

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, September 28, 2015

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

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Thomas Vaughn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Roll call please.

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

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the reading and disposal of the Minutes of Monday, September 14, 2015.

CLMN BURKE: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the City of Garfield Heights, Monday, September 14th, 2015 as written.

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

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

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

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I actually have no report, but I'd get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 41 is to renew an agreement with Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court to continue participating in the Cuyahoga County Community Diversion Program. As you know this is the Juvenile Diversion Program that we've been involved with for the last three or four years. It has been very successful and we would wish to continue it. Ordinance 42 is to apply for a Community Development Block Grant to get funds to enter into agreement with the County of Cuyahoga Department of Development for the purpose of resurfacing city streets. Mr. Krock can get into that. We're looking to get whatever available funds there are to continue resurfacing streets in the city. Ordinance 43. We're looking at another block grant with the

Cuyahoga County Department of Development for the purpose of developing a store front renovation program. It's a program we've been involved with. Noreen's involved with that program. We wish to continue that one also.

Resolution 25 is authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Barb can certainly get into that in her report. Resolution 26 is an emergency resolution requesting an advance in tax settlement. Something we do each year. We're allowed to go in and get some of our tax dollars from 2016 prior to the end of 2015. That's another thing that Barb can talk to you about if you have any questions. We also have Resolution 27. We're applying for grant funds to update the 1999 Garfield Heights Master Plan. In 1999 we developed a Master Plan for Garfield Heights. We're looking to redo it. Things have changed dramatically in Garfield Heights and so we're looking at redoing that Master Plan. We're looking for some grant funds to achieve that. With that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mayor. Are there any questions of the Mayor on his report? Are there any questions of the Mayor on his report? There being none, we'll move on to our Law Director Tim Riley. Tim, do you have a report for us this evening?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: No report tonight, thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Police Chief Bob Byrne. Do you have a report for us this evening?

ACTING POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Just a quick one, Mr. Chairman. I mentioned it at the last Council Meeting. This week the city schools are conducting their evacuation drills. Tomorrow is Elmwood, Wednesday at 9 a.m. the high school, 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday the middle school at 9 a.m. and William Foster on Friday. With that, you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Are there any questions of the Chief on his report? There being none we'll move on to Service Director Tim McLaughlin. Tim, do you have a report for us this evening?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Yes I do. Thank you, Mr. President. We just concluded a Hazardous Household Waste Collection and Shred Event. We took in 3,700 pounds of paper at the shred event, which in the spring we had 4,000 pounds so it was a definite turn out there. The Hazardous Household Waste Collection we disposed of 8,348 pounds and out of the 12 cities that had it at the same time as us we finished second to Strongsville, which you know had a couple thousand more than us, but we did very well with what people bring in the stuff and getting it out of the regular refuse chain.

We're trying to conclude some of our summer work. We just about completed the water cutouts repairs, we've repaired 116 street repairs at different locations throughout the city and we'll be getting that bill in to the City of Cleveland.

Leaf pickup. Preliminary start will be Tuesday October 13th if needed. We're going to check it and if there's not much out there we're going to hold off because we need to use the employees to do some other work. We're going to start then hopefully. Again I'd like to ask the residents to rake it on the tree lawn, not into the streets. You block all the catch basins and create problems when it rains.

I'd also like to bring up I wanted to thank Director Dobies and the Rec Department. They went up to the Justice Center (his grass crew on a day that they could not cut grass) and they cleaned up the whole front of the Justice Center. I mean it really looks really good. It was over grown. For \$200.00 we mulched it. It really looks good, but I wanted to give his crew a big clap for it. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Are there any questions of Mr. McLaughlin on his report? There being none we'll move on to Parks and Recreation Director Bob Dobies, do you have a report for us this evening?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Mr. President, Council Members, good evening. Yes, I have a short report this evening. Soccer is on the way. We started this evening so the first games have begun.

Last Saturday we had the Learn to Skate which was very successful. This is a program that we invite children to that either never skated or have limited skills and see if they like the ice. It's a free event. They come the first time and be part of the program then so we got about 25 . 30 signups and they're still coming in today. The first session starts next Saturday so there's still time to sign up with that.

Last, I just wanted to share with you. Last Monday the Chagrin Southeast Emergency Haz-Mat Team used the recreation pool facility for training. This comes from retired Firefighter Pat Nelson who still is one of the arrangers for the group and he just says. This is to give you a little bit of overview of what they do.

First of all thank you very much for the use of the Recreation Center and the facilities for our drill. The Chagrin Southeast Emergency Haz-Mat Team is a regional responsible Hazardous Material team that is made up of firefighters trained as Haz-Mat technicians to respond to Haz-Mat emergencies. They are from multiple Fire Departments in the Eastern section of Cuyahoga County and parts of Geauga County. *(What was explained to me is that basically this unit covers from the river east so that's how far spread they are.)* We have monthly drills along with multiple County and Federal response courses for Haz-Mat. This month at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center we had collision safety survival and Haz-Mat Level A, Personnel Protective Clothing *(they call it PPE)*. If you see these things and hopefully *(I talked to Pat Salemi and she's supposed to get a little article in the Neighborhood News and we'll put it on the Website. I did take pictures.)* While being supplied with air from an SCBA (Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus). *(They kind of look like the Michelin Men when they get into this thing. That's how big and bulky it is or it seems to be.)* The exercise was also a confidence booster for newer recruits to the team. While dressed in full PPEE and jumping in the pool simulating a fall and a recovery pit in a warehouse full of hazardous materials and had to swim to a safe area. Thanks to the City of Garfield Heights, the Fire Department and the Rec Center we were able to accomplish our goals in this training.+

They brought out about 20 people at the time and I guess it varies from class to class, but of course our department wasn't there, I believe Maple Heights, I saw Nordonia, East Cleveland, etc., etc. Understand these training classes develop the availability of the fire fighters. You know when they are off day or on day. We got started about 9:00 and about 11:00 they were. Oh by the way, Mayor, I did buy them coffee and doughnuts and I told Barb to put it on your budget.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you very much for your donation.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: You're welcome. Thank you. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of Mr. Dobies on his report? There being none we'll move on to our City Engineer Dave Krock.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Thank you, Mr. President. I just want to report on one thing regarding Ordinance 42. I recommend Council's support of that and it is for some additional funding for resurfacing the streets. With that, you have my report.

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO: Thank you, Mr. President. Mr. Dobies, did you get that Purchase Order approved first before you made that purchase?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Oops.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO: I would like to comment on three different pieces of legislation this evening. On Ordinance 41 in regarding to the Juvenile Diversion Program, to piggyback on to the Mayor's report, in the past this particular program has been a one-year contract. This is the first year that the County has come back and requested a two-year contract and it will cover the years of 2016 and 2017.

Also on the agenda tonight are Resolutions 25 and 26. These are standard resolutions that are passed at this time every year. The first one, which is 25, sets the actual millage rates for the different funds that we get from the property tax money each year. The process began in June when you passed the tax budget and now the County is certifying those numbers and they are in line with our estimate so now we need to formally certify them and send them back to the County.

Resolution 26 is also a standard form. By getting these advances we will get property tax as it is collected in 2016 and if you do not participate in this advance program you only get two disbursements twice a year, which is at the settlement date, which is in May and I believe September of each year. So with that you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you, Barb. Are there any questions of Barb on her report?

CLWN MARINCIC: Mr. Chairman. I just want to have you say this publicly on Council floor so everybody here will know that on the city side with the property taxes eliminating the schools and anything the County puts on the taxes on the city side we're not increasing taxes at all.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO: Yes, our millage rates are the same as they were that we passed last year.

CLWN MARINCIC: Thank you for clarifying that.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Next we'll call Social Services Director, Kathy Rush-Parssons. Do you have any report for us this evening?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. Suster. We will be holding our Annual Mandatory Food Pantry Registration in the months of October and November. The dates are Friday, October 23rd from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and also from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Then again on Thursday, November 5th from 3:00 until 4:30 p.m. This is a mandatory registration every year that is required by the Cleveland Food Bank. Residents do need to bring proof of residency, income and birthdates of all household members. There are flyers in the main lobby if anybody needs that information.

So I just want to announce that we did get a grant through the Greater Cleveland Food Bank as a result of the 2015 Harvest for Hunger campaign. The city got a grant in the amount of \$287.00, which is put into our account at the Cleveland Food Bank for us to use to purchase food for the residents and that grant will expire on March 31, 2016. So we will use the extra money to supplement the \$250.00 that we currently get every month to try to supplement some food for the holidays for residents. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Kathy. Are there any questions of Kathy on her report? There being none we will move on to Economic Development Director Noreen Kuban. Do you have a report for us this evening, Noreen?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. The Mayor explained Ordinance 42 about applying for CDBG funding for street improvements and regarding Ordinance 43 that was a CDBG application to fund a storefront renovation program. Currently the County operates the program and they have decided to return the program to the cities if we get grant funding.

Resolution 27-2015 is to fund a Master Plan update. We have not had ours updated in many years. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Are there any questions of Noreen on her report? There being none we will move on to Building Commissioner Bill Wervey. Do you have any report for us this evening?

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

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. From there we will move on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's agenda. Would the Clerk please read the rules?

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Does anyone in the audience have any comments on tonight's agenda? There being none we will move on to Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: I do have a committee report so I will let you know now. Starting next Tuesday and Wednesday and then the following Tuesday and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. we will start our Budget Hearings for the 2016 year. Tuesday we will start at 6:30. We have the Building Department, 7:00 is the Police Department, 7:30 is the Fire Department.

On Wednesday October 7th. Six-thirty wed have Senior Center, Kathy Rush Parssons, Parks and Recreation Bob Dobies. Wed also have Judge Weiler and Judge Nicastro on Wednesday October 7th at 7:30. Tuesday October 13th at 6:30 wed have Service Department, Tim McLaughlin, 7:00 Economic Development, Noreen Kuban, Engineering Projects, Dave Krock and on Wednesday wed wrap everything up with at 6:30 the Law Department, Tim Riley, the Mayor at 7:00 and at 7:30 wed have a Financial Overview. So if anybody would like to attend those meetings you are more than welcome. All meetings are open to the public.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: With that wed go on to Ordinances and Resolutions. Wed begin with Ordinance 41-2015. Would the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCE NO. 41-2015

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY AND CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATING IN THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DIVERSION PROGRAM

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Nenadovich.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 41-2015 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 42-2015

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESURFACING CITY STREETS.

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Dudley.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 42 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 43-2015

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT

WITH THE COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING A STOREFRONT RENOVATION PROGRAM.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Burke.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 43-2015 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2015

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Vaughn.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 25-2015 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2015

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION REQUESTING ADVANCE IN TAX SETTLEMENT.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion by NENADOVICH to SECOND Clmn Vaughn's Motion to Consider by Title:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, by Roll Call.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, I want to let you know this is not a tax increase so it's not going to raise your taxes. I vote Yes.

CLWN MARINCIC: Mr. Chairman, did we waive the Three Reading Rule?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Yes, we did.

CLERK: We didn't. No.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On this we're getting money so we don't have to.

CLWN MARINCIC: You have to waive the Three Reading Rule.

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: We still need to waive the Three Reading Rule.

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We will go on with the adoption, by Ward.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 26-2015 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 27-2015

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS TO UPDATE THE 1999 GARFIELD HEIGHTS MASTER PLAN, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE INTEGRATION OF THE PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY THEREWITH

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Nenadovich.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLWN MARINCIC: Before I vote, I'd like to let the general audience know the last time our Master Plan was updated was 1999 so it's well overdue. I support this legislation. I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 27-2015 passes with 7 Yes votes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

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

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone that would like to speak this evening? Yes. You have talked to somebody about this?

Bob Halan, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. Mr. Dudley. I'd like to know what was the results of the last meeting we had when the district one being the problem brought up here the results of that street being bombarded by kids in the street. Do you remember what I'm talking about? We had several people come up and request something being done I think it's right by the settlement home. I forgot what street it is. You never had the citizens complain about the kids in the street and names, etc.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We took care of that.

MR. HALAN: What was the outcome of that?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: I had a conversation with the lady after the meeting and told her who to contact to get it taken care of.

MR. HALAN: Was it taken care of?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Yes.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Bob, to answer, we sent off a letter to the owner. If we're talking about the same house you are? We sent a letter to the owner and attached a letter to the owner with all the police reports in telling the owner what's going on at his home with his renters and if he does not take action we will take further steps.

MR. HALAN: I was wondering because of that enforcing the rules in areas and on the street and that encompasses the family and the kids they were coming out and hanging around.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I'm not sure we're talking about the same thing. I'm not talking about the same thing you are Bob. I'm talking about the people that are on Cranwood Park that were having a problem with the car getting keyed, etc.

MR. HALAN: Yes.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: This letter was to the owner. That's what we have done up to this point.

MR. HALAN: Thank you.

CLMN DUDLEY: I took the liberty I just mailed these good families a copy of what we call the Quality of Life so they can know what the do's and don'ts is in the city and I sent it by mail and hand-delivered it so they could understand what they can and can't do. I prepared a letter in which I included that I did give them a copy of Quality of Life and that letter will be e-mailed in a week to Chief Byrne because I'm also complaining about wanting something to be done about them. If you want to be like that you don't need to live in this city. You need to go back to where you enjoy that mess where you enjoy that stuff we want to say. No place for it here. You bring your families here to put them in a better environment and if you don't want a good environment then you need to go back where you brought the family from and that's nothing personal against anybody but like I said these are good families. I've known them for 20 years. That's what I did on my part and I know Chief has some stuff he was working on and we're going to get it taken care of. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MR. HALAN: Thank you for both answers. Thank you.

ACTING POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: For the record I also spoke to that mother today and she's very well aware of the complaints against her. According to her she will be moving by November. Whether that happens or not, I don't know but that's what she told me.

MR. HALAN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone else that has any comments for this evening? Have you talked to somebody from the city about this?

Warren Bell. I was wondering what was going to be going on with. I don't live in Garfield Heights at the moment. I own seven acres.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: You haven't talked to anybody about this in you say maybe several years ago but this is more current than then. If somebody were here they wouldn't have the information that you are requesting so if you would let somebody know either from the Building Department or the Mayor's Department about what you're going to come up and talk about they'd be prepared to answer you correctly.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Sir, after the meeting, check with me and let me find out what's going on. I'll see if I can help you. OK?

MR. BELL: No problem. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone else that would like to make any comments this evening?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none we'll move on to Miscellaneous Business beginning with Clmn Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: I wanted to mention something that relates to like all our children. I raised nine kids in Garfield Heights. We have seven of them 28 to 35 years of age and we got a 14 and 15. I would tell people, kids going to emulate and do exactly what they done a lot of times in the house so if you in a household where it's constantly fighting and bullying going on and other siblings, etc., they take it to the street. If you put them in a household where drugs are being dealt out the house, etc. then they think it's OK for them also to deal drugs. If you put them in a household with no structure and the family has no rules or regulations they abide by as a family. Every household has to have rules. My household has rules. It's not a military camp, but every household has rules. That's what we kind of losing the battle on in Garfield in that we got a lot of households today where there are no family structure. We got too many households today where we got too many young ladies, you have children, and you got no men. You have boys coming through the house, but you got no men in the house to set the example for the young men who are coming up in the street and people think that's not a problem. I tell you, you absolutely wrong. It's a pipe dream if you don't believe that's happening in this city or any other city. It ain't just Garfield Heights. We have to come up with something, but really when you have a neighbor like that and if you're in a better situation you can talk to them and communicate with them. Don't hesitate or be nervous about maybe talking to that young lady. Don't be nervous when you are a man and you see a young boy and he's eight or nine years old and you see there ain't no man structure in his life. Take him under your wing. If he happens to be throwing a

football, throw it in the street. Just joking. Throw the football back and forth with him. That kind of picks up a conversation. When I go to the store in my Ward or anywhere in the city and see teenagers I stop for a minute and have a conversation with some of them. I don't even know some of them, but I have a conversation. When we finished then I let them know who I am when the conversation is basically over. Because if we do absolutely nothing, if we turn a blind eye, it's not going to get better. It's only going to get worse. We have more good people in this city, way more, than we have bad people. Take that extra minute sometime. Speak to one of those teens you see. You'd be surprised even though they pants be hanging down from a belt that you will have a decent conversation. What we see as an image, we assume that that's how the person is a bad person by the way they dress. A lot of the kids it's just a way of expressing themselves. I don't like the trousers hanging down. It's not permitted in my household or on my premises, but you can actually talk to some of them. I think we aren't doing that.

I want to make it short, Mr. Chairman, but I wanted to mention one thing before we get out of here. The reason why I mention that is because I was looking at a show and I saw that it was saying that we was only 5% of the population in the world but we have more than 25% of the inmates of the world. I never thought about that before, but at 2.2 million people that is incarcerated in America, that's a lot of people. That's a lot of people to come back on the street, have nowhere to go, have no jobs and they become a revolving door. They also take some other ones back with them. Give it some thought when you see that teenager out there. Talk to them and see what you can do to help guide them in the right direction. It's getting serious and if we don't it's going to get worse. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mr. Dudley. Mrs. Marincic, do you have anything this evening?

CLWN MARINCIC: I have one question. What did you mean by households with too many women, Mr. Dudley?

CLMN DUDLEY: We have a lot of households in Garfield Heights which has changed where the mothers are becoming the head of the household and there's no men structure. You got the young teenage boys coming up and they don't have no men structures in their life. It's important that you have that as a young man coming up. A mom can raise a young man but you need that man structure and they are being led by a pack of individuals who are leading them in the right direction. We need some of these good men to step up to the plate, being a mentor to that young man. Don't try to be a mentor to his mother. That's what I'm saying.

CLWN MARINCIC: I just wanted you to clarify that. Other than that I have nothing tonight, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Clmn Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I don't think I can top that. There are things going on in Ward 3, talking about a mentoring program. Sts. Peter and Paul is putting in a halfway house for young men that have problems and they are trying to get them on the right path in life. That's under construction right now. That will be the old convent at Sts. Peter and Paul.

Also in Ward 3 they're continuing work on the bike trail in MetroParks. Stop down. Take a look at it. It's going to be a very nice bike trail once it's complete. I think that's going to happen shortly here.

Mayor, a lot of compliments on the paving program that you guys started, you and Dave Krock and the Directors, etc. You're getting a lot of thumbs up on that. A job well done.

I believe Saturday was a special day in your life, wasn't it? You were 39 again? OK, buddy. Happy birthday to you.

As always remember our Vets. They're fighting so we can come to these meetings and complain and we can drive as fast as we want and do what we want because we have a free country. So remember those guys in your prayers. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, Mr. President. First Tuesday of the month we're going to have our Block Watch here at the Civic Center, 7 o'clock. All are welcome.

I just want to remind everybody by 98th and Granger the construction's still going on. A lot of work is involved, so kind of slow it down because of the construction people. They're trying to work a job and go home safely too. So, just be aware, slow down a little bit, be attentive. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mr. Glenn. I would just like to make one announcement for next month's meeting, October 14th. It will be on Tuesday evening instead of on Monday because of the holiday. That's all I have. Clmn Burke.

CLMN BURKE: Thank you, Mr. President. The only thing I have is I wanted to say that I had a pleasure attending the Walk in the Park with Mr. Williams about a week ago. While we were there there was another young lady from Garfield Heights that came up and she has an idea to help support the police officers in our community here by just tying a blue ribbon around a tree in front of your yard or your home, etc. I think that's great idea. I think it helps bring the community together. I really applaud Mr. Williams. I had a great time. I believe we walked with a couple of the residents out here. I had a great time. The weather was nice. I would urge anybody to do that again once he has another one. That was a great time. That's all I have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. Clmn Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Mr. President. My next Block Watch will be October 29th in the St. Augustine Room at the old St. Monica's School. Come, please join us. Now that we've paved a few roads I ask people to slow down. It's not the Indianapolis Speedway. I know it's nice not to have any chuckholes on the roads. Slow down. Protect our kids. Kids are still playing outside. They'll be out there for a little bit. Please slow it down a little bit, especially on the side streets.

My last thing is please remember and be thankful to our men and lady in blue. Yes, I'm in favor of this project of putting blue ribbons out on our trees in the front yard. We need to support them. We need to let them know that we are behind them.

Mr. President, I suggest we adjourn this meeting please.

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

Joseph Suster
President of Council

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council