

RESOLUTION NO. 39-2011

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS HONORING THE MEMORY OF TONY COSENTINO AND EXTENDING SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY.

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster

ABSENT: Mahoney

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster

ABSENT: Mahoney

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote, again I'd like to extend my sympathies to the family. I knew Tony over the years at St. Monica's. I've served on Tri-M Committee with him, worked many carnivals with him and he was always there whenever we needed help with any food ministries, anything that had to be done, Tony was always there with us. He will truly be missed by the Holy Name Society at St. Monica's and I will truly miss him as a friend. I vote Yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote, I send my condolences out to his family. I'd just like to say when it comes time to trust I don't think you could trust nobody better than what you could trust in Tony. For maybe six years I met him in 2005 and stuff like that and he's been a good person. Like I say, as a matter of trust he was a good guy. That's what you can say about him. They don't make them like that no more. I vote yes.

CLWN MARINCIC: Ruth, Tony will be missed by hundreds if not thousands of people in town. My sympathy goes out to you and your family members. If you need me, I mean it, call. I vote yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Yes, Ruth and family, I have known Tony for a long time—maybe five years, but he never said no and he's a good guy. We're going to miss him. My condolences. I vote Yes.

CLWN SARNOWSKI: My deepest sympathy to Ruth and the boys and the family and everything. I vote Yes.

CLMN SUSTER: Before I vote, I'd just like to say I'd like to offer my condolences to Ruth, David and Jim and I'd like to say I had the pleasure of serving on City Council with Tony in 1992 and 1993. He always had a bad habit of calling me Mr. Suster even though he was older than I was. But I always had a standard answer for him with that. I know all the organizations that he belonged to are really going to miss him because he was a very hard worker and I too am going to miss him because to me he was not only a person that I knew through City Council and the organizations that he belonged to but he was actually a close friend. I vote Yes.

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster

ABSENT: Mahoney

PRESIDENT GERACI: That passes 6-0. But I would like to have a couple comments in regards to Tony. I did sit in the seat next to Tony in regards to the Democratic Club for quite a long time. I was parliamentarian and I became First Vice President. I am presently serving as Acting President. I always wished I wasn't going to be put in that position. Unfortunately I am. Tony definitely will be missed. Ruth, you've been a hard worker for this club and your family also. My condolences go out to your entire family and I wish you the best. I hope you keep active in the

Democratic process. Thank you. That passes 6-0. We'll move on now. Any written communications coming out of Council?

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

PRESIDENT GERACI: The Reading and Disposal of the Minutes.

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Cllm SUSTER to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council of August 8, 2011 as submitted. The minutes were adopted with six YES votes. (Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski) and one ABSENT vote (Mahoney).

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT GERACI: We will move on to the reports of the Mayor and the Directors. Mayor Collova?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Geraci, thank you. Council. A few things this evening. First off I want to talk a little bit about a problem that we had with our e-mail for the city last week. We ran into a problem. Our e-mail was down for most of the week. It just started to come back up on Friday and we're continuing to bring the rest of it back up. Either today or tomorrow it should be complete. So we apologize if we didn't respond to any e-mails. We were not getting them. I'm not sure how it's going to work whether they're going to come in or we lost them totally so my suggestion would be if you e-mailed us last week, please e-mail us again to make sure that we get it.

The next thing I want to talk about is about the rubbish bills. I know we've had several calls about people saying they haven't received their rubbish bill and what has happened is (and we talked about this in the past) we are making a computer software and basically hardware changeover in the Finance Department. This is going through R.I.T.A. (Regional Income Tax Agency). This is almost complete. It has backed everything up in the Finance Department. That's why these bills have not gone out yet. There's nothing we can do about it. We had to change over because we were an antiquated service so we're getting back into the 2000s with our computer system. That is the problem with the rubbish. Now I know that some people are saying we're going to get stuck double. If that seems to be a problem and you're mad because you're not paying your bill, you're more than welcome to come up and pay the bill. We'll accept it. We just can't get the billing out till this thing is finished. I apologize for the inconvenience but there really wasn't anything we could do about it. To answer your question, yes, you will probably get two bills back to back so save the \$15.00 from the last one that you were supposed to pay because it will be coming.

The next thing I wanted to say is I wanted to read an announcement. This is a function that's going on. It's called Soup with the Supe. It's the superintendent of the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, Tuesday, September 20th, 1 p.m. from 12 to 1 meet Dr. Celena Roebuck, new CVCC Superintendent, participate in an exchange of ideas and get answers to your questions. Reservations are required. RSVP to 440-746-8127. I understand this is quite a lady and she's going to do a great job. If you're interested in stuff like this this would be a great place to go.

The next thing that I have on the agenda is on this Wednesday, Marymount and South Pointe Hospitals are honoring four individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to improving

our communities. We are privileged and this is actually coming from Marymount and South Pointe, I'm reading it as it states:

"We are privileged to recognize these remarkable individuals for their unsurpassed commitment to our East Side suburbs. With their diverse backgrounds and significant contributions to a range of fields that include politics, religion, human services, health care, community development, our honorees represent the very best and brightest of Cleveland's East Side. In honor of our honorees' accomplishments and in support of their efforts these Cleveland Clinic hospitals will donate \$500.00 to an organization or charity of each recipient's choice. Congratulations to this year's Community Service Award recipients and thank you for your contributions, your dedication continues to strengthen our community."

The four individuals are Tony Richardson, Steve Petti, Marilyn Golubski-Deliberato from the Deliberato Funeral Home. She's always been a great person for Garfield. And I'm not sure is the next one me? No, it wasn't me. It's Vince Liotta. I can't think of an individual that is more deserving than Vince. All the things that he does for the city. I talk to Vince almost on a daily basis and every time I talk to him I'm giving him another task to do and he does it no questions asked. Every now and then he yells at me but not too often and I got to tell you something folks. He does it totally voluntarily. He doesn't get paid a penny. He puts a lot of time in. Him along with Lenny Piazza. We have a couple other people. It's amazing to have volunteers like this and Vince, you deserve this more than anybody I can think so good luck to you. I thought it should have been me, but if it can't be me, I'm glad it was you.

With that said we're going to get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 57-2011. This is the assessments for the grass cutting program to be added to the taxes. Ordinance 58-2011. This will be the assessments going to the County for the unpaid rubbish fees. Ordinance 59-2011. This is the service agreement for the police computer (TAC Computer). Ordinance 60-2011 is a grant to be used for fire equipment. We're looking to get some new fire equipment. We're looking to use a grant to get it done.

Resolution 38-2011. A resolution honoring and thanking Eleanor's Gift Shoppe for over 75 years of service to the city of Garfield Heights, Ohio. Eleanor's is leaving us and I have to tell you, folks, Eleanor's Gift Shoppe was more than a local business. They were a big part of the community. They were involved in charities, they were involved in many community functions and they are going to be sorely missed. Resolution 40 and 41. This is the Garfield Heights and Cleveland partnering up to do the paving on McCracken Road which would be East of Broadway. We're finally going to get it done and we're going through the due diligence to get that done. Resolution 42. There's a home on Bancroft that is in horrible condition. It's been a nuisance. I don't even want to go into how bad this house is. It's extremely over the edge to say the least and we are going to proceed to demolish this house and I think that Mike, you might want to talk about this later in your report if you have something to explain a little better. This is in Mike's Ward. With that said, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you. Any questions for the Mayor? If not we'll move on.
City Law Director Mr. Riley.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have no report tonight.

PRESIDENT GERACI: OK. Any questions for Mr. Riley? Service Director, Mr. McLaughlin.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to start off with the tree situation. Thursday morning August 25th we were hit by a storm that did some heavy damage in Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4. Especially Wards 1, 2 and 3 had heavy damage. Over 70 trees were damaged, 20 of them completely down. One of them was so large that it blew down on one side of the street, went across the street and was laying on the house on the other side of the street. It was a good thing nobody got hurt. That was the storm that happened during the night. Probably most of McCracken on up to Ward 7 some people didn't even know we had a storm. When I would explain it to them they said there wasn't any storm, but anyhow crews came out at one in the morning, right after the storm. They worked 18 hours. What their primary job was at the beginning was to clear the streets. Those trees we would cut them and push them to the side and come back later, trying to get everything open. There was numerous areas that were damaged. We worked on it for 10 days of going around, you know, picking up stuff. We're still re-evaluating some trees that were split that we fixed what we could and moved on but we're back taking care of it. We're probably going to be another couple of weeks of looking at trees. One of the problems that we had was that a lot of residents had trees that went down in their back yards. Unfortunately they are responsible for their trees. There's no way that we could ever take care of that anyhow. We have a hard time taking care of the trees that we have on the street. I know there were some homeowners that were upset that called me but there's nothing else we can do. As long as I've been here, it's been the homeowners that are responsible for trees on their own properties. We're still working on some of the areas and hopefully then we can get back into the regular rotation of trees. I asked some of the people to be patient that have been waiting for tree trims, etc.

Street repairs, we in the last month have done 35 of the water cutouts so we could get those repaired properly and billed to Cleveland. We probably have 50 left. I'm pressing to try to get them done so that Ron can get them billed to Cleveland so we can get our money back.

We've done some crosswalk striping. We used all the paint that we had left, even some of the paint was a couple years old. Sherwin-Williams said that we were lucky to get it to work. We got it to work. We've done pretty good on striping around the schools and stuff.

We've had 40 catch basins in the last month that we've cleaned. Maybe we would have been a little bit ahead but having to deal with the storm damage and stuff has set us back a little.

There's a couple problem areas that we're having. I spent the other day an hour and a half in the morning taking down garage sale signs. I took down 32 of them. It's a problem. People do not go and get the permits and read what it says on there and it says that you can't post the signs. I actually had one house that put the signs up three days in a row and I took them down three days in a row, spoke to the residents on Saturday. When I drove down Turney Road the signs were all back up.

The other problem that we're having and I'm getting calls and I'm seeing it is the grass is being blown in the streets, whether it's by landscapers or the residents. When it rains it washes into the catch basins and blocks it so I'm asking that people at least clean it up so that it doesn't cause us these problems. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Any questions for Mr. McLaughlin?

CLWN MARINCIC: First and foremost before I forget, Tim, you guys did a great job. That storm was one of the worst I've ever seen and I got nothing but compliments regarding our Service Department and what they went through.

Secondly speaking of trees we're still going to have the leaf pickup program, right?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Right.

CLWN MARINCIC: I wish we wouldn't because it turns out to be more of a hassle for me than it's worth. To be honest with you. I'll ask my residents to mulch them this year if I can.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: I'm trying to take a look at it. We're not riding around in circles and waiting for people to put it out. That's the problem that I have. As I go down the street and even if we put a sign up the next day somebody calls and says I wasn't home, I'm a Senior and I can't get it done, etc. I'm trying to look to something to change the process. We've done the same thing for 33 years. I'm trying to find a solution to it. I've called a few other cities but it's all basically the same. They are out there and not everybody can get them out at the same time, but as far as I know right now we're still going to pick up leaves.

CLWN MARINCIC: That's what I figured we were going to do because I had asked you before. I'm going to encourage people to mulch, especially in my Ward by the park, etc. It seems like it's more of a hassle than it's worth and what you guys go through isn't fair. Last year the snow fell. You were picking them up in the spring.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: The rubbish will take your leaves if you put it into a paper bag. I had that put into the contract. They will take it. When people say they can't wait I tell them to bag them and send them out with the rubbish.

CLWN MARINCIC: If you put them in one of those paper leaf bags will they recycle them?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: When they go with their truck out there I have not been to their operations but they do recycle and I can call and ask about the leaves. I'm not exactly sure.

CLWN MARINCIC: I would love to know. I'd appreciate it.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: I will call.

CLWN MARINCIC: That would be great. My second question is regarding unfortunately I know snow is a four letter word and I hate to say it but it's going to happen. You'll have a list of the people who pull permits to do private snowplowing?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Yes, that goes through my office.

CLWN MARINCIC: OK. Could you fill everybody in in the room that you can't put the snow on somebody else's property? Because I get more calls for this.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: When they do take out a permit that's in the paperwork. Snow is to be put back on your own property. That is a big problem. I do get calls all the time about that. A lot of times people don't have permits. Last year we got tired of chasing them but this year I think we're going to take a little harder look at these people that just run out there, do what they want to and take off. They don't have permits. They don't have insurance. We've had some people call about their property being damaged and the plower didn't have a

permit. Didn't have the insurance, etc. That goes through my office and I will try to enforce that fact.

CLWN MARINCIC: Last year I got one phone call about city plows and a dozen about private plow companies and what they were doing with the snow.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: There's just so many more of them now. People don't have jobs. What they do is they get a pickup truck and they become a snowplow person. They don't have all the proper insurance, etc. We're going to try to get out a little more this year and see if we can take care of the problems.

CLWN MARINCIC: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Any other questions?

CLMN SUSTER: Tim. One question. You had mentioned about residents and landscapers blowing grass into the streets? Isn't that considered littering?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: I haven't thought about it that way. I clean up in front of my house and I wish people would instead of blowing it out into the street. It's in the catch basins right away. Neighbors call and tell me it's from the guy or the woman or the landscaper keeps blowing it out in the street. It rains. It's a double problem because I send the sweeper out and the street looks fine. Then somebody cuts the grass and blows it out in the middle of the street. I noticed today the same thing. People were blowing. I found crews blowing it out into the middle of the street. I was lucky enough to be there to see it so I had them clean it up but it is a problem and that's why I brought it up.

CLMN SUSTER: You didn't answer my question. Is it considered litter? Or should I ask?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: I don't know. You'll have to ask Riley. I don't know what the ordinance.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: I'd have to look at the ordinance and see. Chances are you could consider it litter but I'd have to look it up and see the exact definition as it is in our Code. There may even be a specific section, Bill, on where you could put grass clippings, correct?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: I would have to check to be sure but I believe there's legislation that says more or less you can't put foreign matter into the catch basins and that would be when you change the oil and anything along that line but I'd have to check tomorrow to be positive.

CLMN SUSTER: All right. Thank you.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Any more questions for Mr. McLaughlin? I think he's had enough. Recreation Director, Mr. Dobies.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: President and Council Members, good evening. The Annual Dog Show went off without a hitch. Our heartfelt thanks goes to Dr. Thompson and his family and staff at Family Pet Clinic for being our number one sponsor. A big thanks goes out to special guest Mr. Dick Goddard, everyone's favorite weatherman and to McGruff for his presence, a National Crime Fighting Dog, taking a bite out of crime, who was at

the event. Also Ms. Mary Nichols for coordinating the show and all of our volunteers. If you go on our Website you'll see all the winners listed as they were listed in the Neighborhood News and on Face Book it has all the photos from the event.

Our department received a thank you note from Ms. Faith Conroy for having a great summer at the pool. She especially commented on the staff being pleasant and kind in all aspects from signing up to overall operation. Thank you, Ms. Conroy.

You know that I regularly recognize persons within the community who volunteer their time to help the city in one way or another. I have a couple, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson from the Cranwood Park area. They called me last month to inquire if they could help beautify Forestdale Park and Playground area. I met with them on August 9th and they explained they had purchased some trees and would like to donate them to the city park area. I asked them what they would need from our department and their answer was nothing. Just your OK. As I'm sure those that have come to know me well know I don't pass on freebies. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson took on the task, planted three additional trees in the grass area of the park to help make it a little nicer for all of us. My thanks goes out to the couple for their enthusiasm and diligence in getting the project done. This couple here, folks, they took me through their yard. They have every plant imaginable. They are stone cold gardeners from the word go. They even have a corn plant in their backyard that was about 20 feet tall. I was looking for the ears of corn. The lady told me her former boss was from Iowa and they had a contest out there to grow the tallest stalk so it was a special seed and it didn't grow any corn or bear any fruit. It was pretty interesting talking to them. They did a great job. They put in two flowering pear trees (not bearing fruit because I didn't want bees over there) and a flowering apple tree so it should make the park much nicer.

Another thank you goes out to Ms. Yolanda Pilazzi. Through her generosity the Rec Department received a Toro lawn mower, which looked brand new. It started on the first pull. This will help in maintaining the city properties and our vacant lawn program. Thank you for your kindness, Ms. Pilazzi.

Our rink opens Saturday, September 10th so I give thanks to the Service Department and my department for getting everything done in a timely manner. We welcomed our Muni Hockey Program back and two new tenants, Brunswick and Strongsville hockey teams, on opening day. I ask everybody if you have the chance to visit the rink and please take notice of the logos at the center ice. The Hockey Booster Club had them made up and donated both the city logo, which is identical to our city logo on our stationery and it gives our rink a feeling of home ice for all of our skaters. In addition to the donation of the logos the Booster Club is renovating the locker rooms at the ice skating rink by adding larger shelving and building individual cubicles. Sometimes if you watch the pros they have those cubicles that they all dress in. It's becoming a little bit more professional. This they are doing at no cost to the city. It's all out of the Booster Club funds. Their determination to help operate our facility is welcome and needs to be recognized.

On September 11th we enjoyed Celebrate Skate Day from 4:30 to 7:30. Our attendees, which exceeded 100 for this summer day, got to meet our instructors and received a mini-lesson. As I handed out to Council and there are some flyers on the table over there, we are embarking on a new program this season. It was brought to our attention that there is a void for physical fitness classes for home schooled children. I had a couple of ladies come into our office and ask if we had anything available so we earmarked some time (basically kind of down time public session time that's not real busy) and we hope to have three sessions running during the season. If you know of anyone who is interested please have them call our office.

I received a letter today from Ms. Chris Pizza who is one of our volunteers and she asked me if I would read this, so bear with me.

“An invitation to all residents of Garfield Heights. The commemorative events of this past weekend brought back to mind not only the tragic images of the 9/11 terrorist attacks but renewed vision of patriotic spirits, strength and pride. We were reminded of the sacrifices made by the first responders to the Towers and the potential hazardous duty of all police and fire personnel that were called to perform on a regular basis. Our own city’s safety forces have been presented with situations where the ultimate price has also been paid. Several years ago a police and fire memorial was dedicated in an area in front of the Civic Center building. Most people are unaware of it and over the years it’s fallen into poor condition. The area needs attention and continued care to maintain a respectful tribute to those who protect and serve us all. Plans are now being considered for this preservation but it doesn’t need to be the city’s task alone. This project presents a wonderful opportunity to anyone who takes pride in our city and who has an ounce of volunteer spirit. Many other outdoor community spaces could use some caring hands also. I know that there are many residents who have green thumbs, holding hands and open hearts. You are needed and now is the time to step up. Positive action always triumphs negative whining. Please consider sharing some of your time and talent.”

The Mayor had come to me about a week and a half ago and we viewed the monument area. It is in disrepair and we’re developing some plans along with Noreen Kuban as to how to entice the situation. The Service Department is involved. We’re getting plans together. What Chris is asking because she’s got some calls from residents is, if you’re willing to volunteer in the near future we need to rectify the gazebo. Go in there, maybe move some things around. We have to remove some of the old shrubbery in there and then do some replanting, etc. but it’s going to take a little bit of time. Funds are limited, if not at all, so we’re trying to put this project together in a reasonable manner so it can get done and those that are there can be honored in a rightful manner. But if you’re interested you can call Chris. You can call my office. I’m sure Noreen’s office and get more information as the project makes its way down the road. With that you have my report.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you, Mr. Dobies. Any questions for Mr. Dobies?

CLWN MARINCIC: Not a question. Just a statement. When the city’s e-mail is up and running again, Mr. Dobies?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Yes.

CLWN MARINCIC: Could you please forward me the information on the Pattersons, the information on Ms. Pilazzi and on the Hockey Boosters because I would like to sponsor resolutions recognizing everybody because what they did was amazing and they deserve some recognition.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Thank you. I’ll do that.

CLWN MARINCIC: Thank you.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Anything else? If not we’ll move on. Finance Director Mr. Tomola.

ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to talk a little bit about 57 and 58 ordinances that are on the agenda tonight. They are the assessment ordinances—one for the grass cutting that was performed this year and the other is for the unpaid garbage bills from April 2010 through March 2011. If approved by Council please make sure that all signatures are adhered to those legislations tonight. I need to file those in the morning with the County.

Then I'd like to go on. Mr. President, Council, Mayor and residents, I would like to apologize about the situation that has arisen due to not having the second quarter garbage bills sent out on time. It's my department that's responsible for it so I take the responsibility of not having them done. Unfortunately with the accounting package conversion that we're undertaking right now and with the time and effort that was put into putting these two pieces of legislation together, I had to make a decision. Put up the legislation which had a time limit to it or get the bills out. I couldn't do both. I ran out of time and I'm sorry that happened. We will get the bills out now. That's our next priority is getting the second quarter bills out. The timing between the bills will be a little constricted to what you were used to in the past, but we'll still try to give you like 45 days between the bills so that it doesn't back to back aren't hit up. That is my report.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you, Mr. Tomola. Any questions for Mr. Tomola?

CLWN MARINCIC: Mr. Tomola, I told you I was going to ask you this on Council floor. Ordinance 59. Why don't we have to bid that out?

ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: It's a specific use contract for a TAC computer which has the County authority connection so it's a specific use contract and also I believe that it's just slightly under the bid limit. I think it's \$24,000?

CLWN MARINCIC: It's really close.

ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: It's really close but it's put up every year just because it is close, but you don't really have to and again it's a specific use contract. They're the ones who have the contract with the CRIS system, I believe it is.

CLWN MARINCIC: OK. Thank you very much. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Any other questions for Mr. Tomola? City Engineer, Mr. David Krock.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Thank you, Council President. A couple items. I want to start with Resolutions 40 and 41. Just a little background on McCracken Road. We all know what condition it's in but this is a joint application between the city of Garfield Heights and the city of Cleveland. We're going to go after this jointly to improve our chances of gaining the funding. It's about a \$2.1 million project. We'll be looking for grants about \$1.5 million. The remainder is split between the two cities and Cleveland will have their share to pay and then our share comes out of two different funds: the County Storm Sewer Fund and our Street Improvement Bond Fund that came up last year. So there's no money out of the General Fund for the project and we should know by the end of the year whether or not this project will be funded. If it comes through the money will be available July 1, 2012. That's the earliest the money's available.

I also want to mention the catch basin reconstruction bids came through and were approved this evening earlier, which mean that we'll start on some of the worst catch basins we have in town and get those going as we go on a priority basis.

I also want to mention the North Granger/East 88th Project. This has really been a thorn in our side trying to get this project completed. I've been talking with the Councilwoman and the Mayor many times about this and many of the residents out there. We really just have an issue where the County and the contractor are in contract with each other and also currently in dispute with each other over a number of items. Unfortunately we as a city and the residents are kind of left in between. We've been working hard to try to resolve this and are going to continue to do that, but this is a tough spot and I really do feel for those residents out there. We're going to keep working on it with them. That's my report.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Any questions for Mr. Krock? Economic Development Director Ms. Kuban.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Briefly I have two things. The Cuyahoga County Department of Development is holding a Small Business Symposium next Tuesday, September 20th at Tri-C Corporate College East at 4400 Richmond Road in Warrensville Heights. It's from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. All local businesses are invited to attend. I have some flyers to pass out to City Council. If you'd please inform your businesses and also I'll leave some of the flyers up at the front desk.

Next week on Wednesday September 21st we're going to be having a Harvest Fest meeting. It's a meeting to organize for the event that we'll be holding in October. It will be at 6:30 Wednesday evening here at the Civic Center. We'll announce the room when we sign up for the room reservation. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Any questions for Ms. Kuban? Building Commissioner Mr. Wervey.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Good evening, Mr. President. I have just a couple things tonight. As the Mayor had indicated Resolution 42 I believe is before you for the demolition of a house on Bancroft. It's a house that's been problematic for a number of years and we didn't have the wherewithal to knock it down. Noreen has hopefully found the funds to make that happen. It's important that this legislation get passed.

We had a meeting with the engineers from the library this morning. Dave Krock and myself. They are moving forward towards finalizing their plans and should probably be before Planning Commission during the month of October.

For those that are aware of it, the contract has been let to do the repairs to the storm sewers behind the Wal-Mart. This last week. And those repairs should be getting made. That's all I have this evening.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Any questions for Mr. Wervey?

CLWN SARNOWSKI: Did the library find a temporary spot to go in?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: You know, that I do not know. I was with engineers, not representatives of the library so I don't know the answer to that.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Any other questions? If not, we'll move on.

CLMN DUDLEY: A quick question for the Law Director. I meant to ask him. Will the residents have to be requesting the applications for the absentee ballots for this upcoming election?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Yes, last I heard on it you're going to have to request an application. They're not going to mail them out.

CLMN DUDLEY: All right. That's what I needed to know.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Any other questions? Then we'll move on to Comments from the Citizens on the Agenda items only.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

PRESIDENT GERACI: The rules are this portion of the meeting is for residents to comment on tonight's legislation only. Comments are limited to five minutes. No one can speak more than once. Please raise your hand to be recognized. Please raise your hand to be recognized. Please raise your hand to be recognized. We'll move on. Committee reports? Are there any this evening? No? We're now moving on to Ordinances and Resolutions. Am I going too fast?

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 57-2011

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, AS IDENTIFIED IN ATTACHMENT A AND INCORPORATED HEREIN (LESS ANY PAYMENTS RECEIVED OR CORRECTIONS MADE BY THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER), TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED ON THE NEXT TAX COLLECTION, PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES CHAPTER 551: WEEDS.

MOVED BY NENADOVICH TO CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

ABSENT: Mahoney

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

ABSENT: Mahoney

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLWN MARINCIC: How many lawns did the city mow? \$154,000.00 worth and I vote Yes.

AYES: Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

ABSENT: Mahoney

PRESIDENT GERACI: That passes 6 - 0.

ORDINANCE NO. 58-2011

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, FOR ALL UNPAID GARBAGE/REFUSE INVOICES FOR THE PRIOD APRIL 1, 2010 THROUGH MARCH 31,

2011, AS IDENTIFIED IN ATTACHMENT "A" AND INCORPORATED HEREIN (LESS ANY PAYMENTS RECEIVED OR CORRECTIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE FINANCE DIRECTOR), TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED ON THE NEXT TAX COLLECTION, PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ORDINANCE 19-2010: COST OF GARBAGE AND REFUSE COLLECTION.

MOVED BY SUSTER TO CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski
ABSENT: Mahoney

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski
ABSENT: Mahoney

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski
ABSENT: Mahoney

PRESIDENT GERACI: That passes 6 - 0.

ORDINANCE NO. 59-2011

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS WITH TAC COMPUTER.

MOVED BY SUSTER TO CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski
ABSENT: Mahoney

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski
ABSENT: Mahoney

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Mr. President, point of order. You should probably waive Rule 24.

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

CLWN MARINCIC: Good catch, Tim.

AYES: Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski
ABSENT: Mahoney

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski
ABSENT: Mahoney

PRESIDENT GERACI: That passes with 6 -0.

ORDINANCE NO. 60-2011

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO MAKE APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER'S

GRANT PROGRAM (AFG) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A RESCUE SQUAD, PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, AND STATION EQUIPMENT.
MOVED BY MARINCIC TO CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Vaughn, Dudley
ABSENT: Mahoney

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Vaughn, Dudley
ABSENT: Mahoney

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Vaughn, Dudley
ABSENT: Mahoney

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Vaughn, Dudley
ABSENT: Mahoney

PRESIDENT GERACI: That passes 6 – 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 38-2011

A RESOLUTION HONORING AND THANKING ELEANOR'S GIFT SHOPPE FOR OVER 75 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO.

CLWN SARNOWSKI: I move to read this in its entirety. Some of the family members of Eleanor's' Gift Shoppe is here.

(The Clerk read Resolution 38-2011 in its entirety.)

MOVED BY SARNOWSKI TO CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Sarnowski, Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich
ABSENT: Mahoney

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Sarnowski, Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich
ABSENT: Mahoney

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLWN SARNOWSKI: I'd just like to thank you for staying in our community so long and sticking with it and serving all our residents. I know a lot of us have been there for Communion or Baptism, etc. for gifts. Thank you. Good luck in whatever you do next. I vote Yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: I'd like to thank you for all you've done for our community. I wish you luck. I vote Yes.

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote I just say that's a lot of devotion right there. Thank you for choosing this city to spend all that time. I vote Yes.

CLWN MARINCIC: I, too, also extend my thanks to Eleanor's for all the years in our community. Eleanor's always had the specialty item when you couldn't find it someplace else you went in there and by George, they always had it. I'm going to miss that. I vote Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Yes, I'd also like to thank Eleanor's Gift Shoppe for all they've done for our city and staying as long as they have and I don't know where my wife's going to buy any more angels from. I vote Yes.

AYES: Sarnowski, Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich

ABSENT: Mahoney

PRESIDENT GERACI: I'd like for you to stand and be recognized, Eleanor. I just have a comment in regards to Eleanor and her daughter. As a matter of fact my wife and I were members of the Precious Moments Club at one time. Definitely you're going to be missed. I supported Eleanor's I think in a good hearted way and I'm going to miss you in regards to the Precious Moments and also to you. I wish you the best. We'll move on. That passes with 6 -0.

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2011

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATION AGREEMENT, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A", WITH THE CITY OF CLEVELAND, FOR THE SUBMISSION OF AN OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE MCCRACKEN ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

MOVED BY DUDLEY TO CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Vaughn

ABSENT: Mahoney

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Vaughn

ABSENT: Mahoney

CLWN SARNOWSKI: Don't we have to waive Rule 24 on this one also?

PRESIDENT GERACI: I kept looking at it. Yes.

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Vaughn

ABSENT: Mahoney

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Vaughn

ABSENT: Mahoney

PRESIDENT GERACI: That passes 6 - 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2011

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO HAVE A JOINT GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE CITY OF CLEVELAND, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A", PREPARED AND SUBMITTED, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT

AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S), FOR THE MCCRACKEN ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO EXECUTING ANY AND ALL APPLICATIONS, AGREEMENTS AND/OR CONTRACTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE OPWC IN ORDER TO SECURE THE GRANT FUNDS REQUESTED.

MOVED BY DUDLEY TO CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Vaughn

ABSENT: Mahoney

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Vaughn

ABSENT: Mahoney

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Vaughn

ABSENT: Mahoney

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Vaughn

ABSENT: Mahoney

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote, just for clarification for those out there in the audience who don't know what this is all about. It is to repair the stretch of McCracken which I have lovingly deemed the lunar surface because it is so bad. The city is going to be able to get hopefully \$528,000.00 of grant money to repair this in conjunction with the city of Cleveland and I can't wait until this is done and I vote Yes.

PRESIDENT GERACI: That passes 6- 0.

RESOLUTION NO. 42-2011

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER TO TAKE WHATEVER STEPS HE DEEMS NECESSARY TO ABATE NUISANCES ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7512 BANCROFT, GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, (PARCEL NUMBER 546-38-013) INCLUDING DEMOLITION OF AN UNSAFE RESIDENCE AND GARAGE LOCATED ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7512 BANCROFT, GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO.

CLMN NENADDOVICH: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make an amendment?

PRESIDENT GERACI: OK.

MOVED BY NENADOVICH TO CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

ABSENT: Mahoney

CLMN NENADOVICH: I'd like to amend the title. I would like to remove the words "he deems" from the title and have it read "whatever steps necessary".

PRESIDENT GERACI: Please re-read the title.

CLERK: OK. It should be amended as follows: AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER TO TAKE WHATEVER STEPS NECESSARY TO ABATE

NUISANCES ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7512 BANCROFT, GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, (PARCEL NUMBER 546-38-013) INCLUDING DEMOLITION OF AN UNSAFE RESIDENCE AND GARAGE LOCATED ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7512 BANCROFT, GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO.

Motion to AMEND RESOLUTION No. 42-2011:

AYES: Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

ABSENT: Mahoney

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

CLWN MARINCIC: I thought that we weren't going to use city funds for this? Why are we waiving Rule 24? Are we getting reimbursed?

PRESIDENT GERACI: We're getting reimbursed.

CLWN MARINCIC: OK, but this is at no cost to the city?

PRESIDENT GERACI: Right.

CLWN MARINCIC: OK. Thank you. I vote Yes.

AYES: Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

ABSENT: Mahoney

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

ABSENT: Mahoney

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN NENADOVICH: Before I vote I just want to let you know this property has involved a lot of people, a lot of departments in the city. It's a big nuisance. This house has been involved with myself and the Building Commissioner going there to board it up where people had broken into and stole the siding and things out of the house. It involved Tim getting about four feet of raw sewage pumped out of the full basement which also incorporated the flooding of the electrical panels. The cinder block and the stench was tremendous. It also involved Kim Steigerwald and Noreen Kuban our Economic Development Director going out and getting grants for this program and there's a lot of people that were involved in getting this house down. It's a nuisance. It's down off of Warner Road in Cleveland, but it's in terrible shape. With that I vote Yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: What does Ty say on his show? Let's tear this house down? With that I vote Yes. Let's tear it down. Knock it down. I vote Yes.

CLWN MARINCIC: I know just how Mr. Nenadovich feels. When you have an eyesore like this it disrupts the whole neighborhood. Case in point the old theater. I wanted to have a party with popcorn and ice cream when that building came down and thank you for all the help with this from our Building Department, our Economic Development Department and I'm sure Mr. Nenadovich's Ward won't miss this house. I vote Yes.

AYES: Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

ABSENT: Mahoney

PRESIDENT GERACI: That passes 6 - 0. Now we'll move on to the more interesting part.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

PRESIDENT GERACI: We will now move on to the comments by the citizens. The rules are you cannot bring up anything of a first nature. You must have previously brought it up to your Councilperson or a City Hall department. You are limited to speak only once for a period of five minutes. Please raise your hand to be recognized.

Leonard Leone, Briarcliff Drive. Good evening. I'd like to commend all Members of Council, Mr. McLaughlin, Service Director, the good job you're doing, Mr. Dobies, the Director, Mayor, Mr. Riley, and all the Members of Council. Now this is my opinion, Council. As a resident I don't know if you ever considered in the city of Garfield Heights term limits? I've checked with a few cities—Seven Hills has term limits, Independence has term limits, the city of Euclid they have term limits and North Royalton they have term limits. So I just figured a few cities so that I'm thinking. Maybe some Members of Council would consider bringing it up to the voters if it has to be to the voters to have term limits which I think would be beneficial to the city of Garfield Heights and the residents because after so long I think we should have some new blood, new ideas, have term limits and you're out one term and naturally you could run again. That's my opinion and I hope the Council Members would think about it. It's nothing personal against anybody. All of you are doing a good job. My Councilman gave me that look over there. I got an offer for you too. OK. Other than that I appreciate it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you, Lenny. Anybody else?

Melanie Weiss, 5409 Turney Road. I'm the Branch Manager of the library. Hello, everybody. In response to the question about a temporary location we do not have one yet, but when we do we will let everybody know. It's been a long process. We're moving quickly. Not as quick as the Mayor would like but we're moving along. If you have any questions please let me know at any time but I can tell you that myself, administration and the Library Board of Trustees is dedicated to having library service even when our current library is closed, being demolished and the new one coming up. Thank you.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you.

CLWN MARINCIC: Any idea when you're going to break ground?

MS. WEISS: Sometime next year. I'm optimistic about the spring. I'm trying to put my arms around breaking ground after the winters we've had, but we're moving forward. That's the best thing that I can tell you right now. This is really exciting.

CLWN MARINCIC: Thank you.

Ron Grahams, 13400 Bangor Avenue. I'd just like to make a mention to Frank Geraci that he brings a copy of the resolution honoring Tony Cosentino to our Democratic Club from Garfield Heights. I'm Recording Secretary. I'd like to read it at the meeting and extend it to the members that aren't here tonight.

Then another thing, this is my first Council Meeting I've been to in five years and it's boring. The legislation comes up and you read it once. Later on you read it again and you take a vote by six-seven people, then you take a vote to adopt the legislation, then you take a vote to waive the three meetings thing and everything takes four times to get one thing done. Legally could we omit some of this protocol and get things done faster?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: We'd probably have to change the Rules of Council and some of the Charter provisions.

MR. GRAHAMS: When you're sitting here and hearing this all the names.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: We've thought about it.

MR. GRAHAMS: OK. Just wanted to bring it up. Thank you for the time.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you, Ron. I'll bring the resolution.

Bob Halen, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. This is one question for Tom. Any word on the breaking of ground?

CLMN VAUGHN: No.

MR. HALEN: You mean I got to wait?

CLMN VAUGHN: I told you do you want to go for a hamburger right afterwards? We'll go. I have not heard word. They're waiting for all their grants and stuff to be granted and getting that land title changed and good things take time.

MR. HALEN: I know.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you. Anybody else? Anybody else? Anybody else? We'll move on to Miscellaneous. We'll start off with Clmn Dudley.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

CLMN DUDLEY: You didn't save the best for last. All right. First of all I want to thank the Service Department for coming over there and striping around one of the schools for us. It was tough and tight on paint. I appreciate that for the kids' safety. I'd like to thank the Building Department and the Economic Department for taking down several houses this year and getting some other ones boarded up and locked up for safety purposes of the community. That makes it a lot better with those houses coming down. They should have been down years ago. I really appreciate that.

I took care of the information on the voting.

Also I'd like to say that the Pattersons that Mr. Dobies mentioned, I do see the gentleman because when me and my sons are picking up trash in the park, he's always out there picking up trash too. You don't have to ask him. He's there and I appreciate all the work he does.

Also to Vince, you're doing a great job and we love you up in the neighborhood. Come up there more often, all right?

I wanted to also thank the residents as well as the various departments, the Service Department for the cleanup that we had for the last storm because we had some trees down in the Ward and it was pretty rough, you know? We got maybe one still sitting down there and hopefully it will be taken care of.

My last thing I really want to mention and get across to everybody is we talk about that Senate Bill 5 and people wanted to know where I stood on Senate Bill 5 and I would ask people to repeal that Senate Bill 5 and vote No on Issue 2. We sit back and we feel on 9/11 how did these individuals give their lives but you know we got some of them sitting down in politics who would give their life at the drop of a dime. We can show our support like I said nobody should regulate whether or not you can need that additional body and you know if you need a partner beside you to go in a tight spot. Once again I ask people to vote No on Issue 2 so we can repeal Bill 5 and don't take away their rights to negotiate and for collective bargaining. That's it for me.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I'd like to express once again my condolences to the Cosentino family. I'd like to express my regrets for Eleanor's Gift Shoppe moving out. I want to thank all the people that were involved in getting this home on Bancroft torn down and getting the process started. It is definitely needed. I thank Nancy for her support on that. As always on yesterday, 9/11, I thank the Vets, all the firefighters, police. I want to thank anybody that had anything to do with making this country a little bit safer, but especially the Vets. I thank you and that's all I have.

PRESIDENT GERACI: OK. Thank you. Clmn Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: The only thing I have this evening is you heard Mr. Dobies read a letter of people that volunteer their time in order to make Garfield Heights look better. There's a lot of people that do this and you always hear the name Chris Piazza, Lenny Piazza, etc. I know that Chris herself living next door to me and I know she's been over at Mary Ryan's house tearing out hostas. Chris works tirelessly to make the city look a lot better and I myself I know I can't remember all their names including Vince, but I would like to thank all the volunteers because you people outnumber the people that try to tear the city down and I want to give you a round of applause for doing it for us.

One more thing before I forget. I'd like to wish my wife a Happy Birthday. That's all.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Mr. President, I would like to thank the city for doing a good job on that house on Havana. I know it was a struggle all summer for us to get in there. This house was overgrown with bamboo, thistle bushes. At one time it was probably beautiful gardens in that back yard, but it has become a nuisance and I appreciate what you guys did and I know it was lots of work and probably a few busted chain saws.

I would like to thank the Police Department. Two weeks ago my house got broken into. My wife and I were actually home when it happened. By the time I placed the call the police responded within 3.5 minutes. I thank you. We believe it was a young kid in the neighborhood trying to get in for whatever reason. Again I was glad the police were able to be there in such quick response and so willing to comb the neighborhood looking for the kid. Thank you.

Again my sympathy to the Cosentino family. Truly Tony will be missed. And to Eleanor's Gift Shoppe. I can remember my grandmother and mother always up there and their sidewalk sales in the summer. Always being going up there to find some treasure.

I'm glad you brought up the Police and Firemen's Firefighters' Memorial out front. This past weekend we had a family wedding and members of the Mullins family were in town. They all gathered to go up there and of course I heard about it at the wedding and I think I can tap them for some money to see if we can get it fixed up so I will definitely hit them up so Barb and I will be glad to help with that project. With that I want to say thank you and I know there's two more.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Clmn Suster has a special one.

CLMN SUSTER: Excuse me. I just want to announce that we'll have our Finance Committee Budgetary Meetings starting next Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30. It will be held here in the Civic Center in the Caucus Room. We'll also have another meeting on September 21st which will start at 6:30, September 27th at 6:30 and September 28th at 6:30. Our meetings are being held early this year because it's a requirement from the State dealing with our economic situation. So if anybody's interested in attending, the meetings run from 6:30 probably till about 8:30. Everyone is invited. It's not a closed meeting and we'll be more than glad to see you there. Thank you for coming back to me.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Thank you, Councilman. Clmn Sarnowski.

CLWN SARNOWSKI: I know you have lots of buildings being torn down and houses. Bill, can you elaborate on the process on that? Who is offered the property after it's torn down?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Actually Noreen may know better than I do on this. I think they offer it first to the abutting property owners.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, the County Land Bank offers the properties to the adjacent property owners. They sell the properties for starting at \$100.00.

CLWN SARNOWSKI: So they would have to contact the city or would you contact them?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Usually they contact the city and then I work with giving them to the right person at the Land Bank.

CLWN SARNOWSKI: All that's been done in the city it's looking a lot better. I know we had one on Reed, we had one on 98th and David, Plymouth and then as you notice as soon as they're knocked down grass is planted there so the eyesore is gone and it looks a lot better so thank you to everybody that's doing it. Noreen or Bill or?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: I know a resident in Mike Dudley's Ward just called this week about purchasing a property adjacent to them so that's going on in Ward 1 as well.

CLWN SARNOWSKI: The city is looking a lot better. Thank you for all you do. I have nothing more.

CLWN MARINCIC: Finally. I have a few things. Mr. McLaughlin, the catch basin at Edgepark and East 110th actually there's two of them. There's a huge 50 foot maple tree there. The catch basins are looking really bad. If you could add those to your list?

Secondly, I'm really sorry you're bored with us, Mr. Grahams, but many years ago what Council did and our Law Director said it would be OK, is we decided if ordinances were similar and everybody was in agreement that we would group them and do them all together, but then what it did was it cut out Council's ability to comment individually on each one so we did it for a few meetings and then we stopped because that wasn't working out. But if this Council wants to give it a whirl again I would certainly do so, but that's why we don't do it more often.

Last thing I want to say is to Mr. Vaughn. I didn't know your house was broken into and I have a similar situation in which it happened to me a couple years ago. I felt violated. I really did and you're on edge for weeks and months and our family will never be the same. Because we just don't feel safe and it takes a long time to get over that. I know Mr. Geraci had something similar that happened to him many years ago and I'm sorry that happened to you but believe me our Police Department is the best. They caught the guy who broke into my house and his garage and they will catch whoever did this with you. On that I make a motion to adjourn.

PRESIDENT GERACI: Roll call.

AYES: (Marincic, Nenadovich, Sarnowski, Suster, Vaughn, Dudley)

ABSENT: (Mahoney).

PRESIDENT GERACI: This meeting is adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:19 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Frank Geraci, Jr.
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council