been six wonderful years for me. It's been some tough years and I was blessed because I only went through two Mayors and you said two Mayors that's a good thing. It shows stability within a city.

My brother down there he's been the toughest one. I think Tom treated me a little better. No, you done a great job. I always told you you done a great job, Mayor, and I got along great with Tom and this is the third change of Council that I've been involved with the group here and they are a wonderful group of Council individuals and I got to work with previous ones also that done a great job. This year was two years was Pro Tem to Council and I'm sure everybody knows I'm a very outspoken person and I believe in getting the points across and I believe in addressing an issue and you know I will stand up for people and I hope by the blessing of God that I get to move one seat higher. That's what I'm hoping. I would love to be able to serve as the next Council President for the city of Garfield Heights. I know definitely I will make a great Council President. I thank the residents in Ward 1 and some of them I didn't have an opportunity to see because with the expansion of the Ward it's been going up into Henry Street it's been an expansion. I had to meet a lot of new people.

I ask for your prayers and I make this quick. On the dream of vision and hope we need to care for all children in the walls of Garfield Heights and not just the Garfield Heights School District. That's all kids. I serve as the liaison and I been pretty busy with Garfield's School District and I been real pretty busy with Cleveland especially up around Kennedy High School, solving issues between residents who live in the city who attend the Cleveland School District, but I don't regret no moment. I thank all of you for your support in the city and supporting us through tough times when it came time to pass the rubbish, to keep the city strong. Just keep us in your prayers, but most of all keep the city as a whole in your prayers. Than you, Mme Chairman.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Clmn Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mme Chairman. I'll keep it short. I just want to wish everybody a Happy Halloween and the next meeting will be Veterans Day. We broke the 4,000 mark. I didn't announce it last meeting and my wife told me about it. Four thousand fifty one dead soldiers—men and women. It's climbing. We got to write our Congressmen and tell them to bring our boys and girls home. Let's keep them on this soil. We want them here. Let's take care of America first. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Clmn Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, Madame.

CLWN MAHONEY: Excuse me, Mme Chair. Did I not vote to change the Council Meeting from the 11th to the 13th?

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: From the 13th to the 11th.

CLWN MAHONEY: From the 13th to the 11th?

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Yes.

CLWN MAHONEY: I was backwards. Excuse me.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Clmn, you may continue.

CLMN GLENN: I'd like to reiterate what the Mayor said and Ward 1 Mike Dudley said about the kids. There's a great need for activity for kids. In my invocation today I spoke about growth, achievement and hope and a vision of a dream. Maybe someday in the near future we can have

a new Rec Center for a center point for every kid in Garfield Heights. Some place where they can go, have supervision and to play together. That's my hope.

I'd like to thank all the residents of Garfield Heights. Tuesday November 5th is Election Day. It's part of our democratic process here to go out and vote. It's an honor and a privilege to vote. Whoever you vote for please come out and vote. Thank you for your concern. Thank you, Madame.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Clmn Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: You know, everybody talks about how bad the kids are. It always goes back to the 90/10 theory that 90% of the kids are good and 10% are the bad but we always hear about the 10%. I know there's a lot of good kids because I see kids coming home from school joking around, etc. It is at the point that they don't have somewhere to go. It's just that they don't want to take the time to think of things that they can do. That's what when I grew up that's what we did. I was talking to somebody the other day and we made paper footballs to play football and we did a lot of other things. Rebuilt bikes, etc. Kids today don't want to do that. They want the best bike there is that their parents can afford to buy for them. Like I say, it's a shame that we always have to bend down for the 10% and we're going to have to do that sometime when we can afford it, but there are a lot of good kids in our school, if you see what they have done with their lives after they left the school system, so that's all I really have tonight.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Clmn Vaughn, I know you're down there.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thanks, Nancy. First of all, I want to thank everybody that came out to our Block Watch the other night. We celebrated Alice's birthday. She brought a cake. We all had a good time. Everything that was great. I took credit for everything that was bad, I believe than the Mayor and since he didn't show up that's what happens, because that's what he'd do to me, I know it.

You know we're talking about youth, etc. There's not a day I go by that I'm not cutting through the yard at St. Monica's and I don't see kids playing football on their own. That's what these kids really need to do. We have a great youth baseball program in this town. The problem is we don't have a lot of kids that get involved in it. We do have activities here. We got a great Rec Center, ice skating, swimming, but the kids have to go out and do it. I think sometimes we just forget about these things that are here. We really need to take care of our kids, but remember what we do have and be grateful for what we do offer. We offer a lot more than a lot of other communities.

I'd d like to thank the residents of Ward 7 for allowing me to come back for two years. I've enjoyed this job over the past four. I look forward to serving another two and I hope to see that we can move forward and get some things done now that we're out of fiscal emergency.

A lot of people have been asking me about this beautiful girl sitting next to me. Nikki here is doing her internship for Cleveland State. She takes notes, she's learning how the government things work around local government. I'm really going to miss not having her to tell me what to do and how to dress and you know. It's been a real pleasure and we have kids here in this community that are out there trying to get ahead. They're going to school or they're working two/three jobs. We need to talk about them, not always the bad kids.

I wish luck to my fellow colleagues that have opposition. I hope everybody returns. If we have new people I look forward to working with you. We've got to move this city forward.

One thing that we forgot to talk about, but I want to remind everybody. Saturday night turn that clock back. You get an extra hour's sleep before you have to go to church. This is a good time of year. Enjoy it. I believe I've covered everything. Did I go over my five minutes? I apologize.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: No, you're fine.

CLMN VAUGHN: OK. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Clwn Mahoney.

CLWN MAHONEY: HI. I want to tell Vic I did play football in the street. I have no idea why you didn't, Nancy.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I was too ladylike.

CLWN MAHONEY: Perhaps. I did it. In regard to Halloween a lot of times people do forget that the kids are out there so please remember and watch for them. Even after 8 o'clock you might have some kids who kind of linger and are running across the street and they may be dressed up as witches or goblins. We may not see them, so please drive careful.

The other thing that I want to do is thank Mr. Mays because I'm sure part of all this candy up here is from you so thank you for always remembering us on holidays. We appreciate it very much.

To my colleagues who have opponents, I wish you all luck. To those who don't, I wish you all a good next term. With that.

CLMN DUDLEY: Mme Chairman.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Are you done, Clwn?

CLWN MAHONEY: I was going to ask for adjournment, but he.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: OK. Yes, Clmn.

CLMN DUDLEY: I just want to mention one thing. If you're living in the Ward 1 community. Thank you, Mme Chairman. Thank you, Tracy. If you're living in Ward 1 community remember there's no voting at St. Tim's' anymore. You will vote and you've received a card from the Board of Elections. Everybody in Ward 1 go vote at 13455 Dressler Road at the Family Life Center. It was voiced as possible safety concerns that they didn't want the voting to go on in St. Timothy Manor no more. That's why it was moved. We couldn't put it in another location because the accessibility wasn't within regulations. They even wanted to have it at one of the churches on 131st. That's why everybody had to move and that's until we come up with something else. So it's 13455. Everyone in Ward 1 up around the Henry area, Broadway area, up around 131st. Thank you, Mme Chairman. Thank you, Tracy.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you.

CLMN VAUGHN: Mme Chairman, I have one other thing.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: All right. See what you started now?

CLMN VAUGHN: Mike brought something to thought. Ward 7 remember this year we'll be voting at Maple Leaf School and not the high school. We've been moved to the front building so we won't be standing on that cliff back there and there will be more parking and easier access to the polls. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Is that it, then?

CLMN VAUGHN: That's it. I promise.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Clwn Mahoney, you wanted to make your motion now?

CLWN MAHONEY: I'd like to also thank Mr. Dobies for the opportunity of sitting in his seat and hopefully as soon as I get rid of my appendage to my bottom you can have your seat back. With that I would like to make a motion to adjourn.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: All in favor of adjourning, say Yea. All opposed. The Yeas have it. The meeting stands adjourned.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:44 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Nancy Marincic
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council