

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Wednesday, October 16, 2013

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

INVOCATION BY: Councilman 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 two sets of Minutes. One from the Regular Meeting of Council September 9th and the Special Meeting of Council September 19th.

CLMN SUSTER: Mme. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Garfield Heights City Council dated September 9, 2013 and the Special Meeting of Garfield Heights City Council September 19, 2013 as submitted.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: OK. All in favor say Yea. All opposed? Motion passes.

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 move on to the Mayor and his Directors' reports. Do you have a report, Mayor?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mme. Chair. Yes, I do. First off I want to report Saturday was Garfield Heights' Harvest Fest. It was a huge success. If you had an opportunity to be there you really would have gotten a thrill. There was over 400 people that came through on the Harvest Fest. They were on hayrides. This was for the kids. They had face painting. There was candy, treats, pumpkins. It was unbelievable and many people commented on what a great thing this is that the community puts on. We made somewhere in the range of \$3,100.00 which will go back into some of the things that the groups do, but this was a huge success. It's going to get better every year and it's great to see the residents have something like that to come to and bring the kids so I thank everybody that was involved in that.

The next item on my agenda is the Police and Firemen Memorial. We had a fixing up of the memorial. We had a young man, Michael Mahoney, who was the son of Brian Mahoney who works for the Service Department. He's one of our foremen. He was doing his Eagle Scout project. He chose to refurbish our police and fire memorial along with Chris Piazza and her Greenup Crew. It's an unbelievable job they did. It's absolutely beautiful. We had a ceremony for family members from the police and fire that lost their lives in the line of duty that were there. It was really a beautiful event. I invite everyone when the Council Meeting is over to step outside and take a look at the memorial. What an unbelievably great job a great tribute to the men and women who are on our safety forces.

Next I want to talk a little bit about the rubbish cans. October 31st is the deadline for Seniors who want a smaller can. We've been reporting this in the Neighborhood News, we've been reporting this on the Council Meetings which are televised, we had many meetings, Block Watch meetings and we had a rubbish meeting. We had many meetings trying to tell everybody that this is happening and when the deadline is. This is the drop dead deadline. If you want it you have to do it. I continually get phone calls every day with people saying I didn't know we could get a smaller can. I don't know how else to get it out to the people, but this is it. October 31st if there's Seniors out there they are having problems with the large cans and they are entitled to smaller cans free of charge they will be delivered to them. Contact us please before October 31st.

The last thing that I have on the agenda is for Council as we talked about, Nancy, as you brought up at the last meeting with Ron, we're looking at new Council chairs. These Council chairs been in place a long time and for those residents who don't know, what happens is we have a few bad chairs that don't work well and if you get in here late you always get the bad one and it looks a little bit like the one I'm in right now. Just sort of falls sideways. I'm going to have to start getting in here a little sooner I guess. We are looking at new chairs. I know these chairs have seen better days and we got a pretty good price on them so if we can arm wrestle around a little bit and get some money maybe we can get those chairs in the near future.

With that said I'm going to talk a little bit about tonight's legislation. Ordinance 53-2013. Recently our police patrolmen switched Union representation. They went from the FOP to the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association. Their contract had to be changed to change the names from the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association and that's what you're going to have in front of you today. Ordinance 54. This is an ordinance that has to do with Public Works Commission and Dave Krock is going to get into that in his report. Ordinance 55 is an audit on the BMV registration records. It's something that's been going on for years. The lady that's doing it has been doing it for as long as Ron can remember so Ron can talk a little bit about that in his report. Ordinance 56. We're changing the zoning of the parcels on Granger that were purchased by Overdrive that was the six or eight houses on North Granger. Overdrive purchased it and we will change it from residential to I believe it's commercial, but that's what that's about. Ordinance 57. This is an authorization for purchase of a front end loader for the Service Department. I'm sure Tim could talk a little bit about it, but this isn't something that we wanted to do. We actually put it off. Tim came to us about a year ago; asked for a front end loader. It was impossible to do it at that time. Because we were not able to do it at that time we're doing it now and because of other problems we had with the front end loader the trade-in value has gone down drastically and it hurts us in that respect but we're in a position right now that we have to have it. Ron is looking into some different methods of payment. Talk to him if you have any questions, but it's something that we need to do. Believe me for the \$120,000.00

if we don't have it I certainly would not even suggest it but it's going to help the residents. We have to keep that in mind.

Resolution 24 is a resolution commemorating National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We've been doing this every year and would certainly be good to continue doing this. With that, Mme Chair, you have my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions or comments for the Mayor on his report?

CLMN SUSTER: Mayor, did they put that on the scroll about ordering the smaller garbage can if they want it?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: That's a good question, Joe. I'm not sure if that was on the scroll or not.

CLMN SUSTER: I think that'd be another way of getting the people so that if they wanted a smaller one they could.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: We'll do that if we haven't already.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Anyone else have a question for the Mayor?

CLWN MAHONEY: I have a comment. You could always bring your own chair. I know it works for me.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Do you have an extra chair with wheels?

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Moving on to our Law Director, Tim Riley. Do you have a report this evening?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Thank you, Mme President. No report tonight.

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?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: Yes, thank you. Just one thing. I don't mean to be redundant with what the Mayor said, but I want to thank everybody also for attending the rededication of the memorial out front. I especially want to thank again Michael Mahoney who did a tremendous job. Like the Mayor said if you have the time stop and take a look. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any questions for our Police Chief? There being none, we will move on to Service Director, Tim McLaughlin.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mme President. The front end loader that the Mayor mentioned is 15 years old. It's seen better days. Right now we're trying to baby it through for the last year. The trade in value and stuff I think they offered us \$32,000.00 for a trade-in value. It's well worth it. It's something that we have to have besides loading the salt trucks. Going out on the road. We use it in the Rec Center and the playgrounds and all over. We just can't hold it together anymore. It's not financially right to keep putting this kind of money into it. I would hope that we could find a way to pass it and get the front end loader.

The Household Hazardous Waste we had in spring and we just had the fall roundup a couple weeks ago. I got a letter back that we did very well for the size of our city. In the spring one we turned in as much stuff almost as a city the size of Parma and Strongsville. The total for the year of Hazardous Waste Roundup was 5.5 tons that didn't go into the regular rubbish and was sent out in the proper way. The paper shredding--the spring and fall totals was over 4.5 tons. That's a lot for only doing it for one day for three hours. There's a great response for that. I hope to continue that program.

In the last couple weeks we finished the street repairs for the Cleveland Water breaks. We've turned that in to Finance so they can bill Cleveland. There's 117 of them this year water breaks in the city. There are four or five out there now but I'm just going to end up tying them up to make them safe through the winter and do them in the spring because Cleveland won't this late in the season they won't give us the money for that. We do do all right with that and we make sure that the streets are fixed the way we want them fixed and we go from there. They started those in July and the guys pushed to get those done.

I'd like to talk about the leaves. We're probably going to start in another week. I checked last year's time when we started and there are some leaves out there but not enough for me to send trucks out there to ride street to street right now. I would ask, again, as we talk about every year not to rake the leaves in the street because it blocks the catch basins and the water flow when it rains. Not over the catch basins. You can bag the leaves and put them out for your rubbish. You can also put them in your regular garbage can, not in the recyclable one because we don't recycle leaves through the rubbish contract. We take the leaves that we pick up but to two different places where we recycle them. You can put them in your rubbish can or bag them and the rubbish will take them. We'll be going street to street once we get going and we complete one area at a time. We won't just run to this or that street. That's how we do it every year—street to street. We will run behind when equipment breaks down or the weather's uncooperative. When the leaves get wet they get much harder to pick up so it may slow us down but we always get them picked up by the end of the year, sometimes sweeping the snow off the top, but we get to them.

The last thing I wanted to talk about was the rubbish cans. The Mayor already talked about the changeover for the Seniors for the smaller can. Some of the things I want to touch on is that since July when we started implementing this you don't put rubbish in your recycling can. You put rubbish in your recycling can it will not be picked up because that ruins the whole set up that they have. They send a recycling truck. You don't have to bag it. You can put all that stuff in the recycling can without bags. They would rather have you put it in there without bags, but if they find rubbish in it they're not going to pick it up. The guy who's driving the regular truck that picks up rubbish he doesn't know what you put in the recycling can, but when the recycling guy gets there and he lifts up and he starts seeing rubbish he's going to put your can back down. It's recycling only in the light green smaller cans.

I would ask that the rubbish be out on the lawn at least by 7:00 a.m. No earlier than 6:00 p.m. from April 1st to October 31st the night before. Starting in November 1st till March 31st you could start putting it out at 4:00 p.m. the night before.

One of the other problems that we're having and it's a little bigger than I thought it would be is people are not taking the cans in after the rubbish pickup and I'm finding many cans that are still out two and three days after the rubbish pick up. We're going to start pressing on that. We've dropped off warning notices at the houses. Some of them have started taking their cans in but

we do have some out there. If it comes to the end when we can't get their cooperation then we're going to have to see about having a ticket issued. We been trying to get people to cooperate but I notice it has become a big problem. We didn't notice it because there was bags and maybe one little can but now when you see those cans sitting there they stick out when you go up and down the street. I've had numerous calls in the last couple weeks about this problem so I'm hoping that the rubbish is picked up when they get home that night their kids or somebody can take the cans in. With that you have my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for the Service Director?

CLMN DUDLEY: No. I wanted to make a comment. I want everybody to understand that that \$121,000.00 is not a waste of money. If you ever hit a snowstorm like from working at ODOT and having heavy equipment out, if you have a snowstorm and that old pieced up front end loader you have with the brake down there's no way you can load them trucks and get them trucks back on the road and the city would be simply not crippled down but it would be so long before you see a truck between routes and that becomes a safety issue. That's why I hope nobody has any complaints or makes a mockery out of this because you definitely need a good front end loader and also for flooded conditions you can ride it right through the flooded area. I just want to mention that, Mme.Chairman.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anyone else? I have one. Mr. McLaughlin, if Council and I hope we do approve the front end loader today when would be the quickest you could get it?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: We just had a conversation with the factory and they said it takes eight to ten weeks to build one, but they are hoping to if we give them a PO they can intercept one that's already being produced and add our specs to it so it would be a little bit faster. I asked the guys not to ride this loader hard. We been trying to get by. We use it on the road and I hate to have it blow and I think they're offering us \$32,000.00 as a trade-in and if we blow the transmission there's \$22,000.00. We're trying to hold out but he said eight to ten weeks.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Can you load the salt trucks without it?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Well not really. I have a bobcat but it's very hard to load a truck with a bobcat. You put about 2.5 or three tons per truck and with a little bucket it's not the best.

CLMN SUSTER: What's the possibility of from now until we get the new one of leasing one if the one that you have is that bad? Or are you going to wait until something happens to it and then we have nothing?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: I'm hoping that we get by. I'm trying to limit the use of it. It was out today picking up some plates and stuff that were on the road but I'm trying to limit those and the guys who drive it I just tell them drive it as easy as you can. It's operable but it's going. We had somebody else come in and look at it and they said it's only a matter of time before it goes so we were just trying to go by. I don't know what would happen if it went. We haven't discussed it but we're hoping to get by with limited use until we can get the new one.

CLMN SUSTER: If something more went wrong with it wouldn't the trade-in value be a lot less?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Oh yeah. You take \$22,000.00 and write off the \$32,000.00 because the baby's gone.

CLMN SUSTER: That's what I'm trying to get at. You'd be better off leasing something up till we get the new one.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Them short term leases are very expensive. We'd have to look at it if something happened but my mechanics would tell us right away do not play with it anymore. So far they're saying let them drive it slow. That's why they're mechanics. I'm not.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: That answer your questions? Anyone else have any questions?

CLMN GLENN: On the front end loader it's not an option, but a necessity for the city to have this. A front end loader puts the salt in the trucks and every now and then on a bad snowstorm they use the front end loader to come out and open up the roads too. Is that correct, Tim?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Yeah, we have used it before to move the snow around in the dead ends, circles because if you get storm after storm it sits in a pile. We removed snow out of the city parking lots, the Rec Center, etc. People don't think that you use it very much but it gets a lot of work.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anyone else?

CLWN MAHONEY: Mr. McLaughlin, in the case of emergency would we be able to have the use of another city's like Maple's or something if it was available to bring it like a mutual aid type of thing the equipment if we needed it in a pinch?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: The problem would be if it got to that they'd be using it for the same thing. I've sent a sweeper over there to catch a street for them when their sweeper's down and stuff but in that case they would be using it to load their trucks. We'd find something.

CLWN MAHONEY: Thank you.

CLMN VAUGHN: Out of curiosity, does the school board have one? If we really needed it?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: I think they have tractors with a bucket on it. I could find something if we really ran into trouble.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Hopefully that won't happen. Anyone have anything else? There being none we will move on to Recreation Director, sitting in the wrong seat, Bob Dobies.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Good evening, Mme President and Council Members. I thought Tracy was going to give my report but evidently not. The ice rink is in full swing with hockey, beginners learn to skate and municipal figure skating programs. You can register for session 2 learn to skate which will begin the week of November 11th. Public sessions are being offer daily and we have public sessions this Saturday, 10/19, for 5 to 8:00 p.m. Weekend sessions are determined on availability. It's recommended to call for upcoming sessions.

Just a reminder we'll be having our Annual Halloween Skate Sunday October 27th from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. This is for Garfield residents only with a reduced admission of \$3.00 which includes skates. We'll have treats for the kids, reflective safety bags for when they go out with their regular trick or treating and a free bike raffle which is very popular. Come out for a fun afternoon.

If you are interested in the sport of wrestling and are in kindergarten through 6th Grade Garfield Heights Athletic Booster Club is holding signups today at the High School at the athletic complex from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. they will also hold signups next week on Monday the 21st, Tuesday the 22nd, Wednesday the 23rd. If you have any questions please call Randy Ellis at 216-324-3692 or the athletic department at the school at 216-475-8075.

A young lady dropped off and I spoke with Melanie this evening this is a regular ongoing program but the Garfield Heights library in conjunction with ABLE Adult Basic Literacy Education program, part of the Parma city schools adult education service will offer free GED classes. Registration and orientation is Tuesday October 22nd, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You must attend orientation to register. For more information you can call 1-440-885-8797 or the library at 216-475-8187.

Last I want to comment that we are coming to the end of grass cutting season. Crews will work through October tentatively, depending on the weather. We are finishing the city for 6th cuts this week completing all Wards and then we'll concentrate on city parks and properties to close out the season. Thank you. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for our Recreation Director? There being none we'll move over to Dave Krock, City Engineer.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Thank you, Mme Chair. I just want to discuss some details from Ordinance 54. This is the application to the Ohio Public Works Commission that we are doing for seven different streets. The same program that we got the money for the McCracken project for. The way this is going to work is we've been trying to figure out a way to repave some of our streets by leveraging some money that we do have. The money we have actually comes from the agreement we have with the city of Cleveland Division of Water to replace water lines on seven streets. The streets are York, Maple Leaf, Burleigh, Birchwood, two sections of East 85th and a section of East 88th. Those are the streets that Cleveland Water tells us are the worst streets in terms of frequency of water main breaks. So they'd like us to replace those. What we're going to do is they're going to give us about \$2.3 million to do that. We're going to go after \$1 million from Ohio Public Works and with that the city should have no money in this at all if this all works out. We think we have a reasonable chance to put the points about as well as we did at McCracken but it just depends what the competition is like from the other communities in the County. That's the game plan and we have a reasonable shot and if it works this time this is something we intend to keep doing. That's my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any questions for the City Engineer? I have one. Is this not going to interfere with the work they're going to do on Turney Road, correct?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: No. Turney Road will occur just as it always was going to and these are just even more streets that are part of the replacement program just like Turney Road is.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Are they still going to start on the sewers on Turney Road next year?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: The water line project should start in about a year. The repaving of the street will be in the spring of 2015.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anybody else have any questions? There being none we will go on to Finance Director Mr. Tomola. Do you have a report?

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Just a few comments on a couple of the pieces. Ordinance 55-2013 is the agreement with Darlene Pride to continue doing the BMV registrations. It was actually her father who started this program with the city probably about 20 years ago. He's now retired and she took over the program. Basically what she does is tracks the people moving into the city their BMV registrations to make sure that the registrations follow their moving to the city and we get the proper license plate tax dollars or permissive tax dollars that are due to the city. Helps fund the permissive tax and the street construction maintenance and repair fund is where that money goes to.

The other thing I'd like to comment on is the front end loader. You had a lot of questions about it for Tim. As far as the financing goes I know I've talked to many of you individually. What I'm proposing and I've talked with the Mayor and again, many of you, is a lease program for the new front end loader. I don't have that available at this meeting. Hopefully I will have it at the next meeting. I'm working with a bank and our legal counsel right now to get the proper legislation in place. What I want to do is put that out on maybe a three to five year lease program with the bank and all it really is is a government lease program. It's a way to finance it out over a period of time so we don't have to pay the full \$121,000.00 right up front. It's worked. We've done it many times in the past. Some of you may remember the prior programs we've done and if you have any additional questions I'd be glad to answer.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any questions? Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Ron, by chance would that be a lease to buy?

FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Actually the way a government lease program works is we actually buy the equipment. It would be titled in our name. That way I can get plates and everything else I need to do for it. After all the process is done that I need to do to get the plates and registration all correct I start a schedule up with the bank under a lease program that's been priorly approved and they would give me back the total cost of the purchase. Then there's a scheduled payment and what I'm looking at is two payments annually because the interest would be reduced quicker or not as much if you make two payments annually instead of just one. Out over a three to a five year period to paying them back for the cost that they're investing in our equipment. Spreads the cost out. We have to front the money, then they pay us back and then we pay them back out over a period of time. At the end of the lease it's our equipment.

CLMN GLENN: Perfect. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any other questions for our Finance Director? There being none we will move on to Building Commissioner Mr. Wervey. Do you have a report?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Just a couple things, Mme President. The Dunkin' Donuts on Turney Road is under schedule to open before the second week of November. The Mr. Hero that's going in next door they have revised their plans instead of trying

to remodel the existing building obviously they knocked it down and are going to rebuild, but it's going to look basically the same.

The Land Bank has begun and they may be nearly completed doing the asbestos assessments and abatement on homes that are going to be knocked down under the Prosecutor's Debt Fund. That's the \$200,000.00 that we got in a grant last year and we should see some of those buildings start to come down over the next few months. That's all I have this evening.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Absent.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any questions for our Building Commissioner? Thank you. That concludes the reports of the Mayor and his Directors. Now we will move on to Comments by Citizens on the evening's agenda items. I am going to have our 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. Anyone wishing to speak regarding items on the agenda, raise their hand. Anyone?

George Nofel, 16522 Timberline Drive, Strongsville. I am with Southeastern Equipment and with regards to Ron and Tim I just wanted to let you know a couple things. There will be delivery of the front end loader would be six to eight weeks and if there was something after we received a purchase order from the city where you needed a front end loader because yours had failed we would supply you with a front end loader until yours was delivered. You would not have to go to any other cities or Rec Department or anything else.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. That's good news. Thank you for coming up. Anyone else? I think I almost missed him and he has important stuff. We will move on to legislation and the first item on the agenda is Ordinance 53-2013. Will the Clerk read the title.

ORDINANCE NO. 53-2013

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS AND THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (PATROLMEN).

Moved by MAHONEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 53-2013 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes. It's nice to be able to say 7 again, Tracy.

ORDINANCE NO. 54-2013

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S), FOR THE MULTI-STREET RECONSTRUCTION – PHASE 1 PROJECT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO EXECUTING ANY AND ALL APPLICATIONS, AGREEMENTS AND /OR CONTRACTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE OPWC IN ORDER TO SECURE THE GRANT FUNDS REQUESTED, PER THE ATTACHED FACT SHEET AND OPWC APPLICATION AS PREPARED BY CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK.

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 54-2013 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 55-2013

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A TWO-YEAR MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AUDIT AGREEMENT, FOR THE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013 AND 2014, WITH DARLENE M. PRIDE, GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS CONSULTANT, TO CONDUCT AUDITS OF CERTAIN OHIO BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES RECORDS, PER THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT.

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 55-2013 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 56-2013

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, KNOWN AS ORDINANCE NO. 121-1962, PROVIDING FOR THE REVISION OF THE BUILDING ZONE MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF CERTAIN PARCELS ENUMERATED AS FOLLOWS:

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to SUSTER to place in the Ways and Means Committee:

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Roll call on the motion to place Ordinance 56-2013 into the Ways and Means Committee. All in favor say Yea.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 56-2013 has been placed into the Ways and Means Committee of City Council and there will be a public hearing held regarding this piece of legislation.

ORDINANCE NO. 57-2013

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE ONE (1) CASE 721F ZBAR T4 WHEEL LOADER AT A NET COST OF ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTEEN DOLLARS AND SIXTY-FIVE CENTS (\$121,615.65), THROUGH SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT CO., INC., AN AUTHORIZED OHIO DEALER FOR CNH AMERICA LLC, AN APPROVED VENDOR UNDER THE STATE OF OHIO, DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, STATE TERM SCHEDULE INDEX NO. STS515, SCHEDULE NO. 800185 (9-30-15), PER THE ATTACHED PRICING QUOTATION AND CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

Moved by GLENN to CONSIDER BY TITLE

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 57-2013 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-2013

A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.

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, hopefully some time in the near future we're going to find a cure for this disease. This disease not only affects women, I know it is starting to affect more men and each day. We have great centers in this city--Ireland Cancer Center, Cleveland Clinic and others that are working to find a cure for this. Let's please hope that we find one real soon. With that I vote Yes.

CLWN MAHONEY: Before I vote, I also would like to remind women and men alike to do breast examinations on yourself monthly. Actually, Tom, the percentage of men that get breast cancer is 24% and that number as you stated it is rising rapidly. So I encourage both men and women to do self exams and it can save a life. With that I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I am pleased to say that Resolution 24-2013 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: That concludes Ordinances and Resolutions on this evening's agenda. Now we shall move on to Miscellaneous Comments from Citizens and I will have the 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. Anyone wishing to speak?

Matt Burke, 13108 Granger Road. Tracy, it's good to see you back.

CLWN MAHONEY: Thank you.

MR. BURKE: I just want to remind everybody to lock their doors. Lock your car doors. I recently had a situation on October 9th where I thought my car door was locked and unfortunately I have it on video of a gentleman looks like a youth, don't know for sure, but they went into my van and took some items out of my van. Hopefully the video that I e-mailed to the Chief of Police will help catch this person.

Also, just real quickly, you know, I've been fortunate enough to be able to sit in on some of the meetings that Clmn Suster has invited me to and I just want to say Barb, you, I don't know how she does it, but to read everything that is on this without a hitch and then I see what you do during these meetings and I just think that I would like to say thank you to you for your service to the city of Garfield Heights.

CLERK: Thank you, Mr. Burke. Thank you.

CLWN MAHONEY: Mr. Burke, did you file a police report regarding that incident?

MR. BURKE: Yes, I did.

CLWN MAHONEY: Did you do it right away because it's important that the police get that information right away and a lot of times people will wait until a couple days or sometimes weeks before they think I should have filed a police report.

MR. BURKE: I e-mailed the Chief of Police the video and also filed the report the very next Monday so I was out of town that weekend, but yes, I tried to get on it as fast as I could.

CLWN MAHONEY: Thank you.

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Burke, this has been an ongoing problem this summer. My house got hit on June 4th. Nine cars on our street got hit and I think at the time they had a pretty good idea who it is but they're still working on it. We have been warning the people please lock your cars.

MR. BURKE: Absolutely. I think it could be the youth. I mean the gentleman looked pretty young. I'm kind of torn because I am active with the youth in the community and I think if we give them something positive to do they will do less things like this. I think sometimes you also need to clamp down on them and make sure they understand you can't just be breaking into cars or breaking the law. Having said that I just want to say thanks.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anyone else wishing to speak? Yes, Melanie, our library representative.

Melanie Weiss, Branch Manager of the Library, 5409 Turney Road. I promised everybody I would present myself in front of you after we opened the new library so here I am. It actually happened. I wanted to share some really great things that are going on and I also am here to share some concerns that I have. First of all, in the three weeks that we have been open the first three weeks we have been open we had a 70% increase in the circulation of materials and it was high in the first place, so that's great. The homework center—we're topped out with how many kids we can handle at this point it is so popular. We have two sessions and we have 27 children in each one. We've also introduced a new program that Warrensville Heights is doing. It's called 1-2-3 Read and it's a literacy program to help first and second graders get up to the third grade reading qualifications that are required by the State. I had a meeting just last week with the school principals and our coordinator and it could not have been better. Everything is going just great. We're really targeting kids that need help with their reading with literacy. Our story times have gone from 15 children to over 50 and sometimes 75. Our computer classes are completely booked so if anybody wants to take those please sign up early and we are planning on adding more.

So with our success comes some issues and I've spoke to the Mayor about this and I've spoken with Chief Sackett and right now we have off duty police officers that work from one o'clock until 9:00. I have anywhere from two to three mentor monitors after school and these are school teachers and people in the district and they are there as a positive influence on kids and to work with them. Our staff is the same staff that was at the old building and at the temporary location and they are absolutely outstanding. Saying that, we are having a very difficult time with balance. I want to make sure that this library is a welcoming community place to be and

unfortunately it is not turning out that way. At this time I have 75 restrictions of youth that cannot come back to the library unless I talk to a parent and the parent has to make an appointment to meet with me or one of our security specialists that have joined me tonight. These can go anywhere from having nothing to do to being disrespectful, calling staff names, threatening staff, threatening other customers in the library, urinating on our bathroom walls, that's happened three times. There was a fight outside the library two weeks ago that involved a girl that had a taser. Last week we asked two gentlemen to leave when one was found with a six-inch knife and I have also personally broken up fights in the library. Now it's not new that we have issues in the branch. We've always had. We've always had off duty police officers. Everyone in a while when we've needed it we've had mentor monitors, but it has really kicked up and I am here to ask for your help. I've held the line very well with the staff, encouraging them to work with youth and to do everything we can to make it a positive environment but we are having a very hard time. The parents have also been extremely aggressive towards myself and staff involving their children. We try to work with people as much as we can but there's a limit as to how much we can take as well. Today with me I have our Security Specialist, our Security Coordinator and our Branch Services Director because they are here to support me. They are here to support staff. They're here to represent the organization and above all we all believe in Garfield. So there would be many times that I'm going to be reaching out for help and any ideas that you have that could come my way I would appreciate it because off duty police officers are very expensive. This is a beautiful, beautiful library that we want to keep this way and provide services to the community that will use it and utilize it and be the library that we are there we would like to try to present that. Do you have any questions for me?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mme Chair, if I may? Melanie, first off I've spoken with quite a few people about this recently. First off the library, as I've said many times at many meetings, is probably the nicest thing that's come into Garfield Heights since I've been here and I've been here for about 61 years so that's a long time. I'm very disappointed that you're having the problems that you're having because it's hard to believe that the Garfield Heights youth are responding this way to something that was designed for them. We're disappointed with it. We're working very hard at coming up with some different solutions. We have meetings coming up to address the situation at the library throughout the city so we'll do our part. Hopefully that the 75 that you have restricted eases the problem. I can't believe that every youth is bad so I think that you're weeding out the bad ones and hopefully things will smooth out. But I support you and back you 100% if you feel that some body does not belong there or you feel you need to call the police I back and support you 100%. You do what you have to do because that is a community. I know it's the County's library but it's Garfield Heights' library as far as I'm concerned. It's our community and we want it to be what it was intended to be so believe me we will be in contact with you.

CLWN MAHONEY: Melanie, on October 30th, it's a Wednesday, we'll be having a Safety Meeting to address some juvenile issues and I would like to invite you to come with that and we can discuss some issues at that time. One of the other things I wanted to ask is when these kids violate the rules of the library or the laws of the city of Garfield Heights does the library prosecute them or not?

MS. WEISS: Yes.

CLWN MAHONEY: I know at one time you guys were really kind of you know the library's open for everybody and trying to be loving, kind and open your arms and not say no one can come in. We talked about that many, many years ago but now with the situation as it is now hopefully the seven of us and the Mayor and perhaps this Administration can come up with some ideas that

we won't waste time with it here now that might be able to help you. So at six o'clock on the 30th.

MS. WEISS: OK. I remember that meeting very clearly even though it was so long ago. Yes, we do prosecute. I have pressed many charges on trespassing because unfortunately when we ask kids to leave and parents have to make an appointment to speak with me we have kids coming back five, six, seven more times. So consequences are very tough at times to get through with what has been done. We've also had youth taken out in handcuffs because they refuse to leave the library. I would also like to mention that I do not feel that this is just a library problem. I believe it's a community issue. I can tell you right at the time that the kids start getting out of school because we're going to get a rush. I watch Turney Road. I'm very involved in the community as you all know and I know that there are areas in the community that are frustrated as well. It's just not us. Although we are new and we are the hot spot to go I take it very seriously because I believe in Garfield so much that I want to make sure that this is the best we can be. I'm just very, very worried that this is keeping us from doing that because that's the way I am. The balance is very difficult because I've had adults come right up and tell me they don't want to come to the library because of the kids.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Melanie, your time is up unless somebody wants to make a motion.

CLMN SUSTER: Mme Chairman, I make a motion.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: OK. On the motion to give Melanie two more minutes?

CLMN SUSTER: No, give her five.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Five more minutes? All in favor say Yea. All opposed? You got some more time.

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

CLMN DUDLEY: Mme Chairman, I'd like to make a comment if I can right quick?

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Won't you let her finish up first?

MS. WEISS: I can wait.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: She said she'll wait. Go ahead.

CLMN DUDLEY: I'm glad that you mentioned the issue, Melanie, because I'm really concerned about as the weather gets colder and you know if ever watched me I'm really hot on saying these kids got to have somewhere to go because you have a warm spot there and when they start getting out of school and that snow drops they going to come there and they going to pack up in there because they got nowhere else to go. You hit a good point. We have to create somewhere else for the kids to go and exert some energy and let that library be used for what it's really built for: studying and research and for families to come there. If we don't come up with another solution you're going to be back here, Melanie, because the problem is going to persist. At the bottom line I think we have a responsibility to the community to come up. I chair the Recreation Committee and I am going to be setting up a meeting because I'm going to press that issue and everything I've been saying for the longest is coming to light now. I said a lot of this stuff would happen and it's definitely happening and you're right. We got to come up with something for these children so that the library can be used for what it was designed and made

to be and it definitely should be family oriented. You should never be concerned about you or any other staff members being hurt or harmed by anybody visiting. That place should always feel safe. Thank you, Mme Chairman.

MS. WEISS: Thank you and if I could be invited to that, I would love to come. The other thing is it's true I do work with parents as much as I can because I believe in the youth in Garfield. I have very high expectations for the youth in Garfield and any time that I can work things out with parents before going to the police or calling the police I try to, but it has gotten to be the number that I can't. I'm very disappointed in myself that I cannot keep up with that. The commitment is still very much there. Does anybody have any questions for me?

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you for coming up. Clwn, did you have something?

CLWN MAHONEY: I do. I was going to ask you a question regarding your security staff. Does the library have its own policemen or guards that might be cheaper than paying Garfield Heights police officers?

MS. WEISS: No, at this time we have mentor monitors and I would rather go with that because it's more of a positive influence on children and teens. No, we don't have that but I can tell you I have 36 cameras and they are used often. Thanks for hearing me out.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Anyone else wishing to speak tonight?

Lori Szumilak, 13001 Woodward Blvd. My concern is the high school. There have been nine kids targeted that bring their cell phones to school. They are stealing their clothing out of their lockers. They are stealing their tennis shoes. This is happening after school while they are in football practice or at a football game. I did make a police report and this happened October 3rd to my son. They stole his tennis shoes and I'm not getting anywhere with anybody.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Have you brought this issue up to the schools?

MS. SZUMILAK: Yes. Contacted the principal. She did not want to speak to me. She told me I had to speak to the 9th Grade assistant principal, which I did and he said that he admitted there is a theft problem at the school and that there's really nothing they can do. I know there's an officer on duty, but not during those times after school or at a football game.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I hate to cut you off but I'd like to ask Mr. Dobies if this issue should be here on Council floor or it should be handled in the school system?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: It should be brought to the School Board exactly. Did you contact the superintendent's office?

MS. SZUMILAK: I did.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: OK. With no response?

MS. SZUMILAK: He did call me back after I e-mailed him. He was at the school an hour after I e-mailed him, but unfortunately I'm not getting anywhere and like I said there's been nine kids targeted. One kid's been targeted three times. So it's not just a race thing. Everybody's getting targeted, but it's the freshman football team for whatever reason.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: This is at the high school?

MS. SZUMILAK: This is at the high school.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Leave me your name and number and I'll contact Mr. O tomorrow.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Stick around after the meeting to speak with Mr. Dobies because he is also a School Board member.

MS. SZUMILAK: I didn't know that.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: That worked out well for you, didn't it?

MS. SZUMILAK: It's the first time I've come to something like this. I'm just so disgusted with what's going on. I know there's been a couple of vandalisms on my street so you know, thank you.

CLMN DUDLEY: Mme Chairman, I want to mention something. I serve as the liaison from Garfield Heights Council to Garfield Heights School District and I'd like to get some information from you after the meeting also, Ma'am, since you made the trip I'd like to get a chance to talk to you. Thank you, Mme Chairman.

MS. SZUMILAK: OK.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Don't leave too quickly. Chief.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: I'm sorry. Did you say you made a police report?

MS. SZUMILAK: I did make a report.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: You did?

MS. SZUMILAK: A lady police officer came to my house, made the police report and she said unfortunately it's most likely a youth that has gotten in there while they are at the games. This has not been the first time. And then the next day I found out from three other parents from being on the freshman football team that their kids were targeted each week. This is an ongoing process every week, not every parent wants to step up and say something. But to steal someone's tennis shoes.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: If you made a police report let me check with the Youth Bureau and see what they can do to help you.

MS. SZUMILAK: I was told from the dispatcher that unfortunately there is someone—juveniles—doing it. They watch the video tapes but they cannot catch who's doing it because they come in with book bags.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT SACKETT: Let me check on that. Somebody will get back to you.

CLWN MAHONEY: Afterwards if I can have your name and number as well?

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Anyone else wishing to speak tonight?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: There being none, we will go on to Miscellaneous Business, beginning with Clmn Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: I got one more meeting before we end this Council term and time is flying by so quick. First of all I'd like to say I'm glad to see my colleague, but most of all my friend, Tracy. I'm glad to see you back. I missed you being here, but you didn't miss a step while you was gone because I heard the things about you from people in the community over there. So I'm glad to see you feeling better.

CLWN MAHONEY: Thank you.

CLMN DUDLEY: I'd like to thank the people of Ward 1 and the residents of the city for making these two years some good years, you know? You gave me some good battles to fight and without a battle some time I had nothing to even live for. Just joking about that. I fought some good ones and I'll go into those at the next meeting but most of all it don't bother me. I do everything that I'd want somebody to do if they was in my position.

Most of all I thank the Family Life Center and ask people to take advantage of the Family Life Center located at 13455 Dressler Road. They got some great programs. They have a full distribution at the beginning of the month. They do have social workers over there for social programs, even when you're having some trouble with some youth and lose control of your children I strongly suggest you go over there. They have done wonders with some of the kids in the community.

Also I wanted to mention what you was saying about the parents wanting to get up into the staff's face. I always warn parents you got to be careful. I raised nine kids in this community and the Chief never had to come and arrest none of my kids for messing with somebody else's property or messing with some other kid in the community and I don't play that getting responsible. I don't care if you're 20 years old, you won't disrespect nobody, long as you are a child and you belong to me. I would say you have to be careful because there are two sides to every story so don't just go getting up in people's face when your child tell you something. That's the quickest way to catch a case. By you being an adult you can get a felony and then you find out later that you can lose your job depending on where you work and your child was wrong all the time. Before you get ready to get physically violent or get disrespectful hear both sides of the story. That's part of being a parent because if the way you react is always wanting to go get in a physical confrontation that child is growing up thinking the only way I can resolve an issue is get in a physical confrontation with somebody. You may be sending the child to an early death. You need to teach your children respect. If they don't respect you at home, God, forgive me for saying this, just make sure they respect other people in the street. It's your choice how you let them live.

I been doing the Black History Program for quite a while here and I'd like to take it citywide next year because I plan to do a sketch. It's either going to be on the Willie Lynch story or the Emmett Till story and in two to three months we'll know where it's going to be located and I would like to have maximum participation in this, etc. This program is not done for a particular Ward.

I encourage people when you have different cultures like we do in the city it's almost like living in San Francisco. You need to get together also for your heritage. Put some programs together. Make it citywide. Do it by invitation. The thing that Noreen does every year that's a great show but I would like to see us. We got people of German descent here, quite a few people of Polish descent and I don't think we do enough for any type of nationality. We need to really put something together and let our kids know where they came from and why they are and the way they are today and how they are in the situation now, but most of all make sure that time does not repeat itself.

I wish everybody the very best coming up in some of the elections, etc. but God knows sometimes things do change. Thank you for two good years, Mayor. I know me and you have had some colorful disagreements, but at the end of the day, I love you. Like I told you once before you remind me of my brother Cliff and we had some really colorful disagreements but we love each other.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: You know, Brother, next time it'd be nice if you'd mention the Italians.

CLMN DUDLEY: You know why I didn't have to mention that? Because when I got in conversation with you I knew you was going to do that so I didn't want to give you double exposure. I wanted to say it was a great two years and working with each one of you all my colleagues really made life good for me and you all done a lot in the Administration, Noreen getting them grants and taking them buildings down and Chief, creating a real safe environment, the Police Department itself made a big change in 131st. You can look at it. We just don't have a lot of problems we had before so I thank the city as a whole and I thank my colleagues, the Mayor, the Administration, most of all I thank you residents. You all made my life good for me the last six years. I say God bless this whole community. Thank you. That's all, Mme Chairman.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Clmn Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mme Chairman. I also would like to thank my residents for supporting me for these past four years and I hope they continue in the future.

Melanie, as far as your problem, last Thursday we had Block Watch meeting in Ward 3 and these concerns were brought up. It's not just at your library. It's throughout the city. It's at the businesses. The businesses where I hang out at it's a constant problem with kids blocking the doors. People will not walk in. The older people shy away. It is hurting our businesses. If we continue not to do anything, which we are going to do something, on the 30th we have a meeting coming up and this I hope will start the ball rolling to solving a very complex and touchy issue. Like my colleague here, Mr. Dudley says, I believe the problem starts at home. We can send you to school and yeah if the schools don't want to push it, fine, but it starts at home. Think back to when you were a kid. Come home with a note. You went back to school with a different colored face. Guaranteed. If you sassed back a teacher and gave a teacher a hard time, parents took care of the problem. It's the parents. We have children raising children. That's where the problem comes in. They don't care. The school will teach my kid how to be respectful. The street will teach him. The streets do teach and we read about them in the paper every day. Drug overdoses, kids getting arrested, drive by shootings. The streets are educating our people. They are educating them very well. You got to remember a community works together and I believe our Administration will take the right steps. I think that as in everything else coming out of fiscal emergency as early as our Mayor took us through, we'll solve the problem and we just may be the leader. Maybe we'll be the ones that set a pattern. Maybe we'll be the ones that take

the first hard knocks. I hope we set the pattern. I think together working with the community and the Administration we will find a solution.

I want to thank Mr. Mahoney for the Police/Fire Memorial. He did a great job out there. Did a fantastic job. I was really proud to be part of that service.

As always you got to remember my boys and girls that are fighting. Those are the ones that make this all possible. You think freedom's cheap and free? It's not. Ask the ones that are in the ground. With that I thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Clmn Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, Madame. I'd like to start off by saying that our Ward 4 Block Watch will be, because of November 5th, be put back one week. It will be November 12th.

I'd also like to remind the residents of Halloween night. The night's for trick and treating there's 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

I'd also like to talk a little bit about the library. The Mayor mentioned his concern about the library. The city problem. The library administrators, Council. I'd also like to see the Judges participate in a Safety Meeting. It's a big concern. It's a problem we have to resolve. The library is an asset to the city of Garfield so let's keep it that way—an asset. Thank you, Madame.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. First and foremost, nice to see you back, Tracy, and I can tell you are getting ready, fidgeting. You need to go home.

CLWN MAHONEY: I'm doing OK, thanks. Is it my turn to speak? Or is it Mr. Suster?

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Would you like to go before me so you can leave?

CLWN MAHONEY: No. It's fine.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I'll finish.

CLWN MAHONEY: I don't want to bring attention to myself.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: OK. I appreciate you holding the Safety Committee Meeting because I'm kind of the one who pushed you to do it and I can't thank you enough. I was going to make the same suggestion that Clmn Glenn did. I would encourage if you could have one or two of our Judges there, also our Mayor, who I know wants to be there, our Police Chief and possibly our Law Director.

CLWN MAHONEY: We have everyone that you mentioned except for the Judges have been invited. A couple years ago we had that big meeting with the Prosecutor and all that. I'm not sure if it's going to turn into something like that or we'll be able to hold it in the Caucus Room, but I guess that evening we'll be able to figure it out and if Mr. Riley feels like bringing the Prosecutor or but that's up to him.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. OK. That's basically all I wanted to address and I will offer the floor to Clmn Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: The couple things I'd like to say is I also attended the Police Memorial. It's a shame there were not more people there because the men in the Fire Department and Police Department that gave their lives were doing it for the city. There were a lot of firemen there and policemen, etc. but as far as residents go there were very few there which was a disappointment. It was a very nice ceremony, etc. but here again, like I say, it was disappointing for the amount of residents that were there.

Clmn Vaughn had mentioned about watching the cars and so did Mr. Burke. There's a lot of houses being broken into also. So you are the eyes for the Police Department. If you see something that's going on that isn't right in your neighborhood, don't be afraid to call the police because they can't be everywhere. They could be on another call or something like that. I know of an instance I had one of my residents call me that they went into a house and took out three televisions at 12:30 in the afternoon. You have to watch what's going on in your neighborhood.

Also the Finance Meetings are over. We concluded them last Wednesday night and I want to thank the Administration and all the Directors that attended and I also want to thank Mike Nenadovich and Gene Glenn, Mike Dudley and myself. We were the ones that were at the meetings.

As far as the Safety Meeting goes, I think this is the second meeting we're having in four years.

CLWN MAHONEY: It would be our fourth meeting.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Clwn. Clmn Suster has the floor. Please don't point.

CLWN MAHONEY: He did it first.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Both of you. You're adults.

CLMN SUSTER: This is the second meeting we've had in four years and the problems we're having now didn't develop in the last four years. This has been going on for a long time. I think it's good that we're going to finally have it and it's very much needed. Today I was coming down Turney Road and the kids were getting out of school and there was a kid pushing another kid in front of cars. A lot of people know all of this stuff doesn't begin in school. It begins at home. That's all I have this evening.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you, Clmn. Clmn Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Do you want Tracy to go?

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Let her go last. She's at the end.

CLMN VAUGHN: Melanie, on October 24th we will be having Ward 7's Block Watch. If you'd like you're invited to come and talk about the positives of the library because I think we really need to get this out to the community that there is that library, such an asset. Everybody in my Ward would really enjoy to hear about it. If you're available you're more than welcome.

On Monday morning Maple Heights right across from Garfield line had a terrible accident with the car going through the house. I want to thank the police and fire that assisted Maple Heights with everything that went on up there and the fact that they calmed the residents down and took

care of things when they started turning off the gas and evacuating people, etc. Our guys did a great job.

Garbage cans. Mayor, I got to add my mother-in-law to your list. She fell Friday and broke her wrist trying to bring the big one in to the house so, yes we've got to get those for the Seniors. So any Senior that needs to change out a garbage can please give us a call.

October 30th. This meeting is open to the public, correct? The Safety Meeting?

CLWN MAHONEY: Yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: I recommend that all residents that are concerned please come. Let's pack this place. Let's tackle this issue. We're not going to do it in one meeting, by any means. We're probably going to take two or three so let's get together and discuss this and make Garfield Heights for everybody a safer and better place to live. Again, Melanie, come and join us. The Mayor was supposed to talk. You'll be much better. You're more than welcome. That's all I have. See you in two weeks.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: And you will send out a reminder to all of Council about it, right? The Safety Committee Meeting?

CLERK: A reminder, yes and which two people is it being called by?

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Tracy's calling it. She's the Chairman. That's all she needs.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I'll be the other one.

CLMN VAUGHN: I am. Tracy and I called it.

CLMN GLENN: Madame Chair, I'd like to make a point here that during the last two weeks we had financial meetings here and I'd like to compliment Ward 5 Joe Suster for running the Commission. He did it in an orderly fashion. We had a lot of things to talk about financially for the city of Garfield Heights and we worked through it. Thank you, Joe, for helping us out. Thank you, Madame.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: That's all you have? OK. There you go, Clwn Mahoney, you're last.

CLWN MAHONEY: I'd like to again thank everybody for their well wishes and for welcoming me back.

Also in regard to Michael Mahoney and the Police Memorial. Michael is my nephew and he has overcome a lot of issues. He was born with only two chambers to his heart and they told us when he was born that he wouldn't make it to seven. So he's 17 so he's done well so he's a very good kid and he's working towards his Eagle Scout.

In regard to the Safety Meeting, this actually would be the fourth Safety Meeting that's been held in the past term, contrary to Mr. Suster's beliefs. Also in regard to the Safety Committee Meeting Mr. Dudley had talked about having a Recreation Meeting. That has to do also with juvenile issues. Is that correct, Mike?

CLMN DUDLEY: Yes, it will, Clwn.

CLWN MAHONEY: Do you want to piggy back it or do it both in the same night or?

CLMN DUDLEY: No, I'd like to address it separate because the safety is going to be an issue and recreation, which I am also going to invite Mr. Bob Dobies so we can get a chance to cover a lot of stuff that can be done to improve recreation and just a deterrent, but that Safety Meeting has to happen.

CLWN MAHONEY: Hopefully we will see everybody on the 30th and I'd like to make a motion to adjourn.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: On the motion to adjourn all in favor say Yea. All opposed. The meeting stands adjourned.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:17 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Nancy Marincic
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council