

# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

## CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, June 11, 2012

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

**INVOCATION BY:** Clmn Michael Nenadovich

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

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

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Reading and disposal of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of Council of Tuesday May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**CLMN SUSTER:** Mme. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of Tuesday May 29, 2012 of the Garfield Heights City Council as submitted.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** All in favor say Yea. All opposed say Nay? The Yeas have it.  
**AYES:** Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:** None.

**LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

### **REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:**

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** We will now move on to the reports of the Mayor and his Directors and our Mayor is absent this evening so our Law Director Tim Riley is going to give his report for him.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Absent.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Thank you, Mme. President. The Mayor's on vacation so he asked me to go over the legislation tonight. Ordinance 32-2012 is just some corrections that the Board of Elections had requested after we submitted it to them so it's just a matter of some housekeeping there that we're going to correct that and get it down to them. Ordinance 33-2012 is a new ordinance regarding dumping. As most of you know Mr. McLaughlin brought up at the last meeting how we were having some problems with dumping and we didn't have anything on our books. Mainly all we had was a littering ordinance. So this is a dumping ordinance which I

believe has a certain degree of responsibility to it; it's got some teeth to it. So I would encourage the passage of that. Ordinance 34-2012 is a grant application. If anybody has any questions on that they can ask Noreen.

Resolution 24-2012 is about the Honor Remember flag which some States have adopted and some States are considering, The State of Ohio is still considering. It's a flag to honor and remember the Vets that have basically lost their lives in the war. Council is encouraging the State of Ohio to go ahead and adopt that as the official flag. With that you have, I would say, the Mayor's report. I do not have a report. Thank you.

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

**CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** I do not have a report this evening.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Any questions for our Police Chief this evening?

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Yes. I sit at these meetings and I listen to why aren't the police doing this and why aren't the police doing that? I was pleased to receive a phone call the other day, Chief. I called you earlier about it. An officer went out to an elderly citizen in the city and she couldn't speak enough about the kindness and attentiveness and the way she was treated by the police. She thought it was the best thing since her children were born, the way she raved. So Chief, thank you.

**CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT:** Thanks for bringing that up. That's probably the rule more than the exception although people don't always bother to call. Thank you for mentioning it.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Is that all you have, Clmn? Anybody else have any questions? We will now move on to Service Director, Mr. McLaughlin. Do you have a report?

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** Yes, I do. A short report. Thank you, Mme. President. We are still grinding away at the patching of the roads. We finished Ward 1 off of 131<sup>st</sup>. I moved one crew over to Ward 2 and they did from Sladden to Garfield Park. The other crew is starting in Ward 3 on the north side of the Boulevard starting with Birchwood and those streets on the front side. I have another crew when I can put out another crew because now vacations have started so daily I can be down to about 15 people so I have to set priorities to what we're doing. The one crew I had a third crew on and I've had them do a couple streets that were really bad in other Wards and one of them right now is in Ward 7 on York. York was always one of the worst streets that should be repaved, etc., so I couldn't have them wait another couple months till they get up to Ward 7 so we picked out a couple streets where we're still trying to go Ward to Ward and hopefully we'll get there.

The only other thing I have is I want to remind Council and the residents about the paper shredding, which will be Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:00 to noon at the Civic Center here. I've got some phone calls on it so there is an interest in it. If it works out good we'll try it again maybe later on in September or October. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you. Any questions for our Service Director? There being none we'll move on to Recreation Director, Robert Dobies. Do you have a report this evening?

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Yes, Council President, I have a short one this evening. Good evening Council Members. As you are all aware the pool opened today. We're looking forward to an eventful summer. We have opened the season with the Residents Appreciation Days. Each Ward can enjoy a free swim on their designated day. Ward 7 was today. Ward 5 tomorrow, Ward 4 on Wednesday, 3 on Thursday, 2 on Friday, and 1 on Saturday and Ward 6 on Sunday. As always you can call our office or visit the Website for additional information.

Softball season began last Sunday with the parade. It came off with no hitches. T-ball is going well into the swing of things and last I would just like to say I know something was mentioned at the last meeting. I'd just like to take the time to thank Mrs. Piazza and her crew of volunteers. Unfortunately I don't have everybody's name, but the work they are doing beautifying the city is unfounded. The program has enhanced our city greatly. With the grass program in full swing our city is definitely shining and I just wanted to let her know that her work does not go unnoticed.

Also as I gave Council a report on the grass cuts per Ward, I just wanted to bring you up to date on how things were moving along and what's happening in each of your Wards. I'm happy to report that progress of owners cutting their own property or those that are responsible is coming to fruition so the program is working. We're just in the first two cuts through the city and we're working on our third. The initial cut about 66% of the residents were cutting their property. After the second cut that moved up to 75%. You'll see those notations as I explained to each of you in each of your Wards. Don't get rattled though because basically we started off the season with 838 properties on the list. That Master List now includes 1,005 properties. Is that a good thing or a bad thing? Well we're putting people on notice. If you're not going to maintain then we're coming whether you like it or not. We will cut your grass for you. So that is not a bad thing because I'll tell you this. I get a notice whether it's from the Building Department or Mr. Bluso working a couple days a week posting these properties and that's why the amount of properties is going up because they are being recognized whether it's through a phone call from Council or a phone call from the residents that we do notice. We are taking care of business and we'll continue to post. Once you're posted on that list we come by every time. We will check you. Just to give you an example, I was given this list on 6/6. These were posted. There's 18 properties. These all happen to be in Ward 3, Mike, sorry. I'm not picking on you, but we went out and posted these properties and the next day all these properties were cut by their owners so that's a good thing. I don't think though that we should have to remind people to cut their grass so I know that we are taking an employee, taking the time with a car and gasoline, writing out the report, posting it on the house and that shouldn't be done but if it has to be done we're going to do it. OK? Just a reminder that we'll be out there.

I guess the only other thing I got is I thank everybody, Council, residents for their patience when their calls do come in. Some times we can get at them right away. We try to be very productive in what we do on a daily basis keeping the area condensed so they can do the most work in the least amount of time. That's just a productivity standard. It's nothing I dreamt up with but that's what we do on a daily basis. We do take care of those and for the most part I can honestly say if we get a complaint on a property that it's taken care of within two days. I think that's good. It might take a third day or something like that and I know Mrs. Ryan there had a concern and we took care of that and there were some other issues on the one property but she continued to call but she did have the patience and she came in the other day and I thanked her for it so thank you everybody for having patience. We will get there. OK. Thank you. That concludes my report.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Any questions for Parks and Recreation?

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I have a quick one for you because I didn't see it on TV nowhere and a couple people asked this question. When do they start the swimming classes?

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Swimming will start next week.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Classes start next week? OK. A second question. On Ward Pool Day are you allowed to bring any type of refreshments in there?

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** We will have designated for each Ward member in each Ward that you can use the pavilion there. Your Ward residents will receive a wristband so they are designated and we know who is allowed into the pavilion and who is not because it is open to the general public too. We're not going to deny anybody to swim on a warm day. Today was a little bit lighter day. We had a pretty good revenue over there.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** So we can bring refreshments, etc.?

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Yes. Absolutely. We can set you up in the pavilion, Mike and take it from there.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** OK.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Basically they can swim from one o'clock to seven o'clock.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** All right. That's it.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Just so you know, Mr. Dobies, on Friday I'll be working so I won't be able to attend. Any other questions for our Recreation Director? There being none we will move on to City Engineer Dave Krock. Do you have a report?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** I do, thank you, Council President. Just want to bring everybody up to speed. ODOT informed us last week that Granger Road will be resurfaced next summer. This is from Maple Heights clear to Valley View so the whole length. We do have a local share of funds that we'll have to come up with for that. So that's kind of the bad news but I'm sure we'll work through that. We have some different ideas there.

I also want to let you know in a meeting that I had with ODOT that the Granger Road Hill, the rock walls that are there, we have had some trouble with some of the rock falling. It's actually rated the second worst rock fall area in the district. There's 12 districts in the State so in District 12 so ODOT's looking to put aside some funding for that in 2016. So we'll be looking to try to address that. I did update your Engineer's Report. It will give you details on the other construction projects that are going on. That's my report.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you. Any questions for our City Engineer? There being none we'll move on to Finance Director Ron Tomola. Do you have a report?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** Just a very short one. I want to remind Council I sent e-mails out this week to you. The tax budget hearing for the 2013 tax budget will be on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Caucus Room. That's my report.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Any questions for our Finance Director? I only have one. The Internet Cafes all closed?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** Yes.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** How much money are we going to lose because of that? Do you know?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA:** The same number I said last week. It's about \$86,000.00.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you. Anyone else have any questions? There being none we will move on to Economic Development Director Noreen Kuban. Do you have a report this evening?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Thank you, Mme. Chairwoman. Regarding Ordinance 34-2012. This is a program through the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office. They have funding from delinquent tax collections and they are making available grant funding to demolish blighted properties. There are some eligibility requirements involved. Residential properties need to be near the city of Cleveland.

Also Commissioner Wervey is working on the technical aspects of notifying property owners of the nuisance and I'll be working on the narrative. We'll be getting that application in soon.

Also we received an award. We don't often receive those. This is the award. You can't read it of course. There's too many trees in the background but this is for the proposed Johnson Mill Run/Bike/Pedestrian Trail project. We received this last week and while this project is not funded the layout of where the trail will go has been defined and we have applied for grant funding so that we can do engineering for that project and we are working on this in collaboration with the city of Cleveland.

Finally, we are having public hearings for rezoning. The first one will be held on Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in this room. That's for a rezoning of a residential property next to the SUNOCO at Granger Road. Then we will have a second public hearing on Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. also in these chambers. Thank you.

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

**CLMN SUSTER:** We have to apply for the grant for that Ordinance 34?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Correct.

**CLMN SUSTER:** Why then when they came out with this I think it was last week that they already committed to the city of Cleveland a million dollars and the city of East Cleveland a million dollars and we have to make out an application?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** I suspect because they have so many vacant properties and blighted properties in a disproportionate amount relative to their population. They are also trying to earmark funding for inner ring suburbs so we have an advantage in that regard.

**CLMN SUSTER:** So you think we have a good chance of getting some of those dollars then?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Yes. They are setting aside \$100,000.00 per community. That leaves us with about basically Bill and I were talking about how much it would cost to demolish properties. We're thinking maybe 13 properties. We are going to submit for 25 in the event other communities don't use up a full award.

**CLMN SUSTER:** OK. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** I have one question on the same subject. Is there any matching funds we have to?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** No. It's just a reimbursement grant so we will have to pay out the cost of the demolition and then we will be reimbursed by the County.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** We will get it back? OK. Anybody have any questions for our Economic Development Director? There being none we will move on to Building Commissioner Bill Wervey. Do you have report?

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY:** Just a little bit. I, too, would urge passage of Ordinance 34. There has been a lot of effort put into presenting a good application.

Numbers on vacancies. We're at about 830; foreclosures at about 660. That's all I have this evening.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Any questions for our Building Commissioner? There being none, we will move on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's agenda. I'll have the Clerk read the rules.

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

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

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** No citizen may speak more than once and they are limited to five minutes. Anyone wishing to comment tonight? Just raise their hand? Anybody?

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** There being none we will move on to Ordinances and Resolutions beginning with Ordinance 32-2012. Will the Clerk read the title.

**ORDINANCE NO. 32-2012**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 103, SECTIONS 103.01 THROUGH 103.08 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS BY MAKING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE WARDS SO THAT THE POPULATION OF THE RESPECTIVE WARDS IS AS NEARLY EQUAL IN POPULATION AS IS POSSIBLE.

MOVED BY NENADOVICH TO CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Ordinance 32-2012 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 33-2012

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ADOPTING SECTION 913.08 OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO THE IMPROPER DUMPING OF WASTE MATERIAL AND JUNK ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PROPERTY.

MOVED BY SUSTER TO CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Before I vote I want to say I think this is a great piece. I know Mr. Suster and Mr. Nenadovich were the original sponsors and they worked very hard on it. If anybody's caught dumping first time it's \$500.00, the second time it's \$1,000.00 I believe? Right. I hope they catch anybody who does this because this horrible thing that they would think they could do this in our community. I thank them for their work and I vote Yes.

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

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Ordinance 33-2012 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 34-2012

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A GRANT (REIMBURSEMENT) FROM THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEMOLISHING BLIGHTED, OR FORECLOSED VACANT PROPERTIES IN QUALIFYING AREAS OF THE CITY.

MOVED BY MAHONEY TO CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Mme. President, point of order. I think we should probably go with Rule 24 there.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** You're right. I need to waive Rule 24.

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you. Roll call on the adoption beginning with Clwn Mahoney.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Ordinance 34-2012 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-2012

A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG AS THE OFFICIAL FLAG IN SUPPORT OF THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE BY THE BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

MOVED BY VAUGHN TO CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Before I vote, this is just to urge the State Legislature to also adopt this. This is the purpose of doing this. With that, I vote Yes.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Before I vote, I want to say that I know that Clwn Mahoney and Clmn Vaughn did the footwork on this and I think it's a great idea. I gladly vote Yes.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Before I vote, anytime we honor our Servicemen and women it's a positive thing and I vote Yes.

**CLMN GLENN:** As a Vet, I vote Yes.

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

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** I am pleased to say that Resolution 24-2012 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:**

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** That concludes Ordinances and Resolutions and we will move on to Miscellaneous Comments by Citizens. I'm going to have our Clerk read the rules.

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

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Comments are limited to five minutes. No citizen shall be heard more than once. I already have someone with their hand up. Come take the microphone.

Bob Halan, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. As everybody here knows, the Internet Cafes have closed. Bill Mason has all the right in the world to do so, but I think it goes beyond Bill Mason. Somebody with bigger pockets that has a big interest in alleviating competition (I don't have to say his name) is doing away with the Internet primarily because it's competition. First the Internet; next bingo halls. It's for his benefit and the city of Cleveland's benefit, but our individual local cities (Garfield Heights primarily I'm interested) is losing revenue. We're losing like the Department head says, about \$86,000.00. Technically we can't afford to lose it. Secondly, the majority of the people that do attend are mostly elderly. They have recreation here and they don't have to pay parking \$20.00 or \$30.00 for it. They can drive right up the street, park, enjoy themselves for 20 or 30 bucks whatever they want and maybe to win. Most of the people that I have talked with consider this is one way to blackmail the people in their cities to force them to go down to recreation gambling in Cleveland. We could use the revenue right here. I don't know what I can do or I don't know what the citizens in Garfield, Maple Heights, Bedford can do to alleviate and restore getting our Internet Cafes back. I hope somewhere along the way while maybe the Law Director here can help. I don't know if he can, but we do need the revenue. You know that. I can't see being taken away our right to have a café here. We only have two. Technically the County has jurisdiction over us. I understand that, but don't we have a say-so in our community? To act a petition?

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** I think you'd have to talk to Mr. Mason. He made a ruling as the County Prosecutor. We live in Cuyahoga County.

**MR. HALAN:** I understand that but petition rights? Can we have a petition here? Or what do we have to do to get our rights back? That's stepping on our rights.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** You could probably talk to your State legislator to change the law. That's a possibility. You can petition anybody, you know, to do anything but legally he's made a ruling as to what the law is and the State Legislature can change the law.

**MR. HALAN:** Is there anything being done on the behalf of the people that are running it and the people that attend it and use it?

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** I don't know. I don't know if there's any kind of effort being put forth or not. I do not know.

**MR. HALAN:** In other words dictatorship rules. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Anyone else wishing to speak? You look so familiar, ma'am.

Debra Sarnowski, 5225 East 100<sup>th</sup> Street. Hello everybody. Two years ago some residents on 95<sup>th</sup> and 96<sup>th</sup> were asking about a garden. We have a grant that Noreen obtained and luckily it came through and became a reality this year. We're on the end of 97<sup>th</sup> Street. She put in a lot of time to establish a garden probably almost the size of this chamber here. She worked not many hours, but many days with volunteers and helpers. They roto-tilled it, they surveyed the plots out for everybody. She went and picked up 12 foot posts in a truck by herself, someone dug them for her. With some other volunteers installed the 12 foot posts. 12 of them with a 10 foot fence all around it. Did a fantastic job. I want to thank her for that.

Also 97<sup>th</sup> Street was a problem many years. At that end of it there was a bunch of trees, I don't know if anybody's familiar with it. with couches and mattresses there. The kids from high school used to go out there and hang out. Not only did she make a nice garden there; she cleaned that

all out. They cut trees down, they took out a lot of shrubs, I mean the property at the end of 97<sup>th</sup> Street should be thankful. She did hundreds of. It was a private property. She went on there and cleaned it up. She did a fantastic job. The kids cannot go there anymore. It's very clean and open. Now that when the people are coming down for the garden you can see kids coming up from the high school walking there and they see you know the people coming out of the fence they turn around and walk away. So I just want to say thank you Noreen for all your hard work. I never realized all that you did. Unless you were there that day those hot summer weekends that she put in, you wouldn't realize. This is only on 97<sup>th</sup> Street so I don't know what she did with Hyde Park or the Board of Education building. They also supplied dirt for the gardeners, plants, straw and hay, etc. They put the rain barrels there so you can water the gardens, etc. So there's a lot of work. I encourage everyone to stop by 97<sup>th</sup> Street and see what a wonderful job that she did and the volunteers and I thank you again. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you. Our little Economic Development Director got landscaping timbers?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Yeah. I'm still sore.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Anyone else wishing to comment this evening? There being none we will move on to Miscellaneous Business for City Council and I'm going to read the rules for Miscellaneous Business for City Council.

"This involves the business of Council in the legislative function. Any other problems should be directed dealt with by the Department involved. This area of the agenda shall be limited to legislative business, lack of attention to Ward problems, etc."

Having said that I will begin with Clmn Dudley. Do you have any Miscellaneous Business?

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Sure. Let me pull out my book. First of all I want to mention you know I always complain about nothing is free in this city and I'm tired of it happening that we have to pay for everything. This coming Saturday as they had mentioned that this is going to be Ward 1 Pool Day from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. and I want everybody to know that is free so I expect to see everybody out there with their shorts and swimming gear, etc. I been working out a little so the shirt will come off so I want to see you there. I been working out. Trust me.

Also I wanted to mention to the gentleman I see everyday but I can't remember your name? OK. Bob. When you had stated for our Internet Cafes, but I don't know if you remember when they was opening up I said as soon as (they was making plans to open seven or eight of them) the moment that casino opened I told you they would close them down anyway. What I want to mention something you said a petition, legislators, etc. I just do a policy myself. You don't see me hanging around with a bunch of elected officials because I believe honestly it ain't what you say you done for me two years ago. It's like a young lady said on a record, what have you done for me lately? I won't support you because of your political affiliation no more. I got away from that because like I say we kind of slacking on what we doing for the people now. Somewhere along the line the government is forgetting the people who support them. They have a tendency to forget the people who put them there. It's getting old right now and we just been falling in between the cracks and I agree with you to a certain extent. Like I say I will be on the phone and I will be calling my legislators and I'll remind some of them the election is this year. If you're not up for election this year you'll be up for election next year and no freebies to them. I'm serious. Give them no freebies.

One other thing I wanted to mention. The grass looked good in the community and I'm glad to see that the grass crew is kind of catching up and it looks a lot better up there and I'm proud of that.

Basically I'm going to leave it short because I do want everybody to show up on Saturday for the Ward 1 Pool Party and I'm going to get some refreshments out there, etc. I want them to swim and have a good time. That's all I have, Mme. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Thank you. Clmn Nenadovich?

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Yes, Mme. Chairman. Just a reminder Thursday is our Pool Day in Ward 3, 1:00 to 7:00. Look forward to seeing you there.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Clmn Glenn?

**CLMN GLENN:** Ditto on Wednesday for Ward 4. We'll have refreshments down there. Hope to see everybody down there.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** I just wanted to comment. It was maybe a year and a half ago that this City Council changed the cat ordinance in Garfield Heights. So actually there wasn't one. But what we did was we limited it to two cats per household. Some people were frantic about it. They thought there would be cat police running around saying you can't have more than this or that. I remember stressing that it wasn't aimed at that. If people had more than one cat and they were taking good care of them nothing was going to happen to them. But I want you to know this cat ordinance has proved to be a blessing to our community. It has saved us so much time and our Animal Warden is singing its praises. Just case in point. Last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the Animal Warden was able to trap 14 cats in my yard, nine of which were kittens and because of a wonderful organization a few of the women were here that night when we passed that ordinance who are involved in this organization every one of them are getting a home. Nine of them were kittens. Every one of those cats is going to get his shots, going to get neutered or spade and they are going to go to great homes. So I want to thank the women in that organization. As soon as I get a chance I'm going to put up some legislation to honor them because they are such a blessing to our community,

Secondly, I want to remind everybody that we are in summer session so now so we won't be having another meeting until July so I want to wish everybody a Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July. I'll move on to Clmn Suster.

**CLMN SUSTER:** OK. Tomorrow it's going to be our Pool Day and I will be there all day. Ward 5 will not have a Block Watch meeting in the month of July. I'll let you know that in advance.

Also in regards to what Bob had brought up, I don't know if anybody noticed but the only Internet Cafes that were closed were in Cuyahoga County. I mean the rest of the State can have it, but Cuyahoga County got penalized again for something. When I initially heard that I didn't think it was fair but here again I think if we don't contact John Barnes or Pernell Jones or somebody and try to get something done about this there's no way that we'll be able to get it back so that's something to think about too. That's all I have this evening.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Clwn Mahoney?

**CLWN MAHONEY:** On Sunday, Fathers' Day, will be our Pool Day at the Rec Center. Unfortunately we will be leaving on vacation that day so I will not be able to be there. It's from one to seven and I hope that if you want to give your Dad a special treat bring him to the Rec on Fathers' Day. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** Clmn Vaughn?

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Today was Ward 7 Day at the pool. I apologize for not being able to be there. I was at the hospital all day with my son Ian as they set his leg and did some other procedures. I apologize. I will make it up to my residents though because our Annual Block Watch is June 28<sup>th</sup> at St. Monica's Pavilion. It will be our annual cook out so please come and join us. Keeping in the confines of Miscellaneous Business, that's all I have to say.

**CLMN SUSTER:** I'll make a motion that we adjourn.

**PRESIDENT MARINCIC:** All in favor say Yea. All opposed say Nay. The Ayes have it. The meeting's adjourned. AYES: Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:38 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Nancy Marincic  
President of Council

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Barbara Molin  
Clerk of Council