

# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

## CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, September 22, 2014

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m.** by Council President Pro Tem Michael Nenadovich.

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

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Roll call please.

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

**EXCUSED:** Suster

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we excuse Council President Suster this meeting.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** On the motion to excuse Council President. All those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed? Thank you. Clmn Suster is excused.

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

**ABSENT:** Suster

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

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes from September 8, 2014 Regular Meeting of City Council as presented.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** All those in favor say Yea. Anybody opposed? The Ayes have it.

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

**ABSENT:** Suster

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:** None.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Mr. Chairman, I'd like to announce that there's a Safety Committee Meeting of City Council next Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Several topics will be discussed. Amongst them are quality of life issues in Garfield Heights, parking laws, fines and towing and curfew hours, etc. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** No problem, Nancy. Thank you for the update.

**LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE:** None.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** We'll start off with the report from the Mayor. Tim, I believe you are speaking for the Mayor tonight?

**REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:**

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Absent.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** I am. Thank you, The Mayor just wanted me to give a couple updates here. He wanted to let everybody know that the Duro Patch machine the tank for it has been hooked up and it's ready to go at the Service Department. So next week the guys that will be running the machine are going to be getting training and in about two weeks they should start patching some more holes and road repairs should get going and this hopefully will reduce many of the problems that we had last year. It will be a lot quicker and hopefully cut down on the amount of potholes in the city.

The Turney Road Project is late getting under way. I think Dave Krock will address that in his report.

With that I will move on to the legislation. Ordinance 55-2014 is just a scheduling ordinance with regard to the next Council Meeting because it does fall on a holiday. So that will be addressed when legislation comes through. Ordinance 56-2014 it has to do with authorizing the City Engineer to begin a project and any questions on that Dave Krock can handle in his report. Ordinance 57-2014 has to do with having one of our part-time employees become full-time. It's going to include not only PR but grant writing full-time so as the Mayor emphasized in Caucus to all the Councilmembers it has to do with making sure that we are out there writing grants for every dime we can possibly get. It's really important. It's something that we need somebody to emphasize constantly and only positive things can come out of that. If we can get money into the city any way we can, that's what we're trying to do and we're trying to get as much as we can at any time. With that you have the Mayor's report.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Tim. Any questions for the Acting Mayor? None? OK. We'll move on to Mr. Dobies.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Excuse me, you forgot about the Law Director's report. I have no report.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Tim, do you have a report from the Law Department?

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** No, I do not.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** That's right. We move from left to right. Chief Sackett, you're next. It's my first Council Meeting.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** Just one thing. I just want to let everybody know on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:45 the Garfield Heights City Schools are having an evacuation drill. All the students from Elmwood and William Foster will be walking from their respective schools to Trinity High School and then they will take attendance and walk back so that should be over by about 11:00 a.m. So if you see about 1,000 kids on the street, especially Granger Road, nothing to worry about. That's what it's all about. It's just a drill. With that you have my report.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Chief. Mark?

**MARK SIKON, SERVICE DEPARTMENT:** Hi. I've got about three things from the Service Department. We just finished up our Household Waste and Paper Shredding. We had really

good participation from the residents. We had 4,000 pounds of shredding done and over 6,000 pounds of household waste taken in which compared to a lot of cities was a lot better than most. We did very good with that.

The Service Department is currently doing cutouts throughout the city. We are trying to get the streets shored up before the winter. That's it.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Any questions? Mike, go ahead.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Mark, I know there is somebody else you can call but does the Service Department receive any type of word as to whether or not we're going to be doing any type of striping down? Especially around 131<sup>st</sup>. It's become an issue because cars in the left two lanes go left towards 480 and what happened is we almost got sideswiped this morning is when we made the turn at the same time they don't realize that both lanes can turn left. A vehicle almost collided with me and he was not aware because he should not see nothing on the ground signifying that two lanes were turning left. Will we receive any information when we going to try to get the necessities done at least this year?

**MARK SIKON, SERVICE DEPARTMENT:** The last I heard was Piasecki and our Finance Director was working on that. Let me interject on that.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Mr. Chairman, I have the answer to that. They are going to be striping Broadway within the next few weeks.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Nancy. Anything else for Mark? I usually take notes while the Directors are talking so I don't even know the order they go in. I hear them talking and I write. Mr. Dobies.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Councilmembers, good evening. Just real brief tonight. We opened the rink September 13<sup>th</sup>. Things are in the full swing of things for the upcoming hockey and figure skating season. We entertained our residents with our annual Celebrate Skate Day on Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup>. Over 150 participants enjoyed the free skating and that was competing a little bit with the Cleveland-Pittsburgh game so we did pretty good there.

Registration for our Muni Hockey and Figure Skating is in progress. This Saturday will be our trial day for hockey program from 11:15 a.m. till 12:15 p.m. It's posted on the marquee. This is an introductory program to see if your child enjoys the ice. This is for those who never skated before and those who need a refresher.

Soccer practice began Saturday. It was a grand day to see all our kids out in the sunshine and practicing soccer. That concludes my report. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Any questions for our Recreation Director? OK. Mr. Krock.

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** Thank you, Mr. President. I want to give the Engineer's Report. First of all to start with Ordinance 56 is on the agenda this evening. This has to do with the OPWC Grant the city was just awarded. This is a project called the Multi-Street Project for replacing water lines and repaving streets that we thought we had last year and we ended up with a contingency list and about two weeks ago they called to tell us that a couple other

projects in the area were canceled and so that we were awarded the money. So I just want to go through briefly what's in that legislation. This involves seven different streets. We have York between Turney and 139<sup>th</sup>, Maple Leaf from Fairlawn to 139<sup>th</sup>, Burleigh from Garfield to Grand Division, Birchwood from Garfield to East 85<sup>th</sup>, East 85<sup>th</sup> from well this is really from the South end all the way up to Garfield Blvd. and then East 88<sup>th</sup> from Reed to Garfield. That's just over two miles of streets. Again, we'll be replacing waterlines, we'll be resurfacing the streets. We're not going to be doing any curb work or driveway work or anything like that. This is just the paving work. It's nearly a \$3.3 million project and the city's cost of that is zero. So we've gotten some other folks to pay for that. The project has to start by the end of June next year. So there's going to be a little bit of a push in the schedule. The streets will end up being closed during construction except for local traffic. People will be able to get to their houses, but we'll close them otherwise. So that's this Ordinance 56.

I want to talk about Turney Road. Everybody's aware it has not yet started. We've had a lot of conversations with the contractor and the reality is they're on another project that has run into a lot of problems over the last couple weeks and they've been delayed about two weeks in getting here. I just spoke to the guy today and with any luck they're going to be done this week where they are, but we're really highly dependent on what they get done and when they get done. This is such a big project to move that many people here. They really need to make sure they're finished elsewhere so they'd love to be here and out of the quagmire they are in now, but that's where it stands. So that's moving along hopefully within another week or so. I don't even want to give a date at this point, not knowing more.

Just a brief update on the East 102<sup>nd</sup> area on the flooding issues there. The County's completed all their work. They've done all the video work. They've checked everything out. We've done our analysis on the hydraulics, etc. We are now going to move to start looking towards the individual connections from the houses to the sewer mains because we're starting to focus on that area as being part of the problem as well. What we found is that even just one rooftop can take up about 20% of the capacity of the sewer so if we go to one house that's misconnected to the wrong sewer it can make that big a difference so we're thinking that there may be some issues there. We'll have more on that. We've got another letter coming out to the residents in the next week or sooner. That's my report.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Krock. Any questions of Mr. Krock? Are there any questions of Mr. Krock?

**CLMN GLENN:** Mr. Krock, can you give us an update on 98<sup>th</sup> and Transportation? Is it going along as scheduled?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** The work there is going along fairly well. The struggle at this point has been utility companies getting their power tools, etc. moved out of the way. That's becoming a bigger issue as the contractor is getting all done he can, but it's getting to a point where some poles are still in the way and it just takes time for every utility that's on the pole has to move to the new pole, schedule their contractors to do it and it's been a slow go, but things so far are still progressing.

**CLMN GLENN:** Thank you for the update.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Are there any other questions?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Mr. Krock, when they do start the water lines? They are still going to start at the Cleveland border line and work down through Wards 3 and 2?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** Yes, exactly they will work from the North to the South and they will be going from the Cleveland line to Plymouth. That will be the first stretch.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** And they would work year round even through the winter?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** Their plan is to work year around subject to of course the most brutal days. If we run into a stretch of three to four weeks of below zero like we had last winter I'm sure they won't be working, but when they are working down in the trench the ground's really about 55 degrees so when they're down there working, it's OK.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Say we have a winter from heaven, not like last winter, although the Farmers' Almanac is saying different, they could finish it within a year?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** They have about 12 months worth of work so if they can work mostly through the winter around this time next year we should be getting close to getting done. They do have a completion date of December 1<sup>st</sup> on this project so although we don't control the start of the project, we do control the end of it. There's a thousand dollar a day fine for every day they are late being done so as frustrating as it is that we're not getting the project started timely here, that end day doesn't move.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** So is it conceivable that Turney Road might start to be resurfaced in 2016?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** I think the latest schedule I've seen from the County still says at some point in 2016. They are controlling that schedule. We aren't, because it's County money, but that's the latest I have seen. We'll update that more probably six to eight months from now.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Thank you very much. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Dave, you know Cranwood Park Blvd. towards Forestdale you got where a street comes down into that dip? When it rains all of it's rushing down in there and naturally these people's homes have been flooding since God knows when? Is it permissible for them? Right behind there you got the Alvin Creek. They can't run a line where they could just allow the drainage to just go right into the Alvin Creek? I mean if you hook something maybe to there and allow storm water to run off into Alvin Creek, wouldn't it stop your home from backing up instead of allowing the water to meet down there and flood the homes and basements every time? Is that something we can look into or is that not permitted?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** I'd prefer to look into that a little bit, Mike. It may well be something we can do, but I'm trying to think if that's a combined sewer area there. If it is it may pose a little more challenge, but I can look at that.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** It would run right along the creek. It wouldn't damage anybody. It's not sewer. Like some of the other homes almost every time it rains these three or four homes right there at the dip has been flooded since the beginning of time. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Dave.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Any other questions for Dave Krock? OK. Thanks, Dave. Mr. Tomola.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** Thank you, Mr. President. I really have no report. I would however encourage Council to approve Ordinance 56-2014. Again, as Dave mentioned the time constraint on this project getting started by next June in order to meet the Ohio Public Works Commission schedule, it's imperative that he get started as soon as he can on doing the plans and specifications. With that you have my report.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Thank you. Any questions for Mr. Tomola?

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Mr. Tomola, regarding Ordinance 57? The change of positions? What's the base salary for this person right now?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** It's a pay level 3 part-time as needed. I don't have the pay scale with me right now.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** You told me in Caucus you believe it's in the low 20's?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** Based on if she were to work like 29 hours a week which would put her underneath medical insurance, etc. it would be around \$25,000.00 to \$27,000.00 a year.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** This would probably be about a \$30,000.00 a year increase once you add benefits?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** Most likely.

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

**CLMN DUDLEY:** So you say we have the money to pay this individual this \$27,000.00 pay increase, right?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** I said the money is in the fund currently.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** That's all, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** I have a question for you. Pat would be going from a part-time without benefits to full-time with benefits?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** Yes.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** She would be going up two pay grades?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** That's what's proposed. Yes.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** She will have a specific job as grant writer to ease the burden on the person who is taking care of it now?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** As I understand, yes.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** We need all the money we can get. Ms. Kathy.

**SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS:** I just have two quick announcements. Next Monday September 29<sup>th</sup> the Senior Center will host its monthly Coffee with the Mayor at 9:30 a.m. in the main dining room here at the Senior Center. Also the Senior Center in cooperation with St. John's Lutheran Church will be sponsoring a trip to Amish country on Tuesday October 21<sup>st</sup>. The cost is \$75.00 and if you are interested in purchasing tickets or need more information you can call the Senior Center. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Any questions for Ms. Parssons? Nothing? Ms. Kuban.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to make a comment about Ordinance 57. Many of the grants I apply for are for physical capital improvement grants. For instance we have two new programs that have started this year. The Boys and Girls Club and the Family Resource Center. Both of those programs were largely funded in this past year with Court funding. I think Ron could verify that. To continue those programs we need Social Services funding, so that will be something that Pat will be focusing on. I strongly urge Council to consider this legislation. Thank you.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Noreen, you mention a Family Resource Center? We had a Family Resource program that was actually part of Garfield Heights City School District. I pushed on it because I thought it was not getting out to everybody in general and it ended up going to the Family Life Center and they done a great job. But we have a program over there. These are mirror images of them. People are getting referred sometimes from here to over there so these are basically the same two programs?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** I wouldn't say they are identical but we do work with the social workers from the schools.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** They're very similar.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Similar but since it does get funded by the Court these are residents or individuals who are seeking assistance from all the cities that go to the Court. It's not just Garfield Heights residents.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I know because they come over to the family program that we have up on Dressler Road and it is the same thing so we apply for grants. Maybe we should be investing in something we already have and make that stronger? That's all I have to say, Mr. Chairman.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** I also want to make one comment. Many of the programs through the school is for children or families with children. The focus of the Family Resource Center is beyond families with children. Senior citizens or children not yet in school.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** No it's not a part of the school. It was in the Garfield Heights School District but because it was in the Garfield High School I thought at the time if you didn't go to Garfield High School you had no clue about the Family Resource Center and it was true. If you went to private school you didn't know about it. That's why I said when it ended up in the Word of Righteousness Family Life Program it was accessible to everybody in the city and someone from outside the city sometimes, I believe. I don't know how it worked, but I know that part it's

been a great program. So when this one came in I didn't say it was for the children. It's for everybody now. I just can't see just a mirror image of what is already there. No, I didn't mean it was strictly for school. We're just mirrors imaging something and I think it could be better used. That's all, Mr. Chairman.

**CLMN BURKE:** Ms. Kuban, Pat works under your department, correct?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Yes, that's correct.

**CLMN BURKE:** OK. The cost to give her the raise, let's say. What effect is it going to be with these grants? Is the money coming in from these grants can you assure that it will outweigh the cost?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** I believe so. Don't forget she's already receiving a salary of what did you say? So this is only an increase of what we're already paying her and the difference. We hope that with more emphasis on grant funding in greater numbers of sources or national sources we will increase our grants' success rates.

**CLMN BURKE:** So it is your opinion that we'll be able to secure more grants by having somebody like her writing these grants?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Yes, I do. The other thing is Pat does a lot of public relations and marketing work.

**CLMN BURKE:** So the benefit outweighs the cost?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Yes, I believe so. I agree with you.

**CLMN BURKE:** That's all I have.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Ordinance 57. She'll also be working on grants for police, fire and to assist the Fire Chief and the Police Chief in equipment and personnel issues, right?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** She will work on grants for every department in the city.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** This is being done in other cities like Parma, Euclid, etc. that are paying money that we're not able to give right now because we don't have the personnel to really go after these grants, correct?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Yes, I do grant writing. I know Dave Krock does grant writing, but this will allow someone to spend more time focusing on grant writing plus it's a public relations and marketing component.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thank you, Noreen.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Can you tell me what degree she has?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** She has a degree in English and journalism. She also worked at the Sun Newspapers for many years and has worked in marketing and public relations in other positions than the Sun Newspapers.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Thank you.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** You mentioned that she'd be working with the departments. I was always used to Chief always getting these grants, etc. and I know when he was going to getting his grants maybe he got help from her? I don't know? But I know our Fire Department Chief always worked on the grants over here. I was not aware that she was working on the grants also with the Chief? I didn't know that. The Chief works on grants. I never heard of her working on the same grants as the Chief?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Both with Chief Nemetz and Chief Sackett they have done some grants on their own, but again this is to expand the scope of what we have been doing within the city. That is the whole purpose of this project of giving Pat more hours to focus on grants and hopefully receiving more grants.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Ms. Kuban, if I may? Pat will be moving from a part-time three day position to a full-time five day position, correct?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Yes, that is correct.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** OK. Thank you.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** I want to point out, I'm sorry, Pat also works on her own time volunteering if she knows that she is going over her 28 hour allotment of time. She donates that time. You'll see her at evening meetings, weekend meetings and she's not getting paid for that. So I think that this is equitable to Pat to change the number of hours that she works and to give her more time to do more work.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Any other questions? Thank you. Mr. Wervey.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** I have no report this evening, Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Thank you very much, Mr. Wervey. Even though he has no report are there any questions for Mr. Wervey? None? OK. We'll go to Comments by Citizens on tonight's Agenda. Barb, would you read the rules, please?

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

**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 PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Is there anyone that has something to say about tonight's agenda? Any comments on tonight's agenda? Nothing? We'll move on to Ordinances and Resolutions.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Ordinance 55-2014. Barb, would you read the title.

**ORDINANCE NO. 55-2014**

AN ORDINANCE RESCHEDULING THE MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING SINCE IT FALLS ON THE FEDERAL HOLIDAY KNOWN AS COLUMBUS DAY TO WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2014.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Suster

**CLMN BURKE:** Mr. President, I move to make an amendment to this ordinance. To amend it to Tuesday, October 14, 2014.

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

ABSENT: Suster

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** OK. Would you read it as the amendment please, Barb?

**CLERK:** AN ORDINANCE RESCHEDULING THE MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING SINCE IT FALLS ON THE FEDERAL HOLIDAY KNOWN AS COLUMBUS DAY TO TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Vote on the amendment please. All in favor say Yea. Anybody opposed? OK. Thank you.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Mr. Chairman, you might want to waive the Three Reading Rule.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** I was going to do that next. I'm making sure I'm following the sheets.

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Suster

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** On the adoption, starting with Mr. Burke.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Suster

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** That passes 6-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 56-2014**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING DAVID KROCK, CITY ENGINEER, TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, PER THE KROCK ESSER ENGINEERING INC., PROJECT FACT SHEET, PROJECT MAP, AND CLEVELAND WATER DEPT. FUNDING LETTER, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A", AND TO GO OUT FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS, FOR THE MULTI-STREET RECONSTRUCTION & WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT – PHASE 1, AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF COSTS FOR THIS PROJECT, WHICH COSTS WILL BE FUNDED THROUGH THE CLEVELAND WATER DEPARTMENT AND AN OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION GRANT.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Suster

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** On the adoption, starting with Clmn Vaughn.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** That passes 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 57-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE 45-2014, AND ANY OTHER NON-UNION PAY ORDINANCES, OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion to place this into the Finance Committee of City Council by roll call by individual vote.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** OK, on Mrs. Marincic's motion to place into the Finance Committee by individual vote. Barb, would you read the roll.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** Before I vote, the reason I would like to place this into the Finance Committee is I need a few weeks to think about it. It's no reflection on the person who will hold this position. I think she's more than qualified. I think she'll do a phenomenal job and we all need a full-time grant writer. I just need a few weeks to think about it and I'm hoping our City Council will give me that short term and that is why I made this motion and I vote yes.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Before I vote I feel this is definitely needed. We need it now. What we miss in our next two weeks could be a very critical grant. I think that we've got to move forward. We've been falling behind. People are asking where is money from? I think we're throwing money out the window every minute we wait. I think this would be a big asset to the city. We would have Pat here five days a week plus all the extra work she does. I really feel that we should move this forward on this night due to the fact that there could be a grant that comes by tomorrow that we miss. I don't want to miss out on any money. We're tight. Our budget's cut short. Let's get past what we can and move forward. We've been staying stagnant way too long. I vote Yes. Sorry, I apologize. I vote No. I'm very nervous tonight.

**CLMN GLENN:** Before I vote, just some questions that have to be asked. Two weeks is not a long time to air out any questions, and have it in the Finance Committee. That will be a yes vote.

**CLMN BURKE:** Before I vote, I got to tell you I was a little on the fence when I came here on this particular ordinance, but having found out that it's actually Pat and how hard she works and I believe in rewarding the people that work hard and put a lot of her own time into this city when they don't have to do so. They can just punch a time clock and go home, but when she goes

home she still works for this city. So having known that, having asked the questions that I've asked, I vote No to put it into the committee.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Before I vote, I also have to agree with Clmn Nenadovich and Clmn Burke. We need to start obtaining more grant money quicker and we need to get it going soon. Cities like Parma, Parma Heights, Euclid have been doing this for the past five, six years and it's paying off. Their streets are in better repair, they have money to do things. I don't think we can afford to wait much longer so with that I vote No.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Before I vote, I would just say that there is a lot of concern that we say for three days she gets \$25,000.00 and you turn around you work her two more days you want to give her another \$25,000.00 in her salary. When I leave here, I still work along with my other job and I continue to work and when I gave money back to the city I figured the city was in a tight bind. Nothing taken away from I know she works hard, but we just made an assessment to double the millage tax when your sewer's running to the street. I don't fully know we have this money and I would like to think about it, just like Clwn Marincic and also Glenn, that we really got to give it some thought. I don't think nothing's going to come up in the next two days that if she worked three days she won't be able to I don't think we ought to force ourselves to make a decision here tonight with that kind of money. We have people in our Ward One they hurting. We got people without jobs. My wife had been unemployed or maybe worked 90 days out of two years. She worked just as hard as anybody else, but it's not nothing being personal. This is something you got to think about. This is your tax dollars people, and I can't give it away because I'm not going to give my money away like that. So with that I vote Yes that it goes to the Finance Committee.

AYES: Marincic, Dudley, Glenn

NAYS: Nenadovich, Burke, Vaughn

ABSENT: Suster

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Mr. Law Director, in order for this to pass we would need five votes on a Rule 24 and I don't believe we're going to get them and it's a tie right now. What's our next move?

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Actually this Ordinance would automatically be referred to the Finance Committee pursuant to the Rule 24 Rules of Council so in order to waive Rule 24, which was in essence what you were doing, in a round about way, you would need to have a two-thirds majority of elected Councilmembers. Not even Councilmembers that are here, but elected so you would have had to had five No votes on this not to send it into committee. So in other words it will go to the Finance Committee based on your votes here tonight.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** OK. So no further votes are needed on adoption or three readings as it stands at this point?

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** It's referred to the Finance Committee.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** OK. Ordinance 57, with the comments by our Law Director will be going to the Finance Committee. The vote on that was three Yeas and three opposed.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS**

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** We are through with the Ordinances and Resolutions. Next we will be going to Comments by Citizens. Barb, would you read the rules please.

**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 PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Is there anybody that wishes to make comments tonight?

Ida L. Dobson, 13620 Rexwood Avenue. Good evening. I am very much concerned about the situation that has to do with a vacant house next door to my house. I have gone through the chain of command through our Councilman, Michael Dudley and through the chain of command the Mayor and I have not been able to get what I really would like to have done about this vacant house. So I brought a chart. The Mayor also has these same pictures so it says. (*Showing chart to Council.*) I want Council to see. This shrubbery has been growing for the last three years at that vacant house. My husband was told that the Community Service people who came out approximately a week and a half that they would be coming back out to clear it. So far nothing has materialized. So I want Council to know just like my neighbor, Mrs. Cain, to do something and encourage community service for safety reasons. People can hide there. School is out. This is a Cleveland public school. They transfer themselves from Michael Dudley's street, come through the little pathway to Rexwood with all that shrubbery. Anything can happen. So I want the Council to support a resident who has been in Garfield approximately 45 years to do something to help in this area. I shall be grateful for your cooperation. Thank you.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** The picture makes it better than what it is. It's worse than that. I want to mention this. We had a similar problem that went on for a long time at 13810 Cranwood Park Blvd. and it stayed for so long that we went there with my sons, Isaiah and Elijah and we cut all the brush and all the bushes. We did it ourselves because it just kept saying promises, promises but not delivering. I felt sorry for my two little helpers because everybody always sees me with my mirrors. They ended up getting poison ivy. They didn't know what it was. We took the thing down because it got to the point I was just tired of waiting. Tired of sending neighbors out to look. It's getting to the point right here I'm getting tired of looking at it. If I got to go out there and do it myself, I guarantee somebody will be from one of these camera crews taking a picture of me cleaning up because it is a safety hazard. That's a haven for somebody to wait and strike somebody. I don't want to see that happen and they brought it to the floor. We got to push something to get that Community Service there. I appreciate that. Thank you, Reverend. Thank you, Ms. Dobson.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** There were two houses up there on Rexwood. I believe one is next to the Dobson's and two doors down there is one next to Mrs. Cain. Vince Liotta was there about a week and a half ago with the crews from Court Community Service. They trimmed a substantial amount for the house that is nearest to Mrs. Cain. However they do have other responsibilities and I spoke to Vince Liotta today and he said he wasn't sure when they would be back but probably within the week to do the house next to the Dobson's. That's all I can tell you right now. That's all I know. They have other things that they do that they will be back to take care of the house next to the Dobson's. I believe if there was an issue with an open garage door at the house next to the Dobson's, that has been secured. As I indicated Court

Community Service I assume within the week or so, but since I'm not in control of those workers I can't tell you that for sure but that's what I was told today.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Wervey.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I know they on it. That's not the big issue right now because they trying to address it. This has been going on for years. They have been down there. They been there over a year ago with the same issue. It shouldn't take over a year or a year and a half for even Court Community Service to reach that yard. I know they got other projects and everybody can jump to their defense, but it shouldn't take a year or year and a half for that to be done in nobody's Ward. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** I'm glad you added in nobody's Ward, Mike. OK. Thank you.

Alice Cain, 13614 Rexwood Avenue. I'm in between the home that she was talking about and I just want, since the Mayor's not here, because he had told me to let him know within two weeks what they had done because he promised me that it would get done. Yes, they did do part of the job, but we were looking for them to come back and they did not come back. The guy said he would be back next Wednesday. That was last week Wednesday. He should have come back and he did not come. So I understand so with the Mayor with his someone passing I won't disturb him because he gave me his number to call him and I was going to do that, but I knew about this so I'm not going to bother him right now but I just wanted to let you all know, yes, we're still waiting and like I said before I told my family if something happened to me to sue Garfield Heights if someone come out of those bushes at me. They did cut down some of them but right in between my garage they did not get back there and on the other side that house there it's like a forest. You don't want to have nobody over to your home because you don't feel safe. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mrs. Cain. Is there anybody else?

Tiffany Urban, 12517 Maple Leaf Drive. Hello everyone. Tonight I'm very nervous so excuse me if I mumble.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** I know the feeling.

**MRS. URBAN:** I've been in Garfield now about four years and I've had other issues with my children. I tried to get help with them but nobody wanted to help me. They just shot me down like they didn't have a care in the world over my concerns or issues. I live next door to a neighbor of mine and since I've been there since February of this year she's been giving me nothing but grief. I've never done anything to this woman. I don't even know why she has a problem with me besides her saying racial things to me. I've tried to reach out to my Councilman Matt Burke. Me and him had a conversation over the phone. I tried to reach out to Mr. Robert Sackett over the phone. I tried to reach out to the Mayor who is not here and no one would do anything to assist me with this matter. I'm a single parent. I work every single day. I'm tired of coming home dealing with this stuff every single day with this woman. I tried to go through mediation. No results. So I'm standing before you guys right now because I have two Court dates for this woman making allegations against me that are not true, number one. Number two she called the police on my son for riding his motorbike and said that it was a stolen vehicle. So with all this being said and me being under highly stressed right now, what do you recommend for me to do because I went through all the chains of commands and I can't get any assistance?

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Who was the chain of command you went to?

**MRS. URBAN:** I spoke to Matt Burke and he basically talked to me. He was real understanding. He listened. He (*Chief Sackett*) basically gave me no resources. I spoke with him. He's very rude and disrespectful to me. Him, Mr. Sackett, the Chief officer of Garfield. So at this point.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** That's rather hard to believe, but go ahead.

**MRS. URBAN:** What else should I do then?

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** I have you consulted. Tim, go ahead please.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Thank you, Mr. President. My understanding is right now you have some Court cases pending against you?

**MRS. URBAN:** I do.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** OK. Those are going to be resolved in Court? Correct?

**MRS. URBAN:** I go to Court this week, yes.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** OK. I think that that's where this should be. I mean if it's in Court you're going to be in front of a Judge and be able to explain your case. I wouldn't think it would be appropriate and I would recommend that Council not address the issue that is presently pending before the Court.

**MRS. URBAN:** That's fine.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** When those issues are addressed if you have further issues after that, no problem. You can contact whatever city department you need concerning that.

**MRS. URBAN:** OK. That's fine. But still and yet how should I? This is my neighbor. I want to get along with this woman. I don't want us to be rivalries. We're neighbors and we should look out for one another and be neighborly to each other. I'm not getting anywhere with wanting anyone for help so how do I approach this? I tried to do mediation with this woman. She won't. She's constantly calling the police on me. I don't understand how somebody can say anything about you and they just write out a ticket. That's not something that's even witnessed; that he's witnessed. He's only going out for what this woman is saying about me so right now on instances like this what do I do? Like I said I am highly stressed over this and I work every single day. I don't have time to be trying to fight against these police officers constantly coming to my house about stuff. When they knock on my door, I'm like what are you here for? I don't have time for this. I just want to be come home, relax, sit down and raise my three children and that I'm trying to do as a single parent. So what do you suggest that I do?

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** If I may, going along with Mr. Riley's comments, this is in litigation and anything we do would be presuming what the Courts are going to do. We are not attorneys. We have to go by what the ordinances say. As far as the Police Chief and the Law Director recommend, right now we would not be able to legally comment on it because we could jeopardize your case or maybe even help the other person's.

**MRS. URBAN:** OK. That's fine.

**CLMN BURKE:** Mrs. Urban , did you try to get a hold of Ruth Pollack?

**MRS. URBAN:** I spoke to Ruth.

**CLMN BURKE:** Has she been helpful?

**MRS. URBAN:** No, she wasn't. She told me to try to go through mediation. I tried to call the number and at least try to sit down with this lady next door to me to figure out what it is that I'm such a disturbance to her. I have neighbors all around me and I have no problems. Why is it I have a problem with this neighbor on the left of me? I have neighbors all across the street. I have statements written stating that I'm not a disturbance to the street so I don't understand what is the problem that she has with me besides a racial issue?

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** If I may, your time limit is up right now. After Mr. Riley's comments your time limit is run up.

**MRS. URBAN:** Thank you. I just wanted to get up here and say what I had to say. Thank you. I will be at more Council Meetings.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** I hope so.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Briefly, a lot of the things that you're bringing up are stuff that are going to be brought up in the Courtroom and that's where you present your evidence as to what occurred and what didn't occur the day of the incident when the police officers were called to the scene. That's where I recommend you resolve your current cases. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Thank you. Are there any other comments by citizens?

Avery Johnson, 5256 East 102<sup>nd</sup> Street. A little lighter note, I want to say that it didn't rain hard. On 102<sup>nd</sup> Street the other day and I was hoping the Mayor was here because he told me he really hoped not to get a call and he did not get a call from me, but I want to say we're looking for a little bit more clarification as to Mr. Krock. What is this letter about? Because we know the three phases to the project that's looking coming into play on East 102<sup>nd</sup> Street so I'm looking for a moving clarification. What was founded out about 102<sup>nd</sup> Street that will lead anyone to believe that it could be flooding coming from the rooftops? That would be a blockage probably at the basement or the footage of the home that would lead water to come into those properties similar to where Mr. Dudley was found in a street in his Ward. That street has a dip inside of it, a serious dip. Our Ward had been told by the County that a lot of the pressure of all that water and fluids coming in once the brakes are applied on that street the hydraulic bakes are applied it pushes all that back into our homes. So we're looking to see what is the resolution? What is that that was done? Where we at with that study? Letter is not going to explain that to me. We really looking for real serious details as to how that's impacting our homes and you cannot tell me that our homes are causing that because the County came into my home, they inspected our main lines, they found it and showed me from video camera shots my home itself clear as a bell. My house and the footers are already sealed. My gutters are clean as a bell. We know that when those brakes are applied and even Mayor Longo said it about seven years ago, that hydraulic brakes were part of the problem because they close all that water that sits in the street it comes

into our homes so I'm just trying to get a little bit of clarification on that. Drainage from our roof has nothing to do with our issues. It is that that sewer line water has been over capacitated by the water that's coming into that street, be it drainage or the sewers is coming into our property and we're still looking for more clarification. What did they find on it by the County? What was your study here in Garfield? Where are we at today?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** Let me first start with and explain what hydro brakes are and how they work because there seems to be some confusion on that. The hydro brakes are not something you turn on or turn off. They are an orifice in the catch basin that only lets a certain amount of water in the storm sewer system. They're there for the express purpose of not putting too much storm water down into the pipes that can't handle it. The streets are then used as a place to back up that water and slow down the water. That's how the hydro brakes work.

Secondly, I went over some initial information with the Mayor the other day and one thing he brought up was we ought to have a meeting with the residents to go over in great detail as you're requesting exactly what's going on out there. The issue we have if you boil it all down is we're getting way too much rain water into the sanitary sewer pipe. OK? Rainwater could come through your roof drain and go out to the sanitary sewer pipe. What we're trying to find is, and this happens all over the city, there are places where roof drains or back yard drains by people's garages go into the sanitary sewer line. The sanitary sewer line is much smaller than the storm sewer line and when the water goes from your roof into the sanitary sewer line it surcharges it. It backs water up and that's how it ends up in people's basements. So there's a reason we're checking that. That is Step 3. that is where our focus is right now. The issues we have with our sewer mains we've analyzed them, we've looked at them. There are broken pipes, there's cracked pipes, there are issues, but there is no smoking gun. There is nothing down through there that says this is the whole entire reason why this is going. So this is why we're going to Step 3. In Step 3 we're going to analyze every other conceivable way for getting water into the sanitary system. If you look in the sanitary manholes in the streets fore example, there are holes and rims and manholes and we are going to take care of that issue shortly with the County. They've got a mechanism they can put in there to keep that water from getting in there on the streets backed up with water. We know that those holes are going to allow water right down into the sanitary so we're doing everything we can to keep the storm water out of the sanitary. There are things that we can't tell by looking at the storm sewer or the sanitary sewer.

So one of the next things we're going to try is we're going to do what is called a smoke test. We're going to literally pump a vapor into that entire sanitary system and the date appears to be October 10<sup>th</sup> that we've settled on with the County. We'll have more information from all the property owners on that, but what we're going to look for is where that smoke comes up in places where it shouldn't. Is it coming out of a catch basin somewhere? Is it coming up out of someone's downspout? Is it coming up next to someone's garage? These are all areas where we're getting water into the wrong pipe. That's really all that this is. We're getting water into the wrong pipe somewhere, somehow and it's a complicated deal. I don't want to say that in a wrong way, but there's an awful lot to look at to try to figure out where this is coming from.

**MR. JOHNSON:** I appreciate your explanation. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Thank you. Are there any other citizens with comments tonight? Are there any other citizens with comments tonight?

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** If none, we'll move on to Miscellaneous Business, starting with Mr. Glenn.

**CLMN GLENN:** Thank you, Mike. I just want to say some of the comments, some of the citizens' concerns here tonight that we talked about are also my concerns. Ward 4 we have some houses that are not selling. Maybe they should be condemned? If you live next door to a house like this here, you are not only getting hit by the economic conditions of the United States as far as the housing market, because if you live next door to a house like this here or if you have water problems, your value of your house is going down, down, down. So we need some time in the future address this here.

At our Safety Meeting we are going to be talking about grants and possibly upgrading our grant writer. There needs to be some questions asked about this here. Now is not the time or place to ask these questions, but they are going to be asked. We need grant money for some of these projects. So this might be the way our answer is going to be. Hopefully we will resolve the issue in a timely fashion. Saying that, I know some get more impatient. I am one of them. Government does not always act as fast as I would like it, but we have to be a little patient in resolving the problems. Thank you, Mike.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Thank you. Mr. Gene. Mr. Matt?

**CLMN BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I first want to say I look forward to the Safety Committee Meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup> and I urge everyone to come out. We're going to talk about a lot of issues that we face and I get a lot of phone calls about the children walking in the street. I get phone calls about my neighbor. I get phone calls about my neighbor didn't take that trash out or they took their trash out and they ruined my grass along the side of my house while they did it because they had to go around the car. I get phone calls like Mrs. Urban and about her neighbor. To be quite honest with you the conduct of some of the neighbors is just appalling to me. I live right on Granger. I probably have the best neighbors I could ever think of. We help one another out, up and down the street. We basically you know, I know that my neighbor, she lost her husband a few years back and I'll snow blow the driveway for her or I'll cut her grass or the neighbor two doors down will do the same thing. I don't get why that doesn't happen on a more ongoing basis. We as a Council, it's not our responsibility to teach people how to be individuals. We can only lead by example. That's all we can do. That's basically all I have to say there.

I would like to congratulate the Garfield Heights Varsity Football Team on Friday night. If you did not get a chance to go to the game it was out in Medina and let me tell you with some of the negative publicity that we have heard on the news about that team. I got to tell you, they carried themselves very professional when I attended the game in Medina. They were victorious by one point which was a hard fought game and I was really proud of those kids and their coaching staff and how they handled themselves. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Thank you. Mr. Burke. Mr. Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thank you. This Thursday night will be our Block Watch. We'll be up at St. Monica's in the school. We're moving from the pavilion into the school. We're going to have Bill Wervey. I believe you're coming, Bill? Is that true still?

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** That's what I hear.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** We're going to discuss and talk to Bill about what goes on in his department.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** Nothing. We don't do anything.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Please don't say that, Bill. There comes a time every now and then where we have to take a few minutes out and look at some great things that are happening. In this past 10 days over at Benedictine they elected a new abbot and the priest that they chose grew up here in Garfield Heights, grew up on Briarcliff, attended Garfield Heights City Schools, attended St. Therese Parish. Abbot-elect Gary Hoover and he will be put into office in early October. We want to congratulate the newly elected abbot and congratulate his parents who still live up on Briarcliff on this great honor. There's a lot of good people here in Garfield Heights and we're going to continue it that way.

I also would like to remind everybody about we're having the Safety Meeting. Please come. Please bring your concerns. A lot of people are concerned about the way things have been going and what their perception is how things are. Let's sit down. Let's talk these things out. I'm concerned about the kids walking in the streets and the jaywalking and the night curfew, etc. and we're not just doing this to punish kids or people. It's to look out for their own well-being and the well-being of the people driving in the streets. Hopefully we can solve some of these issues. That's all I have for this evening. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Vaughn. Mr. Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I tell you, Marvin Gaye put it best when he made the song What's Going On? Trust me, some of that stuff you are having with neighbors in some of your Wards don't compare to a group of neighbors that we have living on Alvin. These neighbors have become so terrible that the people who live next door to them. I realized I got out of my bed at 1:00 a.m. One time I was walking around Alvin because I live on Saybrook; the second time I drove around Alvin to talk to these people because the two neighbors just feud all the time and at one o'clock in the morning. The police does a pretty good job of responding and taking care of it. So I took that extra step with these neighbors because I talked to both of them and told them I didn't appreciate it and said you are disturbing me, bringing me out of my bed at one o'clock, there is a problem. I do work the hours that I'm just not working here, all right? I go around. I contacted the people that own these properties and I let them know what they were leaving in our community. That they didn't live there and they didn't have to listen to these people fussing and fighting at one o'clock in the morning, six and seven days a week. I told them you are responsible because you don't follow up. You don't check on these residents. You just kind of pawn them off.

Not all renters are bad. We got some renters that are better residents than some homeowners in this city. I tell you that. That just goes to show that you have to address these issues some time and not just let it get to the point where you talk to your neighbor and she done the job of contacting the Councilman and Burke going over there and see if he couldn't iron it out between the two of them, but some time it just don't work. Sometimes you're going to get a neighbor in your life you don't like. I had one neighbor I never spoke to except for two times and I lived there 20 years. Two times I spoke to him. It was better that I didn't speak to him because we get along fine that way. You got to understand that sometimes you just don't get along with people. I want to say that you're raising three? We raised nine children in Garfield Heights. We got seven grown. We got Isaiah and Elijah (13 and 14 years old) still. But people never knew how many children we had because we didn't allow them all to be in the front yard at the same time. People never knew we were raising seven children. I never had a complaint about my kids. Reverend

Dobson knew my kids since they was growing up. We never had an issue with them, you know? You got good parents. You got parents who are trying. Hopefully something will work out between you and your neighbor and you don't get in no serious trouble behind that.

I want to talk about very quickly these cameras. I want to know did anybody get an opportunity to see that woman that was attacked where that fellow ran up behind her and jumped on her and drug her to the bushes between the houses? That's why I'm talking about cameras. I would like to see the dispatch unit that we are combining these cities together that we have a camera and we have a dispatcher that can monitor these cameras. If people know they're being monitored on Turney Road, it would be lot better place for shoppers and I think a lot of mom and pop stores would come back. We need it definitely up on 131<sup>st</sup>. They do a great job. When I call them they come up there. They clear out the area when we do have an issue, but I think in modern day times, look at Great Britain there's cameras everywhere. Daddy's watching no matter what you do. I think with this County we ought to put a little pressure and work with other cities and we ought to go to cameras in this city. I think we do need them. That way if something's going on they can contact a patrol vehicle and send him to the area where they need it. I think we'd have a lot less problems not just with children—because children will be children to a certain extent, but with people in general if they know that possibly they are being watched, I think things would quiet down. We'd become a better city and I hope we get some support.

The last thing the Ward Club meets the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. for Ward One. I ask you all to come out and join us. It's a great place to be. Basically that's it. We going to make it short. Have a good time and you all enjoy yourselves and let's wish these kids luck and push them for that education. If we don't raise them at home, the streets are going to raise them for us. We don't want that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Mrs. Marincic.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** My turn? OK. Regarding the Safety Committee Meeting of Council, I don't want people to get the wrong impression. It's not an open forum. It's a work session for City Council and we have a full agenda that night, but I would love for you to come and listen to what's happening and if at the end we do have some extra time I will definitely let people speak about whatever, but it is first and foremost a work session of Council with a full agenda and from what every City Councilmember has given me we have a lot to talk about.

Secondly, I would like to thank my fellow Councilmembers for giving me a few weeks to consider and think about this new position. I appreciate your votes. I once again want to reaffirm that I think the person who they want to put in this position is more than qualified and if this comes to pass she'll do a phenomenal job.

I would like to wish everybody a Happy First Day of Autumn. Get out. Walk Garfield Park and enjoy the leaves because they are going to be quite a show this year. I was told that the rain we had with the cold and the warm days and all of a sudden flying into August we're going to get some brilliant colors.

I would also like to wish everybody a Happy Sweetest Day and remember your sweethearts out there.

Happy Anniversary to my husband today of 36 years. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mrs. Marincic. And again, Happy Anniversary.

First of all, I hope that Mr. Suster feels a little bit better. I don't know what's wrong with him, but as you see he's not here tonight. Let's keep him in our prayers.

I would also like to call your attention to we are going to be having four Finance Meetings. They will be September 30<sup>th</sup>, which is a Tuesday, Wednesday October 1<sup>st</sup>, Monday October 6<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday October 7<sup>th</sup>. This is where the departments come forward and prepare their budgets for the following year. These meetings are open to the public. It will be in the paper that the meeting is being held. Might be something you'd want to be interested in if you care about finances in Garfield.

I want to thank everybody for putting up with me tonight because I was three steps ahead of myself and I usually, like I said, take notes. I could not take notes so I got a little flustered, but thank you for bearing with me, especially the Directors for me calling them out of order.

I also wanted you to remember that when we started talking about the Vets five years ago, it was 2000 numbers. We're up to 4,168 Vets that have lost their lives for this country. Keep them in your prayers.

One thing that Mike mentioned. Everybody has a home and love their home. It's an American dream. Unfortunately sometimes the dream's a nightmare. Just bear with it. Do it legally. Do not take any action of your own because if you do, you know the consequences. Just say yes, thank you and walk away. It works a lot. Besides we're all getting too old to fight anymore. With that.

**CLWN MARINCIC:** I make a motion we adjourn.

**PRESIDENT PRO TEM NENADOVICH:** Very good, Mrs. Marincic. Second? Mike? On the motion to adjourn all in favor say Yea. Anybody opposed? Thank you very much and again thank you for putting up with me. Meeting's adjourned.

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

ABSENT: Suster

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:17 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Michael Nenadovich  
President of Council Pro Tem

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Barbara Molin  
Clerk of Council