

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, January 27, 2014

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

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Michael Nenadovich

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Clmn Nenadovich. Roll call please.

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

EXCUSED: Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Would someone like to make a motion to excuse Clmn Glenn this evening. He's not feeling well.

CLWN MARINCIC: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion to excuse Clmn Glenn from the evening's meeting.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: All in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed? Thank you.

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

ABSENT: Glenn

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Reading and disposal of the Minutes of January 13, 2014.

CLMN BURKE: Mr. President, I make a motion we accept the Minutes of the last Council Meeting as is.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: All in favor of accepting the Minutes from the last Council Meeting as is, signify by saying Yea. All opposed? That passes.

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

ABSENT: Glenn

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none, we will move on to the reports of the Mayor and the Directors. Seeing as the Mayor is not here this evening he's home ill, our Law Director Tim Riley will give a report for him.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Absent

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Thank you, Mr. President. I'm giving the Mayor's report tonight. One of the first things he wanted me to do was to make sure all the residents are aware and invite them out to the debate that is being sponsored by the Garfield Heights Democratic Club for the position of County Executive. It's going to be this Thursday, January 30th at the Civic Center at 7 p.m. and everyone is invited. It's an open meeting.

Other than that I'm going to move right on to the ordinances. Ordinance 05-2014 is basically just a reorganization of position on the Garfield Heights Police Department. Any questions regarding that can be directed to Chief Sackett. Ordinance 6-2014 is a change in the position of the Senior Center Coordinator Director of Social Services. We're going to be changing that title. Basically over the last 10 – 15 years there have been new regulations and new requirements by the government. This position as Senior Center Coordinator has expanded greatly so Kathy Rush-Parsons who has been the coordinator has taken on quite a few new duties so we are going to make that position now called the Social Services Director and this department was overseen by the Economic Development Director, Noreen Kuban, and this will allow her to concentrate more on the economic projects going on in the city, which includes stuff like City View and Bridgeview so that's a change that the Mayor sees as important and it will be very helpful to the city. Ordinance 7-2014 had to do with auditing services that Mr. Tomola can explain to you. It's required by the Federal Government that we have this audit every year and if anybody has any questions on that they can direct them to Ron. Ordinance 8-2014 is an agreement with Krock-Esser regarding a right of way consultant to continue the project on Granger Road/Transportation changes over in that area. Ordinances 9 and 10-2014 are the purchase of new police vehicles, which, if there are any questions on that Ron can explain that but basically there's going to be a purchase of a total of six cars. Correct, Ron? Or seven?

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Seven total.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Seven total vehicles. With that you have the Mayor's report and I have no additional report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We knocked out two at one time. Very good. Next we'll move on to our Police Chief Robert Sackett. Do you have a report for us tonight, Chief?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: Yes, I do. Thank you. First I'd like to remind people of two things real quick. This time of year obviously the snow ban comes into play. Probably more this year than in past years. If I could just ask you, if you think there's a snow ban don't park on the street. What happens is people inevitably park on the street, we get a call from the Service Department because they can't plow properly. We got to come out, try to get a hold of people. It kind of ties up the whole plowing process and then if we can't get a hold of you we have to either ticket or tow your car. Believe me, that's the last thing we want to do. We want to get the streets clear. So if we get a lot of snow assume there's a snow ban and put your car in the driveway if you could.

Also this time of year with the amount of snow you're going to see people walking in the street a lot. When there's snow on the sidewalk and you can't use it walking in the street's permissible as opposed to the summertime when it's nothing more than a complaint. Be careful. Especially on Turney Road. When it's dark I see people walking on Turney. It's OK if you really have no other choice but if I could just say keep your eyes open and watch out for them so nobody gets hurt.

Also in regard to the police vehicles I know it hasn't been voted on, but I'd like to ask you for your support and if you choose to vote Yes I thank you for that. The vehicles are sorely needed and we'll put them to good use. With that you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Anyone have any questions of the Police Chief? I would just like to make one remark on the police vehicles. Last Wednesday evening we had a Finance Meeting and it was discussed there that the cars that we have on the road are costing us more money by keeping them on the road for all the repairs that we have to put into them. It was figured that we would be better off in buying new vehicles and the police officers would be a lot safer. That's all I have on that.

CLMN DUDLEY: Mr. Chairman. I have one comment and I agree with you all. As you know I drive trucks for a living outside of my Council job and I get to go around in all different areas throughout Ohio, Southern Ohio and the cars like we have, you go down in some of these areas where there's heavy snow like we had the last couple days, etc. you got police vehicles that were trying to help other people that was actually getting stuck themselves. Once they get stuck then they can't respond to another call because they have to wait for a tow truck while that vehicle's waiting for a tow truck. So I believe that those SUVs you definitely need them. If you go to another community a lot of them are also switching over to the SUVs. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Anyone else? Service Director, Tim McLaughlin.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Absent.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, would like to echo on the comments made about the vehicles. My department's in charge of keeping them on the road. We last year purchased some used cars that were in pretty decent shape just to get by but we have cars I think with \$160,000.00 miles on them that you know, when transmissions go and major things it starts being not worth fixing and they really do need this to perform their duties. There's sometimes in the morning there might be five or six police cars in the garage with something wrong with them. They are high mileage and through the years we used to have 60,000 miles, 70,000 miles some hard miles. We would turn them over, but the way that we been financially for a while we aren't able to do it and it's just gotten to a point where it's worse now than it's ever been before and these guys put their lives on the line driving vehicles that they need to count on so I would hope that the legislation would get passed.

All of my report is all weather-related. We were out over the weekend for 42 hours straight on overtime. We ran five trucks at a time in order for me to put all the crews out, they worked 12 hour shifts. We used 366 tons of salt since like last Friday and we been trying to hold down on that because there is a salt problem. I don't know if you've seen it on TV or not? I got some e-mails from other cities today including Lakewood that don't have very much salt left, asking if we had anything extra that we could sell them or give to them until they got it. We have a bin that holds 2,500 and we have in a purchase order for 2,000. They promised us 11 trucks and we got

four. There's problems and every city's experiencing it so we're trying to hold on to the salt doing the mains. We're still trying to spot salt problem areas and stuff and we'll do the best we can. They promised us more trucks tomorrow and Wednesday we'll see what happens. It can't come up with the promises, but we're not the only ones. Other cities are having problems too.

What the Chief mentioned about the snow ban, we did have it in effect over the weekend. We don't try to push it all the time because we know that during the storms the police have plenty of things to do so if it's really affecting us we call for them to help us out and we did have some of that and like the Chief said when it snows and it's going to be over two inches probably 99% of the people in Garfield Heights have a driveway and I wish that they would move their cars off the street and put them in their driveway.

The other thing that I have is that with the cold water and stuff we have a tremendous amount of water breaks and I don't know with tonight's weather and tomorrows and this week's weather's going to do. We had 14 breaks sine January 7th. Major where some streets were not passable and we did the best we could to get the loader out there, hand shoveled salt on them, tried to break them up. It's just a never ending battle with that, plus when you have the guys out snow plowing I don't have a million guys so we're trying to work on those. Over the weekend Cleveland repaired seven of them in our city. There are still seven outstanding and some of them are really bad. We were working on them all day today trying to break them up. We'll be back at it tomorrow because it takes a large amount of time to clear the ice, try not to break people's aprons, etc. There was somewhere where cars were stuck in the ice, being parked there and the water running, you know. It's been a real problem. I don't know what. I think it's going to be minus 13 or something by the time tonight's over so I don't know what else it will hold.

We constantly call Cleveland Water. We do not direct Cleveland Water on what they fix. It's Cleveland Water's department's lines. I got a lot of calls today, you fix this and you fix that. We do not fix the lines. Other cities don't either. Cleveland Water is the water authority for 60 cities in Northeast Ohio. We have called them and every city's in the same boat. I've talked to one of the top supervisors and their guys are working 24 hours per day the best they can. We'll try to keep the streets clean until it gets repaired and that's the best we could do. With that you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. Any questions of the Service Director? Anyone have any questions for the Service Director? We'll move on to our City Engineer, David Krock.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Thank you, Council President. I'm having a short report. First of all, regarding Ordinance 8, I just want to urge passage of that. That is what I would term step number 4 of the nine-step process we are going to go through to build the Granger/Transportation project that allows us to hire the right of way consultant and acquire the land that we need for the widening of Transportation and Granger, both.

As an update to street lights. I know street lights, especially at the bridges have been an issue. As you know at Granger and 480 the lights were fixed recently. I talked to ODOT and they are still working on Transportation and 480. That's why they are out right now. They don't exactly have a date when those will be up due to the weather, etc., but I think within the next month they will have everything repaired and back up. Those are really new lights on the bridge. So that when they come back the whole thing will come on at once. The circuit's all down right now.

As far as Turney Road goes we're still checking on Turney Road at 480 to see what the issues are there. With that I think you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of the City Engineer? Moving on to our Finance Director, Ron Tomola.

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Thank you, Mr. President. I agree with everything that Chief Sackett and Tim McLaughlin have said about the car purchases so I'm not going to say anything more about that.

I did want to say a few words about Ordinance 7. Due to Federal requirements for grant funding, if you spend over half a million dollars in Federal funds you are required to have what's called a single audit. When we bid the audit services through the State of Ohio Auditor's Office two years ago we had not anticipated that we would spend over this amount during the audit periods. Unfortunately we did last year spend over half a million dollars in Federal funds so the single audit is required and thus we have to amend the agreement that we originally signed two years ago with Ciuni and Panichi, which is the independent auditors. It's an additional \$7,800.00 over two years—this year and next year. So if you have any additional questions I'd be glad to answer those. With that you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of the Finance Director? There being none we'll call on our Economic Development Director, Noreen Kuban.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to urge City Council to pass Ordinance 6-2014. I've been working with Kathy Rush-Parssons since she started 11 years ago and I just want to point out she does not just work with Seniors at our Senior Center. She's been working with our vulnerable populations from the beginning. Some examples are disabled adults; Adult Protective Services. This morning she was sitting with a resident. She spent 1.5 hours on the phone with Social Security. Kathy is very qualified. She is an LSW licensed social workers and she has experience, education and certifications to do this job.

Also the Mayor asked me to share some information about Cuyahoga Valley Career Center. There are several programs that are taking place in February. The Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics Career Services or Showcase and that is on Saturday February 8th from 9:30 till 11:30 and that's for students in Grades 7 through 12. College Goal Sunday is on Sunday February 9th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. That obviously is for seniors in our high school. There is a Young Entrepreneurs Workshop that is on two Saturdays, February 8th or February 2nd from 9:00 – 12:00. This is geared for students from Grades 3 through 6. Finally, for the adults here's a Lunch and Learn Heart Health Program on Wednesday February 26th from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. All these programs take place at the Cuyahoga Career Center. Thank you. That concludes my report.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Absent.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Do you have any questions for Ms. Kuban?

CLMN VAUGHN: Noreen, this probably doesn't come under your department, but with social services, etc. are we running a warming center the next couple days for people?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: I know that the Mayor and Chief Nemetz have talked about this in the past two months when it's been really cold. Our residents are welcome to go to the fire station. We do have that conference room.

CLMN VAUGHN: So residents who need to keep warm can go to the fire station?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: OK. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: To add to that as far as the residents going to the fire station, it will most likely be the people from CERT that will be there to man it. They will set up the cots and have everything ready in case anybody needs it. That's if the Fire Chief decides to put it into existence. That being done with the directors' reports we'll move on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's Agenda. If the Clerk would please read the rules.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON TONIGHT'S AGENDA:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Do we have anyone that would like to comment on tonight's agenda? There being none we'll move on to Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: As I mentioned earlier last Wednesday evening we had a Finance Meeting to go over the city finances to see where we're at for the year. Mr. Tomola brought us a lot of good information and from what we could see we are on the right track and we will plan on keeping that way. It was how we came up with the police cars also. As I had mentioned earlier by buying these new police cars it's going to save us a lot of money in the long run. Other than that, that is that.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We'll move on to Ordinances and Resolutions. We'll begin with Ordinance 05-2014. Would the Clerk please read the title.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 28-2013 TO ABOLISH THE POSITION OF "CAPTAIN" FROM THE GARFIELDHEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Glenn

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mr. President, before we go on the Three Reading Rule I would like to pass for a Second Reading.

Motion to PASS ON A SECOND READING:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: So it would be up at the next meeting for a Second Reading with six votes.

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

ABSENT: Glenn

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2014

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 39-2013 OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Before I vote, I would just like to say I worked with Kathy for the last 11 years and to me she's always done a great job and she's very deserving of this position and I, too, vote Yes.

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

ABSENT: Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 6-2014 passes with 6 Yes votes. If Kathy would like to stand up, please?

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR, TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE AND CIUNI & PANICHI, INC, AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING THE CITY WITH AUDITING SERVICES FOR THE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND DECEMBER 31, 2014, PURSUANT TO THE MODIFICATION/EXTENSION AGREEMENT AND COST PROPOSAL ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Waiver of the 24 hour rule, signify by saying Yea. Opposed?

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Councilperson Marincic.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Point of Order. Before you go on I think you might want to clear that up. That was waiver of rule 24. Not the 24 hour rule.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: My apology. Thank you. So do we need to go back or not?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Yes, I would go back.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Waiver of the rule 24. All in favor signify by saying Yea. Opposed. Thank you.

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Councilperson Marincic.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLWN MARINCIC: I knew what you meant. I vote Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I knew what you meant too so I vote Yes.

CLMN DUDLEY: Never had a clue. I vote Yes.

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

ABSENT: Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 7-2014 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH KROCK-ESSER ENGINEERING INC., TO PROVIDE FOR THE TASK OF RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION CONSULTANT FOR THE GRANGER ROAD / TRANSPORTATION BLVD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A", AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF COSTS IN THE AMOUNT OF FIFTY SEVEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$57,000.00) PLUS INCIDENTALS, WHICH COSTS WILL BE FUNDED THROUGH THE CRAIG REALTY GROUP – CLEVELAND LLC. AMENDED AGREEMENT APPROVED UNDER ORDINANCE 3-2014.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 8-2014 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO PURCHASE THREE (3) POLICE SPECIAL SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES, AT A COST OF SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY-NINE DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$74,899.50), THROUGH LEBANON FORD, AN APPROVED VENDOR UNDER THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, STATE BID CONTRACT INDEX NO. GDC-050, CONTRACT NO. RS901214 (9-30-14), PER THE STATE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS ON FILE IN THE FINANCE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the adoption, beginning with Mr. Vaughn.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, I want to reiterate and tell you that you need the utility vehicles. You probably could have used them this weekend. Trust me you could have used them. When I drive down the road sometime and you see some of them police cruisers getting stuck in the snow just like some of the other cars and they got good tires, but we definitely need new vehicles. I vote Yes.

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

ABSENT: Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 9-2014 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2014

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO PURCHASE FOUR (4) POLICE SPECIAL SEDAN VEHICLES, AT A COST OF NINETY-TWO THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$92,300.00), THROUGH STATEWIDE FORD, AN APPROVED VENDOR UNDER THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, STATE BID CONTRACT INDEX NO. GDC-050, CONTRACT NO. RS901214 (9-30-14), PER THE STATE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS ON FILE IN THE FINANCE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE.

Moved by MARINCIC to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Councilperson Nancy Marincic.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 10-2014 passes with 6 Yes votes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: That concludes Ordinances and Resolutions. We will now move on to Comments By Citizens. If the Clerk would 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: Do we have any comments from citizens?

Bob Halan, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. The reason why I'm up here is I didn't want to disappoint anybody because I did not speak the last meeting. I'm going to hold back one comment that I have to make but I do have a second comment. We have visitors in the room and I was wondering and inquisitive to find out what they are doing here and what purpose.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Vaughn would be giving that under his report.

MR. HALAN: OK. But I still didn't want to disappoint you. I had to be at the podium. Thank you.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Is there anyone else that would like to make a comment? There being none we will move in to Miscellaneous Business, beginning with Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: For those of you that are new to our meetings it looks like we have a lot of fun up here, but I want to tell you one thing. The Directors on this board, especially the Mayor and all the hard work, there's months and months of planning and thinking before it comes to our table where we look at it. We have to approve it, but they do all the hard work, the directors from that end of the table and finishing down that end. They do a lot of hard work. We joke around. We make mistakes, but it's just words and we do correct them. That's what we have our Law Director for. He keeps us on the straight and narrow. When you see us here, it's not just voting, reading a piece of paper. These people do a lot of research. They go to meetings. Sometimes they even leave the State. The Mayor, a lot of hours, a lot of midnight oil being burnt here. So when you come up here and you see this it isn't just a Yea and a Nay. There's a lot of work going into these ordinances and resolutions that come out in this city.

I want to thank everybody for braving the cold tonight. The sidewalks are icy. I know how it is. You are just recovering so be very careful when leaving the building please. I've been driving around the city and I've been pushing for since my four years have problems with trash in this city. Now that we have the new cans we have obstacles now in the street because the people want to put them on their aprons so they can get in and out of their driveway when they pull out. They put their cans in the street and they put them three feet from their curb. It's supposed to be three feet from parking. I almost hit a couple cans. It made it impossible for two cars to pass on some of the side streets. Put your trash cans on the apron please or shovel a spot by the lawn. You can't put them in the street. That's a traffic hazard. I haven't seen many—two or three. It's not an epidemic—yet. Let's not start one. Let's correct the problem before it gets way out of hand.

And as always, I want to thank the Vets. We've reached the magic number 4,100. That's 4,101 too many. Keep them in your prayers. Keep all the sick and homeless in your prayers tonight. They definitely deserve a break. With that you have my comments, Mr. Suster.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mr. Nenadovich. I would like to add to what Mr. Nenadovich had said about the preparing of this legislation. Not only do the Directors get it ready. We get it on Friday evening which I know most of us open it up on Friday evening and we start reading it. If there's any questions depending on what department it pertains to, if it's Finance we call Ron or if it's with the Police Department we call the Police Chief or we can also call Mr. Riley. Then at Caucus we discuss among ourselves what we're going to do with the legislation. Like with the police cars we had a Finance Meeting last week as I explained earlier and we discussed it with Ron to see if we could really afford these police cars and that's where we make our decisions. If he would say to us no, we don't have the money, we don't buy the police cars. So it's like Mike said it's something that we don't just go ahead and say Yea and Nay on it. That's what it's not about. Sometimes we take legislation like one piece this evening Ordinance 5-2014 and we're going to pass it on a second reading, which means it will come before us at the next Council Meeting for us to vote on. It's just in case anybody else has any questions or we want to see where it goes from there.

I'm glad to see the Boy Scouts here tonight. I don't mean to take anything away from Tom, but last night in Independence they had a I forget what it's called. Correct me if I'm wrong. A Court of Honor and we had Mr. Mahoney from Garfield Heights receive his Eagle badge last night. He's the one if you recall several weeks ago was honored for redoing the Police Memorial out front and I wanted to add my congratulations to him. I know it's a long way to go. I went as far as a Life Scout and Eagle Scout was too hard to get so I dropped out there. That's all I have this evening. Clmn Burke.

CLMN BURKE: Thank you, Mr. President. First I'd like to say thanks to Tim and the Service Department. You guys did a fabulous job this last weekend. I had actually gone out to some of the surrounding communities on my journey out into the abyss of this weather and I thought our streets were well taken care of compared to Cleveland and some other communities.

I also want to echo what the Police Chief said about people walking in the streets. Please be careful when you're driving. You don't hit these people.

When you see the plow trucks I had the three plow trucks coming past my house the one morning and there was a car who thought he was going to try to pass these three plow trucks and I don't know where the heck he thought he was going to go, but there's just no way he was

going to do it. Just be careful when you see the guys out there doing these jobs. Try to give them enough room to do their jobs.

Kathy, I want to say congratulations to you for your appointment .

Last, but not least, I want to say thank you to everybody that sent cards and offered your kind words on the passing of my father a week and a half ago. For those of you who don't know he had Lou Gehrig's Disease and it had been very painful to watch him while he was alive because he could not move his arms; couldn't move his legs, but he could sit there and hold an intelligent conversation with you so in a way it's a blessing that he died peacefully and I think a lot of us in my family are relieved. But I want to say thank you for all the kind words, the cards and everything. Thank you. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you. Welcome Troop 137. Correct? From Garfield Heights. It's always great to see Boy Scouts and you are learning about government and someday I hope to see some of you doing what we do here. I can't say enough about Boy Scouts. I was involved with it with Troop 487 at St. Monica's. We always had a good time. My kids were involved with it until sports in high school and they weren't able to continue. Get that Eagle. It will help you in college. It will help you later on in life and I will come to your next meeting and we will try to talk about a lot of interesting things, I promise. I apologize. I got called into work that night and wasn't able to make it.

Tim, you guys did a great job. We had calls and sometimes people just need to take time to remember what these guys are doing. They're up there driving that huge truck. They're putting their lives on the line for all of us and they've got to watch the salt. They're trying to do the best they can so please, people, be patient.

Bring those garage cans in and I'm asking that anybody that has a fire hydrant in front of their house, could they please clean it out so that it can be seen in case it's needed for an emergency. If you can't because you're elderly, please get a kid in the neighborhood to do it. Very important that those fire hydrants are not covered under snow.

There will be no Block Watch for Ward 7 this Thursday night because we are all going to be attending the debate and I again hope everybody will be able to be here. That's at 7:00 p.m. right, Joe?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: Seven o'clock so please come on up here and we'll have our little Block Watch while we're at the debate. Again guys thanks for coming and that's all I have, Joe.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Clmn Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: All right. Saved the best for last. Before we start, since Tom mentioned it, why don't you turn the camera around and get a picture of them in their uniforms, if that's not too much to ask? Why don't you all stand up? You're looking sharp. Let everybody see you. The camera's right over there.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is that the end of your report?

CLMN DUDLEY: Don't I wish? No, we are going to go through it briefly. First of all, I say congratulations, Kathy. I tell you she's been a tremendous help since I've known her. She got involved in some of that stuff that concerned not just the Seniors but individuals that have other issues and she went beyond her scope and some things she didn't have to even do, but she always done it. There was some help she gave me at St. Tim's and other spots and people appreciate that. Well deserved.

I want to say once again on the SUV you definitely need the utility vehicles when the weather changed and I ain't seen nothing like this since '77; '78. In '78 I left to get in the service to get out of Ohio, but to me that's a safety concern not to have those vehicles. I thank all the departments, all our safety forces because they was out and about and the Service Department you all done an outstanding job. That you all did on it, Tim.

I want to tell everybody too to come out to this debate that is scheduled for the 30th of January at our Democratic Club. The President and Club itself set up. It's at 7 p.m. here in the Civic Center. Find out who are the possible candidates that may be running your County. You need to know that. Come out and take a few minutes. It won't take long for you to do that.

Also when you got the cold and stuff and check on the elderly sometime. Go knock on the door if you don't see them out for about a day or so, knock on the door and make sure they OK. If you see them out there shoveling, offer a helping hand. If you can't help them don't let them shovel and leave them out there by they self because something could go wrong.

Also I had some people--they can start working on it now--they want to do a mega yard sale and maybe get the Family Life Center. I know Mrs. Tubbs suggested we put it in the Neighborhood News when the time comes. I would like that for all to get together like they do at the flea market and just have a nice big yard sale.

Once again I want us to keep everybody who is getting sick in your prayers, the Mayor who is under the weather now and also Glenn feels better too. They got some bad flu and colds going around so keep everybody who's getting sick in your prayers and like I say you definitely want to check on them, etc.

Last thing, say hello to the residents of Ward 1. One means number one, you know that, too. We got a great city. We got a lot of great residents and I'm proud of you all in your uniforms. You look sharp there. That will be all.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. Mrs. Marincic.

CLWN MARINCIC: Thank you. I am last tonight. I need to remind people to come to the debate on Thursday to meet your State Senator. And who else did you say was going to be there? Former County Sheriff Bob Reid. That's Thursday at what time? Seven o'clock.

I was going to say what you were about helping your neighbors. I wanted to add one thing to it. I have elderly neighbors that don't go out in this cold weather. If you're going to the grocery store stop. Ask them if they need a few things that you can pick up for them and I'll bet you they do. I know one who always needs milk and bread. So anyway if you could do that if you have somebody, that would really be a blessing to them.

Once again Tim, thank you to everybody in our Service Department. I had the unfortunate experience of driving through about nine different suburbs on Saturday and when I got to Garfield Heights, what a change in the way the streets were maintained. I was happy and proud to live here in Garfield Heights. That's about all I have tonight, Mr. Chairman, and with that I will. You want to be last, don't you?

CLMN DUDLEY: No, I want to mention one thing.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: You had your turn.

CLMN DUDLEY: Let me get this one in here, Mr. Chairman. I did want to mention something with Chief. If you live on one of the no outlet streets, do yourself a favor. Don't park when you see the snow is building up because it's no way a plow truck can get down there and he have to back all the way out. If you live on that street and the snow is getting heavy pull your car in the driveway. Let the plow make a clean sweep, then pull back out. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Before we adjourn the meeting, Mr. Nenadovich has some flyers for the debate for this Thursday evening. If anybody would like to take them and pass them out anywhere that you can it would be a big help because we'd like to see as many people attend this thing as they can. With that note, I'll go back to Mrs. Marincic.

CLWN MARINCIC: Thank you. I'd like to make a motion to adjourn.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: All those in favor of adjourning signify by saying Yea. All opposed.
Meeting adjourned.

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

ABSENT: Glenn

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council