

# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

## CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, October 8, 2012

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

**INVOCATION BY:** Clmn Eugene Glenn

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

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Mme. President, at this time I would like to excuse Clmn Dudley.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Roll call on the motion to excuse Mr. Dudley. All in favor say Yea. All opposed? The Yeas have it.

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

ABSENT: Dudley

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

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Reading and disposal of the Minutes from the Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> 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 Monday, September 24, 2012 as submitted.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** All in favor say Yea. All opposed?

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

ABSENT: Dudley

At this time I would like to make a motion to allow Clmn Dudley to take his seat. All in favor say Yea. You may sit, Mr. Dudley.

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

ABSENT: Dudley

**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 reports of the Mayor and his Directors. Mayor Collova.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Thank you, Mme. Chair. I have a brief report tonight. I want to start off by saying that we have started--we put the footer in. It's at the corner of Turney Road and McCracken. It's going to be the flag display and welcome wall. That is going up as we speak. It's being done by some of our own city workers and I want everyone to know that we got donations of \$10,500.00 from local businesses to make this happen. It's at no cost to the city and we will be revealing the names of those very shortly and also on the wall there will be a plaque showing the sponsors of the wall so it's going to look really great. It's going to display the U.S. flag, the State flag and of course our new city flag so we're looking forward to that and construction has already started.

The second part is our Garfield Heights Family Resource Center is up and running. It's been going for about two weeks now and has been very successful. They've received many calls from the residents. I urge Council at every opportunity to talk to your residents. If anyone has a problem, any kind of a problem whatsoever that they need help with, they can get help right here at the city and certainly direction on where to go from here.

With that I'm going to get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 77-2012. Last year, as you remember Council, we instituted a Homebuyers' Incentive Program. In that Homebuyers' Incentive Program we for one year took away the escrow fee that was required for purchasing a house. Along with that we issued a Family Rec Pass for one year for any new buyer of a home through the year. It was highly successful. We are going to continue that on for next year. We would like to do it again. The real estate companies and many of the people that bought homes were very thankful and helpful so we think this will help the city again and we're asking you to pass that again for us. Ordinance 78-2012. We're going to enter an agreement with the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation for the purpose of purchasing various properties throughout the city of Garfield Heights and of course Noreen's going to get into this a little more in her report.

Resolution 32-2012. We're going to once again ask for a temporary moratorium on the Internet Cafes. This has been extending for a couple of years now and I understand that but there's still much question out there and much discussion about whether the State is going to be in favor of them or not so our suggestion is to continue the moratorium on. Resolution 33-2012. A resolution commemorating National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is something we certainly want to be a part of. With that, Mme. Chair, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** That was fast. Any questions for the Mayor on his report?

**CLMN DUDLEY:** You mentioned a new flag, Mayor?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Yes.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** What new flag did we agree on?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** I happen to have it right here, Mike.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Let me see it. I know we looked at it but I don't remember a vote. Would you pass it down to let me see it?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** When you take a good look at it you'll remember that Council voted on that, but it's been a while ago so I understand.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** It comes with our young age, Mayor.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Believe me. I understand.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** No, I'm getting younger.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Yes, we are. Anybody else have any questions for the Mayor on his report? There being none, we will move on to Law Director, Mr. Riley. Do you have a report?

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** No report tonight, Mme. President.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Any questions for the Law Director? There being none we will move on to our Police Chief Robert Sackett. Do you have a report?

**CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** I have no report tonight.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** We're on a roll. Anyone have any questions for our Police Chief? OK, moving on to Service Director Tim McLaughlin. Do you have a report?

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** Yeah, the roll's about to stop. We just ended the Fall Hazardous Waste Roundup. We ended up with 10 pallets of materials to be disposed of. That's a large amount. In the spring we only had eight but we had a good showing for it. That half a day on Saturday was the paper shredder. We had 3,000 pounds dropped off in three hours.

The sweeper's gone through the city probably for the last time. We'll be switching it over. We're trying to end up the water breaks; street repairs. We're all caught up but there's about four or five we hope to close up before the winter. We're done with the crosswalk street striping. We're still continuing to do no parking and stop sign replacement. We've been working in Ward 5 and 6. We'll do that till we get close to not having anything wrong because we are running low.

One of the last things that I hate to report but someone's starting to steal sewer lids. That's a very dangerous situation. In the Henry Street area they stole four of them on a weekend; left them wide open where cars drive right into them. Last Friday we had one stolen from Edge Park. I'd just like to bring that out that if someone sees somebody in the manholes in the middle of the street most of the time all the trucks even the private vendors they have a name and a number on their truck. One of the residents called and said she didn't see anything but the County, our trucks even the ones that we bring in to look at stuff in the catch basins and stuff they're always marked so if somebody sees something where there's a truck there with no markings on it I wish they would call the Police Department so we can try to keep somebody from getting hurt. It cost us \$650.00 to buy new manhole covers to replace those. It's not cheap and I don't know what they're getting out of them I mean the metal scrap yards are not supposed to be taking them but they are disappearing and it just started so I wanted to put that out there for people to be aware of. That's the end of my report.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you. I think Mrs. Mahoney has had her hand up for half your report now.

**CLWN MAHONEY:** I do, but he already answered my question. I was going to ask what they're doing with them? What could you possibly do with manhole covers? Scrap?

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** They're taking them for the scrap.

**CLWN MAHONEY:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** That's a pretty hard time when they're doing that. Anybody else have questions for our Service Director? There being none, welcome back, Mr. Dobies. I'm going to sympathize with you at the loss of your mother.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Do you have a report?

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Yes, I do. Mme. President, Council Members, good evening. We had a great start to the ice season to celebrate Skate Day on September 16<sup>th</sup>. This was a free event to the residents for a fun-filled afternoon. Even with the weather in the 70s over 125 people enjoyed the ice. We want to remind all that our Halloween Skate will be Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup> from 3:00 to 5:45. All residents are welcome. We have candy for the kids and Halloween music by our local DJ that's been with us for a while now. We also will be raffling off five bicycles. They're slightly used but in good condition which again were donated by our Police Department. There's no charge for the raffle tickets. You will receive a ticket at the gate and all you need is to have a lucky ticket to win a bike. Soccer season has begun and we have completed our first week of games. The first Learn-to-Skate figure skating classes are under way. They are eight-week sessions. There will be two more available during the year second session starting November 27<sup>th</sup> and the third in February. If you need any more information on that please call the office.

We are two weeks into Learn-to-Skate for Hockey. This is a program held Saturday mornings for those who never skated or played hockey, but have interest. They are 10 week sessions. Skating is taught and basics of hockey. We also continue to provide for those who are home schooled by providing a physical education/skate lesson class for those who are home schooled. Again we are into our first session with two more sessions scheduled.

This year Recreation Department has taken on a new program called Synchronized Skating. This is a program where skaters learn the disciplines of team skating and will work towards the goal of competing at Kent State in the Skating for Skills Competition in March. If anyone has interest please call our office. Ms. Nikki Coyle, one of our instructors, will be heading up part of that. We'll again offer our Holiday Grab-bag Fitness classes and information will be out soon. The weekend of October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at the end of the month the Recreation will be hosting Rising Stars Figure Skating Competition. This past year brought in over 125 competitors and well over 300 fans. For more information on the programming please call the Rec center.

If I may I would ask our residents, as a resident, not as a Recreation Director, to please support our city's efforts and vote No on Issue 54. As you mentioned Council President, on behalf of my family I'd like to thank all of you who sent prayers or condolences for my mother. Thank you. That concludes my report.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Any questions? Nothing for our Recreation Director? OK we will move on to City Engineer, Dave Krock. Do you have a report?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** I do, thank you, Council President. I just want to provide a brief update for McCracken Road. We're about halfway done. The traffic is now on the South

side of the road which is on the new concrete pavement and we're working on the North side. I do want to express thanks to the businesses and residents that live nearby. They've been very patient so the project's moving along fine. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Any questions for our City Engineer? There being none, Finance Director, Ron Tomola, do you have a report?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** Yes, Mme. President, I do. As you know the 2013 Finance Committee Budget Hearings ended last Thursday. I would like to thank all Council Members, the Mayor, Administrative staff and Municipal Court for their attendance, participation and comments throughout these hearings. Aside from the financial reports that Council receives monthly these hearings provide an opportunity for the Directors to indicate to Council their individual concerns and needs for their Departments. The Mayor and I are now working on a Revised Mayor's Estimate based upon the information from these meetings which should be available to you and distributed to you within the next few weeks. In my report to Council which wrapped up the Budget Hearings Thursday night, I basically informed Council that at this time all Departments have been informed that for the remainder of the year all Departments would operate on emergency status. By this I mean emergency purchase orders would only be allowed. This measure was instituted with the approval of the Mayor in order to put the city in the best possible financial position that it could be for the year end close.

I am happy to report that at this time, given the current projections, the General Fund should end the year in the black with around a \$500,000.00 positive balance. As was indicated to you at the meeting, the General Fund finally has a positive balance after encumbrances for the first time in three years. This date didn't just happen. It was claimed by this Council and Administration and allowed to work thanks to our employees and residents. I'd like to point out a few of the hard decisions that had to be made over these three years. Starting when this Administration walked in the door all Administrative employees took a 30% pay cut and have had no increases since. There were increases in the Recreation, Building and Fire Department operational fees. All Unions consented to numerous concessions that stay in effect through today, implementation of the employee health care contribution, implementation of a hiring freeze and the use of part-time employees in specific areas to continue services to our residents with the support of the Unions and the implementation of the garbage refuse fee. That was only a few. I bring this up tonight because it is my job to keep you informed as to the finances of the city. I have already told you that we will end this year with a positive balance. I also tell you that if everything remains the same as it is today we should be able to post a Five Year Financial Outlook with the General Fund in the black all five years. Even accounting for additional State cuts that are yet to hit this city within the next 10 months.

However, this can all change very quickly. As you know Issue 54 will be voted on November 6<sup>th</sup>. This is the garbage refuse fee issue. If this issue passes and the city loses this revenue we will not be able to show a positive balance next year or for the next five years. Thus we will lose this opportunity to request that the State remove us from fiscal emergency. I tell you this tonight as I did Thursday night because the city has to present its 2013 appropriation ordinance to the Financial Planning Commission November 19<sup>th</sup> for their approval prior to the actual passage of the ordinance by Council by the end of the year. If Issue 54 passes that will give us eight work days to formulate a new plan for submission to the commission that presents a balanced budget for 2013. With that you have my report.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you. That's magnificent. Any questions? Nothing for our Finance Director? Noreen Kuban, Economic Development Director.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Thank you, Mme. President. Just a couple things. I know the Mayor mentioned the Homebuyers' Fair on September 30<sup>th</sup>. I do want to point out that Channel 19 was here. There was a small clip. You can go to their Website and you can see it.

Second, the ordinance that is up with the Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Program is a transfer agreement. We had previously passed an agency agreement which allows them to act on our behalf. With this transfer agreement they are allowed to transfer properties to us and if you look at their list of properties these are all properties that were--actually I think there's one was a vacant lot and the others had structures on them. There are 24 properties on this list. There were a few properties that had already been sold to adjacent property owners. But from now on these will automatically occur in our Land Bank. Recent property owners can buy the property. That concludes my report.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you. Any questions for our Economic Development Director?

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** Absent.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** There being none that concludes the reports by the Mayor and his Directors. We will move on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's agenda. You have your timers out? Will the Clerk read the rules.

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

**CLERK:** Comments are strictly limited to brief statements not to exceed five minutes with comments limited to the legislation on the current evening's agenda.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** No citizen may speak more than once. Is there anyone wishing to comment on legislation this evening? Raise your hand?

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** No one? OK. That concludes the comments on legislation. We will move on to ordinances and resolutions beginning with Ordinance 77-2012.

**ORDINANCE NO. 77-2012**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE WAIVING THE 110% ESCROW REQUIREMENT TO CORRECT VIOLATIONS RESULTING FROM POINT OF SALE INSPECTION PER SECTION 1313 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS AND DONATING A FREE ONE YEAR FAMILY PASS FOR THE CITY'S RECREATION CENTER TO OFFER AN INCENTIVE TO ANY BUYER TO PURCHASE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion by MARINCIC to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Roll call on the adoption beginning with me.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Ordinance 77-2012 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 78-2012

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING VARIOUS PROPERTIES THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

Moved by MAHONEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion by MAHONEY 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:

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

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Ordinance 78-2012 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 32-2012

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE GRANTING OF SPECIAL USE ZONING PERMITS FOR THE OPERATION OF AMUSEMENT CENTERS, OR ANY BUSINESS DEVOTING FLOOR AREA TO INTERNET-BASED SWEEPSTAKES MARKETING OR RETAILING IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS AS DETAILED IN CHAPTER 11 OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Roll call on the adoption beginning with Clmn Suster.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** I am pleased to say that Resolution 32-2012 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 33-2012

A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Roll call on the adoption beginning with Clmn Vaughn.

**VOTE ON ADOPTION:**

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Before I vote, as everybody knows this is a very sensitive issue in my family and I pray to God that in my time we'll see this disease wiped out. This is a disease that not only affects the woman but every member of the family. The women that go through this need our constant prayer and support and with that I vote Yes.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** I echo my fellow Council Member's sentiments and sometimes even men get breast cancer too. I definitely am in support and I vote Yes.

**CLMN GLENN:** Clmn Vaughn, you have my support. With that I vote Yes.

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

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** I am pleased to say that Resolution 33-2012 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:**

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** That concludes our long list of Ordinances and Resolutions for tonight. Now we will move on to comments by citizens and I'll have the Clerk read the rules.

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

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you. Comments are limited to five minutes. No citizen may speak more than once. Anyone have any comments just raise your hand? Anybody?

Bob Halan, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. Everybody's expecting something out of me. I'll surprise you. I won't talk about that. You mentioned about manhole covers stolen. They get about seven to eight dollars at a junk yard. Maple Heights is going through the same thing. They had 14 stolen in the last two months. They are replacing them. They are going to try to replace them with fiberglass. I hope we do the same thing. Fiberglass is worthless in the junkyard so that would be a deterrent to anybody who wants to steal them.

I have two things to say. Progress is moving in Garfield Heights. It makes me very happy. The extension to the street that we've been waiting for to open, that's going on, that's in progress and last week Garfield Mall--a fence got put up. McDonald's is on its way. Alleluia! Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you. Anybody else have any comments? Raise your hand?

Paul Varrati, 5531 Briarcliff. I'd just like to wake up Council from one to seven to see if you're going to be doing anything November 6th? The President and Senators all got their issues. I hope you're all standing out for Issue 54. This man wants our lives miserable. We don't want Seniors to lose. There was a threat of losing the fire department in your area. Might be happening again. You talk about youth—need a place for youth. That you can wash that away if this goes down. We don't have to worry about him painting fire hydrants anymore. He might be giving people rides to the doctor's visit. That might be washed away. You might get your wish. Leaves—people might have to bag them. You might have to layoff workers. I hope you people

get out there at that voting place besides the little few people you talked to in your Block Watch. Talk at that voting booth. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Anyone else? There being none we will move on to Miscellaneous Business beginning with Clmn Glenn.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**CLMN GLENN:** I'd like to talk about Issue 54, especially the early voters. The Seniors do most of the early voting. The early votes might very well decide this issue so it's very important that the Seniors get the full message. I want us to keep the policemen. They are the ones who protect us. I want to keep the firemen. They are the ones that save our lives. I want to keep the Senior Citizens Center. I am a Senior citizen, so I want to keep the Senior Citizen Center. Who is going to pick up our trash when we don't have money to pay for the J&J? It's a non-issue to me. It doesn't cost me nothing if I vote no, but those who want to take the city down, it will cost you money. Your house values will go down if you have no police and fire protection, your house values will go down. Saying that, I'm voting for Issue 54 by voting no.

I also want to report that we had a very good Block Watch this month. The attendance was way up. This Friday with the help of some of the Block Watchers we will help serving pizza for the Service Department. With that concludes my time. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** OK. Mr. Nenadovich, do you have something this evening?

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Of course. I want to thank the Mayor for going out there and getting these businesses to contribute for that sign. It's a big plus. I know you worked with your Directors and probably the Economic Development Director on getting the money and funding for this. I appreciate that. Thank you.

Also I urge the citizens of Garfield Heights to vote no on Issue 54. Let's keep moving the city of Garfield Heights forward. All the hard work we've done in the past three years and the first time in three years showing a profit or at least a black number instead of a profit but a black number not a red number. It's been a long time coming. It's here. Let's keep it. Let's not lose the ground we've gained so we can get more business, more people, maybe even start filling homes quicker, too.

Last but not least, the Vets. Since 2001 we've lost over 3,800 American soldiers. That's a lot of people and it's a little bit higher than 3,800 as of today but we got to get them back home. They're coming home slowly, but they're not coming home in the condition we want them. They're coming home in boxes. We want to bring them back home in one piece. So keep them in your prayers and with that, you have my comments.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you. Clmn Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I'm going to set my clock to make sure I get my minutes in. Let's start now. First of all I want to mention on Issue 54 you want to vote no. I'm not going to take you through the drama of what is closed and I'm not going to let nobody close no fire station in my Ward. We ain't going to put the people's safety at risk. I don't care what happens. So I don't want nobody to be thinking that or anybody starting rumors about that. We will fight to keep that place open. Safety forces is number one on my priority and so are the Service Department because they have to keep the roads clear for the safety departments to get to where they have to go. I say if

you see anything, rubbish, remember if you remember this if you see the word rubbish vote no. that's going to take care of that part.

I want to mention too on the 27<sup>th</sup> we're having our Annual Halloween party at 13455 Dressler Road. That's open to the whole city. We have indoor inflatables, we have a DJ, we have a puppeteer, we have food, candy and refreshments, raffle, everything is free. Chief found us a couple bicycles from out of the goodness of the Police Department's heart for us to raffle off. It's a great program. We draw over 100 and some kids every year. It's not a Ward 1 project. This is for every kid who wants to come. Just to get you off the street the Saturday before Halloween which is the 27<sup>th</sup>.

We're having a Town Hall Meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> also at the Family Life Center and that's going to be from 6 to 8 p.m. I do encourage the residents of Ward 1 and the new residents of Ward 1 to attend this meeting and it's going to be very informational for you all to be there so I hope to see you there.

Also I got to put in the individuals who are in the Wards and in the city of Garfield Heights who are in the Cleveland School District. We don't have enough votes in order to make a change on how that levy's going to outcome. That levy in Cleveland is a healthy levy. It's larger than the Garfield levy was. If that levy passes and I believe in education but they got a casino down there. Like I said with Garfield we could do open enrollment instead of passing it on tax increase to the people, same thing with Cleveland. They got a brand new casino down there. That casino needs to pay a little more into the educational process before you go to the people. We all are hurting. I had to figure though I was at a meeting today of Citizens for a Better Community and we was going over some figures and if you think the levy was healthy here, see what's going to happen to the homes at \$75,000.00. That's a couple hundred dollars we're going to be paying. So we are bound to get nailed either way. That's why I believe that everybody should be in one school district, unification, education should be across the board. There should be no denying anybody within the borders of this city.

I also wanted to mention that the Family Life Center has a great facility. I don't know if you remember their family program that used to be done by the Garfield Heights City Schools? That's in the Family Life Center over there. They have different programs for kids with troubled issues and I don't want you to forget that new programs exist. They have a great food locker over there; they allow the kids to come and play ball. When they check with Pastor Charles, they got six rims and use it most of the time during the day or some time on Saturdays when it's open. So definitely take advantage of that center being over there. I still got three minutes. I'm going to use them all.

So like I say, back to our main issue. We can't stop individuals from choosing what they want to say about the rubbish issue. I'm a person I don't like taxes, but I think when we dropped this by \$3.00 we showed that your money was being well spent. We gave back something on the project by taking \$3.00 and something. For the first time I believe since 1999 that the city will be going into the black? When was the last time it was in the black? 2008? That's good. In 2008 I was in office.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** In 2008 there were encumbrances. After encumbrances it was red.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** So red it is. I wanted to know what it was before. This is going to give us an opportunity to move forward and we have to. Like I told people don't dwell on the past. You got to allow the past to be the past and if there's anybody out there who got your signature and said they had a better idea I wish they'd call me up and give me their idea. I'd like to share it with the Mayor and everybody else up here. Because individuals are trying their best to bring this city

down. That's all they care about. They don't care about the individual who may be unemployed because of that. They don't care if individuals in programs to be cut. You cut the Senior plowing already. What else do you want to take from them? I'm telling you one thing you see the word rubbish—just vote no. I thank everybody that worked hard to do what they can do for the city and that's all I'm asking of you is to vote no. I'm counting on Ward 1 to come through once again. You came through last time and you came through like a charm. Show your support now and that's our main concern. Everything else we can deal with on Election Day. Vote no on Issue 54. No rubbish. Vote no. Thank you, Mme. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Boy, you cut it right down to the nose.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I got 3 point some seconds left but I'll give it to somebody else.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Clmn Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thank you, Mme. Chairman. I'd like to thank the Finance Department for all their hard work at last week's Finance Meetings for listening to us and giving us the message. Ron, I really applaud you for all you've done to bring us to where we are today.

McDonald's. Yes. I was happy to see the fence go up. When I talked to the people at McDonald's they're looking to anywhere from four to six months. Can you wait that long? You sure? OK. I also want to talk about Garfield Commons. They are doing a great job up there, They are putting in new cement work, they are putting in new asphalt. They are really cleaning the area up. It's going to be a positive sign for our community. Of course it's in Ward 7 so that's even better. I'm hoping that the other shopping centers in that area will take note and do the same,

On Issue 54, yes, go out and vote no, vote no, vote no. Get up early, vote often. No, I didn't say that. We have to vote no, We've got keep this city moving forward and like Ron said, I don't think they're threats to reality of what's going to happen if we don't do this so please everybody go out and vote no on Issue 54. Mme Chairman, that's my report.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you. Clwn Mahoney.

**CLWN MAHONEY:** I'd also like to urge the residents of the city of Garfield Heights to vote no on Issue 54. It's going to take our city back to where we don't want to go and places we've never been. This Administration has worked very hard as well as this Council to make sure that we were able to be in the black. Please let us stay in the black. I urge you to vote no. Thank you. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Clmn Suster.

**CLMN SUSTER:** First of al I'd like to thank Ron Tomola for giving his report tonight because that means I don't have to give one on the Finance Meetings. He went very in depth and I appreciate it. As Mr. Vaughn had said Ron put a lot of time into our Finance Meetings. He made up the agenda, he set up the time with all the Directors and he got all the figures ready for us which I deeply appreciate. I think our meetings went very well this year and it's good to see that we're in the black.

As far as Issue 54 goes I, too, wish that the residents would vote no. We only have a selected few that are trying to take this city down and we don't want to see that happen. I'd like to

compliment Mayor Collova on the flyer that he sent out to the residents. I think right now the people that are voting absentee have received them. What it says on there is not a joke. There would be a lot of things that have to be cut in order for us to balance our budget. Also with the businesses, at the Finance Meetings Mayor Collova brought up that there's been \$83 million from different businesses that are investing in the city of Garfield Heights and people don't invest that kind of money unless they have confidence in a city and we have to show them we have confidence. We've lost a couple businesses because they were afraid that if Issue 54 passes that we're not going to have the police protection or the fire protection and they've gone elsewhere. We don't want to see businesses leave and not come here. We want to see businesses flourish and do well, whether it's a small business or a large business. But like I say what you're getting at home as the flyer goes, read it very carefully because it is all true. It's not a joke. With that, that's the end of my report.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you. I'm last. I think everybody's pretty much said everything that needs to be said on Issue 54 so I'm going to try and keep this simple. If you don't want police protection, if you don't want an ambulance to come quickly, if you don't want your streets plowed and your potholes filled, if you want all the kids on the street because they can't ice skate, they can't swim, if you don't want our Seniors to have a place to go when they need assistance, then vote no. But if you want our city to stay on the road to financial recovery and you want Garfield Heights to be a magnificent

**CLWN MAHONEY:** I believe you meant to say vote yes.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** I said vote yes. You're right. But if you want our city to stay on the road to financial recovery, if you want Garfield Heights to grow and become the place that you're proud to live in, vote no on Issue 54 because we can't get by without it yet. The day will come. But not here--now. So please vote no on Issue 54 for the good of our whole community.

Right now I'd like to motion to adjourn. All in favor say Yea. All opposed. The meeting stands adjourned. AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Vaughn, Mahoney, Dudley

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:44 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Nancy Marincic  
President of Council

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Barbara Molin  
Clerk of Council