

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO**

Monday, August 14, 2017

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

INVOCATION BY: Clmn Matt Burke

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

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: The reading and disposal of the Work Session of July 24th.

CLMN BURKE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council for the City of Garfield Heights from Monday, July 10, 2017 as written.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Mr. Burke to accept the Minutes of July 10, 2017, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?
AYES: Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster
That passes with 7 Yes votes.

CLMN BURKE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Special Meeting of City Council for the City of Garfield Heights for Wednesday, July 12th as written.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Clmn Burke to accept the Minutes of Wednesday, July 10, 2017, as written, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?
AYES: Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster
That passes with 7 Yes votes.

CLMN BURKE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council for the City of Garfield Heights for Monday, July 31, 2017 as written.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Clmn Burke to accept the Minutes of Monday, May 31, 2017, as written, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?
AYES: Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster
That passes with 7 Yes votes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION COMING OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none, we will move on to the reports of the Mayor and his Directors. Mayor, do you have a report for us this evening?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I do. First off, I want to thank all the residents and everyone that came to the Summerfest last Sunday. Once again, we had a big success. I want to thank all the businesses and residents that donated their time and money to our event. I also especially want to thank my staff for organizing and working the event. You know everybody came to me at the event saying what a great time, Mayor. Thank you for putting on a great event. I accept all of that praise, but really and truly, it's the staff that does it. I show up that day and I look like a hero but it's really the staff. They do a lot. They will start this thing again probably in a couple months for next year so I really want to thank them.

I also want to thank our resident photographer. Wendy, would you please stand up. Wendy donates her time and takes all the pictures once again and she did over 100 great pictures. We're going to try to get them up on the Website so that we could see some of them. Thank you, Wendy. Thanks very much. I appreciate it.

I want to once again tell everybody that school once again is opening, has opened or will be opening soon. Please be careful when you're driving. We have all our children out there. It's important that we keep them safe. Please adhere to the speed limits. I know the southern section of Turney Road looks like the Indianapolis 500. It's really a great street, but we have to slow down as you go down that street. Right now the speed limit's 25 and 35 so let's try to keep it in the range so we don't give our police extra work.

The other thing I want to talk about is we know what the event 9-11 was. What a tragedy it was. It's the worst tragedy in our history since Pearl Harbor. Nobody ever wants to forget that. We put up a memorial a couple years ago in honor of those firemen and policemen and business people down there that lost their lives. This year we will have a ceremony on September 11th right here at our Memorial. It's going to start at 9:00 a.m. We have some great speakers coming in, followed by a little social session inside with coffee and doughnuts. I invite everyone that is available. Please come out on September 11th and let's show our concern over what took place on September 11th.

I also want to wish our two high schools Garfield Heights football teams the Trinity Trojans the Garfield Bulldogs a successful season. They should be starting very shortly. They always do us proud and we're looking forward to another good season.

Lastly, before I get into tonight's legislation, I want to talk a little bit about City View Center. About nine years ago, we all know what was going on with City View as far as how it looks and how it is. About nine years ago, there were lawsuits filed because of the bankruptcy, because of Wal-Mart and every time we tried to get something going at City View there was nothing that could be done because of the lawsuits that were in Federal Court. Well I am happy to say that they finally settled those lawsuits. So it's finally that part of the program is finally over. They have actually reached out the note holder and have been accepting bids to purchase City View. The bid process ends tomorrow. There's no

guarantee that anybody will buy it but we know for sure at least one group has put in for it and hopefully more. So we've had nothing but bad luck since we've been here with City View. Maybe we're entitled to a little bit of good luck. Keep your fingers crossed on that. That's big movement when you talk about getting it out of the hands of the Court. Just to give you an idea of how things work and I know there's going to be a lot of it attorneys, especially the one sitting next to me that might not be happy with this comment, but nine years of legal fees and I guarantee you although I don't know this for a fact, I guarantee you it's over \$1 million in legal fees. The lawsuit was settled for \$100,000.00. \$100,000.00. Who got all the money? As it usually works. Great to be an attorney. I certainly entered the wrong profession.

On tonight's legislation, Ordinance 44. An ordinance authorizing and directing Dave Krock, our City Engineer, to prepare the necessary plans and specifications for the bid on the multi-street reconstruction and waterline replacement project Phase 4. Ordinance 45 is revising our Codified Ordinances as we do on a yearly basis. Ordinance 46 allows us to sell city equipment no longer needed. Ordinance 47 allows us to purchase a new Senior bus for \$60,000.00 of which \$48,000.00 of this was covered through a grant. We're very pleased to be able to get that grant and we hope to be getting a bus shortly. Ordinance 48 is our annual report to the County assess garbage collection fees. Ordinance 49 allows us to assess unpaid fees through County. Any questions on either one of those two can be referred to Barb Biro, Finance Director. Ordinance 50 is an ordinance to apply for and accept the Bureau of Workers' Compensation Safety Intervention Grant for the purpose of purchasing fire hoods for the Garfield Heights Fire Department. These are very much needed and very much appreciated. That's at no expense to the city so we appreciate that. Ordinance 51. We are reordering the body cameras for our police. We already had an ordinance not too long ago about leasing some body cams. The Police Department wasn't happy with how those body cameras worked and so they sent them back and we're buying a new batch of police body cams.

Resolution 24. We're asking to appoint Kimberly Motley to the Planning Commission to replace Janice Tubbs. Kimberly Motley I talked to her on several occasions. I think she's going to do a great job with Planning Commission. She's aware of what goes on. She's up on the community and some of the things that need to go on so I'm looking forward to Council and I urge Council to ratify that resolution. With that said, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mayor. Are there any questions of the Mayor on his report? Are there any questions of the Mayor on his report? I have one. Are we just trading those cameras in? Or do we have to pay extra for them?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: They're being returned. We never paid for them in the first place. The cameras themselves worked great. The software that went along with them to extract the video and to our hard drives did not work properly. That was a lease. The ones we're going to purchase now we're going to purchase outright. Assuming they work OK, they are allowing us to try them, make sure we can download everything and everything works properly. That is an outright purchase and we do have the grant that goes along with it as well.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. Anybody else? There being none we'll move on to Law Director Tim Riley, do you have anything this evening?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: No report tonight.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: No report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. McLaughlin. Do you have a report for us this evening?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. President. We are in the process of still continuing to work on other work tickets. Trees, patching, the catch basins, etc. We have started striping some of the crosswalks in different areas and that will continue until we have everything done. The rubbish is still continuing. I know we had the discussion the last meeting and still continuing to try to get the problems under control. Sometimes I have to call the Police Department, which I really don't want to do because they have plenty of things going on, but some people aren't reacting until there's a policeman there. We just had a situation with a move out on Sunday night when their rubbish pickup isn't until Friday. Because after the chief went to see them a couple times this morning, it's all cleaned up. One of the problems is too that our rubbish costs continue to climb because of these evictions and move outs. The tonnage is making a difference. We're starting to see it in the price. I have to keep working on that. Also some of the rehabbers they should be having a dumpster and they are filling up the tree lawns too. I'd be talking about that with Mark in the Building Department shortly because that's started to become a problem too. We're working on it and hopefully we get everybody going in the same direction.

The last thing I have. If you notice the landscaping in front of the building. It is unbelievable how it looks. We had contracted with Royal Landscaping. They put in a few bushes for us. The owner of Royal Landscaping is a long time Ward 7 resident, Mr. Ben Halai and his son Ben Junior. They came out and they did the bushes we asked for. Threw about eight or ten of those. They went through the whole area. They were here four/five days. Ten hour days. They donated thousands and thousands of dollars in labor and material to the City of Garfield Heights. Their business is also in Garfield Heights on Old Granger. I wanted to thank them. It's unbelievable what they did when they went around because some of the stuff had been outgrown. We don't have no full-time landscaper. It's nice when somebody's a resident of Garfield Heights and also a business owner in Garfield Heights that went out of their way to do something for the city. I wanted to thank them. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Anybody have any questions of Mr. McLaughlin on his report?

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. McLaughlin and Mayor, could we get a resolution thanking them and honoring them for doing that for us?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: We definitely will.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Does anyone else have anything for Mr. McLaughlin? There being none, we'll move on to Parks and Recreation Director, Bob Dobies.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Mr. President and Council Members, good evening. I'm glad I see I'm moving up in seniority. First of all, the pool will close on Saturday, August 19th. Hours for the last week will be Monday . Wednesday, 4:00 . 7:00 p.m. We are closing Thursday 8/17 due to staffing issues with our lifeguards returning to school. We will open again on

Friday and Saturday, both days is 4:00 . 7:00 p.m. Please make note of the hours and days of this last week.

With that, I was up in the Mayor's office and I wrote some extra notes so my report will be a little bit longer. We had some complaints already today because of the hours. Because of staffing, we had to close up the 12 foot and the five and six foot. Historically since I've been here, we've established these hours and it has not changed the last week because this part-time staff goes back to school at different times. We try to accommodate and keep the pool open as long as we can during the period but it becomes difficult because of the staffing. When I came in this week, I was supposed to have five lifeguards left. My head lifeguard came back to me last week and made it three. You can't accommodate a full pool with three guards. It's just common sense. This Thursday closing is only because I only had one guard left. Not practical to open up. I have people who actually believe because they are adults they can go down and swim on their own without any protection, but that can't happen either so I have no choice but to close on Thursday. I rode by today before the meeting and maybe there was 15 people in the pool. OK? The change in Saturday from 4:00 . 7:00 from 1:00 . 7:00 again is a staffing issue. Please understand that. I could possibly next year just close this last week and not have the pool open but the past weekend and today was an 80 degree day- beautiful day. So I don't want to disappoint but sometimes you have to.

I spoke with the Mayor. I spoke with Ms. Biro. I'm in conversation with Hastings Waterworks. They are a professional staffing company. Because it's difficult to get kids every year. We ask about what a kid can do. Think he'll get certified and become a lifeguard. I have no problem hiring anybody from the city especially, but we do get a lot of outsiders. Not only Garfield kids. It's a good summertime job for a kid in school and when they go on to college there are other things that they can do and it's almost a guaranteed job as long as they do a good job for us. Hastings provides staffing and would be a cost increase. OK? So this is one of my dilemmas to review. We'll go over those facts and figures and come to a conclusion down the road here. We have plenty of time until we get into the next season.

Next the Girls' Softball season concluded on July 29th with the All-Star Games in Bedford and our Annual Girls' Softball Swim here on August 5th with awards and fun family swim. Again, we partnered with Bedford the last five years, which allowed both of our programs to benefit by providing additional competition that a lone city program would not realize. But most importantly, girls are in a program that encompasses the availability to reach each city's children with the commitment to make a great program. Congratulations go out to our players, coaches, parents, Boosters, umpire and staff for another successful softball season and of course to Kathy Stepanek and the Bedford staff. It's a pleasure working with them. Our 17th Divisional Champs for Division A was the Bedford Pirates, Division B was the Garfield Heights Athletics and Division C was the Garfield Heights Indians.

I'd like to thank everyone who participated and came out to our 7th Annual Christmas in July event on Saturday July 23rd. We could not have asked for better weather, which brought a great crowd. We enjoyed dancing on the pool deck with live entertainment provided by Smooth Moves. Once again, Santa arrived on a surfboard as always. Thank you, Clm Nenadovich. In attendance we had an awesome time. Kids participated in contests and received prizes due to the generous donations from the Garfield Heights Police Department, Clm Joe LaMalfa, Rec center employees and some residents who wish to remain

anonymous. With their help and generosity, our venue continues to grow bigger and better. Thanks to everyone for a wonderful Christmas in July. If you checked the Website there's photos from this event.

A few months back, at the request of Chief Nemetz, August 21st and 22nd our pool will be hosting the Chagrin Southeast Emergency HAZ-MAT Team, consisting of multiple fire departments in the eastern section of Cuyahoga County and parts of Geauga County. They used the complex for training facilities back in September of 2015 and have asked to use the facility again. This training provides the team with experience of actually falling into a pit, possibly in a warehouse situation, with exposure to hazardous materials. They'll have to swim to a safe area. We welcome all participating departments.

Registration for fall and winter activities in progress. Co-ed soccer, Learn to Skate, (both figure and hockey skating) in-house hockey and travel hockey along with fall fitness classes. All programs require I.D. All programs have deadlines. Please sign up as soon as possible.

Soccer coaches are always in demand. If you have any interest please call the Rec or Commissioner Kevin Koelliker at (216) 244-6077. Weekend hours are still available. Please press 1 if we are not there please call and press 1 for hours operation before the rink opens. The rink is set to open Monday September 11th. As always, we will celebrate Skate Day on Sunday September 17th from 3:30 . 5:30. This is a free event to our rink whether you are an experienced skater or a beginner. Information will be available to you. Come meet our instructors and coaches. Extended office and weekend hours will be available through Sunday the 19th. Thereafter please check with the office or call the Hotline for hours.

One other thing I want to bring to your attention. I know everybody knows about a year ago I bought a Zamboni. It's supposed to ship this month on the 18th. So we will be expecting that shortly. With that, I am in the process of building a new storage garage right next to the existing storage garage off of Tonsing. With that, I have conversed with the Mayor and my decision is to close that back walkway along the backside of the building. It's been a troubled area on and off over the years that I have been here. Cameras being knocked down and the back of the building being graffitied. Just the access where either Tonsing can be used to walk into the parking lot and go back to the area or the front side. The back entrance is just an employee entrance and not a delivery entrance anymore. It used to be the main entrance but we are changing that. I am in contact with the fencing company right now trying get some bids as to how we're possibly going to do it. My own dilemma is on the library side it's so short there they will be climbing up the fence and climbing on my roof and then I'd have to call Chief. So we're going to try to prevent these things, but make it more practical. During the course of that we sectioned off all areas and I still get 30 kids walking through. I've asked them politely. I guess you can't read the signs, huh, because it became a dangerous area when they started excavating but progress is being made. They've laid the footers and blocks and will start building the garage tomorrow. That should be up no later than the end of the month to accept the Zamboni and park it inside.

With that (I hate to be so long winded) I am going to write a thank you letter to a company here in Garfield Heights. As Mr. McLaughlin explained the generosity of Royal Landscaping here. With that Zamboni, unfortunately in the city area we don't have any dock areas. So by having a trucking background I knew what we needed, when we needed it and how we needed to do it. So I took a ride around the city with the trucking company that we have here and I came upon Tomlinson

Industries, which is on Broadway. OK? They have been here for decades. That company has been here since 1911. Fortunately, I did know somebody there. Made a phone call. Went down and visited the facility. They will take our Zamboni, allow us to unload it on their dock and they have an off-ramp that goes down the parking lot. We'll take a service vehicle there to pick it up and bring it home. So without hesitation this company said OK. It's a little extraordinary because that Zamboni's coming, we go to unload, they got to stop what they're doing so we can do what we do. I found it overwhelming their generosity and I wanted to let everybody know that Tomlinson has been here for a long time and they've expended their generosity. Thank you. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Mr. Dobies. Does anybody have any questions for Mr. Dobies on his report?

CLMN NENADOVICH: Bob, on this lifeguard, what are the ages for qualifying lifeguards?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: You can qualify at 15 1/2. The only thing there is 15 and 16 years olds they need to get a work permit from school. There have been no issues over the years. And to answer your question, over the years I have had as many as 15 . 20. That's very comfortable with us with a part-time shift. You have to alternate schedules of availability and we do that with due diligence. Two years ago, I had 7 girls from the high school come in and everybody wanted to be a lifeguard. Did not see any of them come back. I explained the whole program. This is what you go through. It's part of that business but it just does not happen the way you want to sometimes. We advertised over three months for lifeguards through the Neighborhood News, on the Websites, flyers. Ms. Garrett is my head lifeguard. She's the high school art teacher and she spreads the word through the high school and I get no bites. We'll do what we have to do.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Bob. Anyone else that has questions?

CLMN LAMALFA: I think you may have underestimated the complaints today. I had a record day for the phones.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: I am glad you got them, Joe. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Anybody else? OK, we'll move on to Finance Director Barb Biro. Do you have a report for us tonight, Barb?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. On the agenda this evening, the first ordinance that we are asking for support is Ordinance 44. It is directing Dave Krock to go out to prepare the necessary plans for the Multi Street Reconstruction Phase 4. We just received confirmation that we received OPWC money and the construction project will begin next summer. It will be in next year's construction season.

On Ordinance 46, we are asking to dispose of three more vehicles (Crown Vics). It is either this week or next week in the Neighborhood News you are going to see an article that our property is going to be sold through govdeals.com as we have in the past. If you wish to bid on our cars you can go to govdeals.com, sign up as an individual and then you can bid on our property.

Ordinance 48 is authorizing and directing the special assessments for the refuse fee. The fees have not increased. They are still \$12.00/month for single family, \$24.00/month for double. That is a total of \$144.00 for the year and \$288.00 for doubles. It has been in place for probably about three or four years now. It has been at the same price. Again, if you have the Homestead Exemption you are being charged 50% of that fee. If you received the Homestead this year, we ask you to contact the Finance Department and we can make the necessary corrections to your assessment.

Then we are asking for support for Ordinance 49, which is the assessment of the grass maintenance. I believe that is it for our office.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you, Barb. Are there any questions for Barb on her report? Are there any questions of Barb on her report? There being none, we move on to Kathy Rush-Parsson, Social Services Director. Kathy, do you have a report for us this evening?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Absent.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSON: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. Suster. The Senior Center Site Council will be hosting an ice cream social on Wednesday, September 13th from 12:30 . 1:30. The cost is \$4.00. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Senior Center.

Also, I'd like to make the community aware that the Village at Marymount will be hosting a presentation on August 17th from 6:00 . 7:30 p.m. The topic for the evening is ~~Why we not doing this on Purpose~~ Coping with Dementia. The presentation is free and a complimentary dinner is included. Space is limited and reservations are required and can be made by calling Liz Penchek at (216) 332-1396.

Also on Tuesday August 22nd at 10:00 a.m. a representative from the Cleveland Clinic will be at the Senior Center to present information on balance and mobility issues as they relate to the aging process.

I also want to thank Joe LaMalfa who provided pizza for the Seniors last week at lunchtime. It was a nice surprise and they enjoyed it. Thank you, Joe.

Finally, I urge Council's support in passing Ordinance 47-2017 which is in reference to the funding for the new Senior bus. We desperately need a new vehicle. One of them is a 2006 and two of them are 2007s so they are very old.

I do want to thank Pat Salemi who was instrumental in preparing the grant application. Pat worked really hard and she was a big help. I do appreciate that.

I also want to thank Barb Biro and our mechanic from the Service Department, Tim Sagan, who also provided a lot of input and gathered a lot of information that NOACA needed for the grant. I do appreciate both of them. Barb and Tim. and all the work that they did. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of Kathy on her report? Do we have any questions of Kathy Parsson on her report? Next, we have Economic Development Director Noreen Kuban. Noreen, do you have a report for us this evening?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Thank you, Mr. President. I do not have a report tonight.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Next, we will have Building Commissioner Mark Moro. Do you have a report for us this evening, Mark?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: I do not have a report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. That concludes the reports of the Mayor and his Directors. Now we will move on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's agenda.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone that has any comments on tonight's agenda? Are there any comments on tonight's agenda?

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none, we will move on to Committee Reports. Do we have any Committee Reports this evening?

CLMN NENADOVICH: No, Sir.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Next, we will move on to Ordinances and Resolutions beginning with Ordinance 44-2017.

ORDINANCE NO. 44-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING DAVID KROCK, CITY ENGINEER, TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, PER OHM ADVISORS, PROPOSAL, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT ~~1A~~, AND TO COMPETITIVELY BID, FOR THE MULTI-STREET RECONSTRUCTION & WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT . PHASE 4, AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF COSTS FOR THIS PROJECT, WHICH COSTS WILL BE FUNDED THROUGH THE CLEVELAND WATER DEPARTMENT AND AN OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION GRANT.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Roll call on its adoption, beginning with Clmn Burke.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 44-2017 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 45-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO REVISE THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES BY ADOPTING CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES PURSUANT TO SECTION 17 OF THE CHARTER.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 45-2017 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 46-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PROPERTY WHICH HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES PURSUANT TO SECTION 129.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 46-2017 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 47-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MYERS EQUIPMENT CORP. AND WHITWORTH BUS SALES, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A NEW BUS FOR THE SENIOR CENTER.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote, this is something that is desperately needed. We need to get a new bus in the fleet to help the Seniors out and I think this is something that they will be looking forward to. I do have one question about the bus though. Will George Medvetz be driving this one?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSON: Probably.

CLMN VAUGHN: Oh, I'm sorry, but I'd still vote Yes.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Before you vote, I think you need to waive Rule 24.

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN VAUGHN: I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 47-2017 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 48-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, AS IDENTIFIED IN ATTACHMENT A, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, (LESS ANY PAYMENTS RECEIVED OR CORRECTIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE FINANCE DIRECTOR), TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED ON THE NEXT TAX COLLECTION, PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ORDINANCE 56-2012: COST OF GARBAGE AND REFUSE COLLECTION.

Moved by GLENN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: The vote was 7-0 so that passes.

ORDINANCE NO. 49-2017

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

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 49-2017 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 50-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION SAFETY INTERVENTION GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING FIRE HOODS FOR THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Roll call on its adoption, beginning with Clmn Burke.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 50-2017 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 51-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PRO-VISION, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BODY WORN CAMERA SYSTEM INCLUDING ALL REQUISITE SOFTWARE AND MAINTENANCE

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 51-2017 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-2017

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF KIMBERLY R. MOTLEY AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF JANICE TUBBS DURING THE PERIOD COMMENCING AUGUST 15, 2017 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018.

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn
Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:
AYES: Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn

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

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, so some people would know, Kimberly Motley is a great choice to replace Janice Tubbs. For those who don't know her she is a graduate of 1990 Garfield Heights High School, she has lived here since a baby. She currently serves as a licensed school board member and she resides in Ward 4. She's a smart person. I believe she's going to pick it up and she's going to do the right thing on the Planning Commission, which is chaired by Clmn Vaughn. It's no joke. There's some tough decisions have been made before they brought in on Council floor. With that Mr. Chairman, I vote Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Before I vote, I echo Mr. Dudley's comments and I vote Yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote, I want to first wish Ms. Tubbs good luck on her new job. I welcome Kimberly. She will be a great asset to this committee. I look forward to working with her. With that, I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: That passes with 7 Yes votes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Next is Comments by Citizens. Would the Clerk please read the rules.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there any? Yes, Sir. Have you talked to somebody about this?

Mr. Simpkinson, 12212 Sunset Drive. Yes, I have talked to Mr. Vaughn and the Mayor. This is about a roach problem. It is at 12209 Sunset Drive. It's a Section 8 rental house that is directly across the street from me. The tenants that were there left at the end of June. They dumped a bunch of stuff on the front lawn and it was just covered with roaches, bugs. I assumed it was bedbugs because I did not see any. The owner/landlord, Charles T. Milhaus, Jr. came over about a week later, dumped a bunch of carpeting, put it on the front lawn. All of that was infested with roaches. The Mayor came over and he saw the problem. The city exterminator came over and sprayed five of the houses immediately around this house that apparently Mr. Milhaus (the owner of the building) refused to have the city spray. He has been there about once/week spraying. He's the only person I've seen there try to spray the house. He has not gotten rid of the roach problem. They're still crawling all over the house if you go there at dark. A couple times I was over there and looked. Sunday August 6th I was over and looked just at the west side of the house- one side of the house. There were over three dozen roaches crawling around on it. He came and sprayed later that day or the next day. Monday in the evening after dark on August 7th I went over and I counted 23 roaches just on the west side of the house right

after he had sprayed. This Sunday I went and fixed my mailbox because the hinge on the door was bad. I took the mailbox off of the post the little board it is mounted on and three roaches ran out onto the ground from my mailbox. This whole neighborhood has been infested with roaches. There is a bunch of people here also. I need some help. This guy is not solving the problem by himself. We need some kind of an exterminator that is certified to deal with this problem to come out and kill these bugs because it's been over a month. They're crawling all over the neighborhood. Mr. Vaughn and our Mayor are aware of this problem.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, if I may? Mr. Simpkinson, hang on one second. I spoke on numerous occasions after I witnessed what was going on and I spoke to numerous people to both the landlord and the Health Department. I think his name is Matt Johnson. I'm not sure. Matt told this guy what he needs to do and talked to me and told me this project isn't something that stops overnight. That it was going to take probably a couple of months to get them all out. I'm just telling you what they're telling me because they're experts. The problem isn't when I sent over the exterminator (it wasn't the city exterminator) I realized the problem and got on the phone and called somebody to get out there immediately and try to get the surrounding houses. That is what we did. I'm not saying it for any other reason other than what we need to do. At this point in time unfortunately it becomes a civil matter. One of the neighbors I talked to I don't remember who it is I'm sorry. It was one of the gentlemen I talked to he saw a roach in his house. I had talked to Mr. Milhaus. He told me that he would be glad to go over and spray the house and any of the neighbors' houses. So I told the neighbor to call and he did. He came over there. The Health Department told me that's the last thing he can do because he's not certified. He cannot go over to somebody else's house. So that had to stop. He was willing to go everywhere. He's been cooperative to a point the Health Department has instructed him on what to do and quite honestly I don't know where to go from there.

MR. SIMPKINSON: This has been over a month.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I totally understand that. This is something, Mr. Chairman; I think we're going to have a few of the people come up. Please. We will listen to everybody. Like I said, I was there that night. I was absolutely disgusted. I could tell you I left there and stood in the shower for I don't know how long that night. I'm sure that all of you did. And even after I come out of the shower, I was still itching so believe me, I understand. I don't live there so I can't even imagine what you're going through. The only thing I can do again is send the Health Department over there. They are the experts at that. This is something they do all the time. As hard as this is to believe, he told me this isn't as big a deal as a lot of them they come across. To me it was the hugest thing I've ever seen, but that's what they're telling me. I will try to contact them. Maybe I can get a meeting together with him and the neighbors. We'll put a separate meeting together and we can ask the important questions. I can honestly tell you I don't know where else to go with it because I know it's going to end up being a civil matter. You're going to have to get your houses what the Health Department says is you get your houses fumigated the best you can and you sue together to recoup the losses. I know nobody wants to do that but I'm just telling you because I've been involved in this quite heavily for the last few weeks. I will put a meeting together with him and I will contact everybody and let you know. I will do it quick.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: All right. Is there anyone else?

Ms. Lisa Payovich, 6322 Sunset Drive. I don't know if you remember, Mayor, but I pointed out where I live five houses down. You went to other immediate houses but you couldn't come as far as mine or you had to do everyone. They were swarming out of my trashcan a few days ago

and we can't figure out where they came from other than the sewer. There was a drain right here. All of that debris from the house, he dumped that right there. We think they're now in the ditches. The only way it got as far as my house. The rest of them are dead animals. They are spraying only one so far and now it's spreading through. Now I'm wondering is that civil? At this point? When does it become a County matter or a city matter because we're pretty sure that it came in through the drain system. The ditches. I don't have them inside my house. I found them around the front door.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Lisa, I know we spoke on the phone when I was having those houses sprayed around there and we talked quite a bit. Let me get whatever experts I can get there. I'll bring somebody from the County out there, the Health Department. They'll try to get some answers, but the experts have to answer you. I can't answer about roaches. You understand that. Nor can you answer, but we will get the experts out and see what they say.

MS. PAYOVICH: That's what I'm thinking. It's gone by the house. It looks like it's in the system because I don't know how they got there. You saw how far away I am. They had plenty of other places to stop before they got to my house.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I've learned so much about roaches in the last two months about their eggs and how long they live, etc. it's enough to last a lifetime. It's not pleasant for you guys but we will put something together.

MS. PAYOVICH: Very good. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone else?

Mr. Dan Badarzynski, 12112 Sunset Drive. What I want to ask. First, you got to address the problem. The only way to take care of this correctly is to hood the house and take care of the bugs there. When you treat that house like we've been doing they just run somewhere else. I have a friend that owns a home somewhere in another neighborhood and had that problem. He has to spray once/month, but when he has his guy spray the neighbor calls and says hey buddy they're walking over so that's what we're dealing with. We looked before we came this evening. It's not even dark and it's horrible.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I understand that. When we came over you remember the carpet and the rubbish that was out there. We made a special trip out there because the rubbish company wouldn't pick it up. We picked it up. The equipment that we picked it up with we had to spray it down. We couldn't bring it back in. We had a special procedure so those roaches won't go anywhere else. I understand the total problem.

MR. BADARZYNSKI: You just told me you want to do special procedures on homes.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I understand it totally and to take it a step further, when we picked the rubbish with the front end loader up we scraped the grass. He wanted to know if we were going to come out and replant his grass. Believe me, we've been dealing with a lot of this too--not nearly what you're dealing with. We're going to get the experts in there to explain what we need to do. I'm having a hard time getting the answers from the experts right now too because they tell me it's a process that has to go through. I talked to them about the sewers. They supposedly this guy was out looking at the sewers said there's not a problem in the sewers. I'm only going by what they're telling me. I can honestly tell you that both the landlord and the guy from the

Health Department have talked to me at least once every two weeks to tell me the progress that's being made.

MR. BADARZYNSKI: The landlord isn't certified in this kind of work.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I agree.

MR. BADARZYNSKI: Thank you Mayor.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: You're welcome.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone else? Mr. Feeney.

Mr. James Feeney, 5355 East 124th Street. Mr. Russ Kuchta, 11140 McCracken Road. We've noticed that a lot of people want to come up and say something to City Council, but they're worried about their privacy. They don't like giving their address out, especially on TV so everybody knows where they're living. Garfield Heights United would like to ask City Council to think about eliminating the portion where we have to give our address. Maybe leave it to like what Ward we are living in or make giving your address optional. That way we protect the privacy of the residents that live here. Not only is this seen here. You have people from other cities. I had someone from Bedford call me and they see what goes on the Garfield Heights channel too. So just for privacy of residents live here, we'd like to know if we could make it optional or eliminate the option of having to give our address.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Tim.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Council could make any rules they want on that. We can look into that. It is something we can look into.

MR. FEENEY: Thank you very much.

CLMN VAUGHN: So that would be a Council rule? We would have to set that up through Council.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Yes.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Is there anyone else?

Ms. Joni Wanderstock, I don't know. Do I give my address? I'm going to make that optional. Most of you know who I am. I want to thank you for the opportunity to talk and I'm not involved with the roach group. My heart breaks for you guys. I'm here. Friday I began my 38th year of teaching at Garfield Heights City Schools. In addition to teaching Special Ed, I also advise the honor society. This year I have the opportunity to work with probably the best group of kids I've ever had. We decided to take on as a cause of ours this year the heroin epidemic. Unfortunately this past about six months ago the kids all favorite teacher at the middle school her nephew passed away from it. We did a little research and realized that in the last 10 years there's probably almost I think 74 kids from Garfield Heights High School that have passed as a result of this. I assume there's probably even more. So I'm here tonight to let you know that we are going to do something hopefully citywide we're hoping we'll have the city support. I'm not sure yet. I know they do a walk. I've already spoke to Ruth Pollack. We've comprised a letter that we're going to send to other schools in the Cleveland area to see what maybe they are doing.

We really want to address this and we want to do it citywide, not necessarily school wide because it's such an epidemic. So if anybody knows of anybody whose school district is doing something good regarding this cause, please feel free to let me know. I have some students who are in charge of homecoming, which is next month, but the following month I'd like to come back with some of my students and kind of let you know what we're going to do because we really need to address this. We are going to make this to have the personal touch. We're going to do our efforts in memory of the teacher whose nephew's life was lost about six months ago.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: How do they get a hold of you to do this?

MS. WANDERSTOCK: They can call me right at the school 475 Garfield Heights Middle School. I can be reached over there (216) 475-8105 extension 53034. The school's aware that I'm doing this. I just kinda told them we really want to do this citywide. We've got a bunch of ideas, but we're not really sure exactly, but feel like we can no longer act like we don't see this happening. I've got just the group to do it. I've got a phenomenal group this year and I want to take advantage of that.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, if I may. Joni, I think that's a great cause. We're happy to help you in any way. We have a group that is in their second year. They're going to do a walk I believe it's October 3rd. They're walking to right here to the center in the dining room. They're going to have great speakers. We had one a couple months ago at the library. There's some great stuff going on. As much as we can get awareness out there, I'm all for it. Let us know what you need.

MS. WANDERSTOCK: Thank you and I've talked to Ruth and she told us about the walk. Thank you. We just wanted to let you know what we're thinking of doing. Thank you for your support and this opportunity.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Is there anyone else?

Ms. Jan Zuchowski, 4901 East 110th Street. My question is what is the city's plan for bringing the homes in Garfield Heights back to an attractive community? One walk around Edgepark Drive and you'd find a number of homes that are neglected and badly in need of repair. Are all of these homes owner-occupied? Or is our community becoming a city of slum landlords? In the 60s, Edgepark was a prestigious street of well-maintained homes. It only takes one or two homes on a street to make it undesirable for future buyers. Who wants to live here with this deterioration happening? We have an exterior maintenance code and a rental property inspection, which should be monitored by the Building Department continually and citing those who are not in compliance within a timely fashion. Is this being done? More and more homes are vacant, encouraging vandalism. Are there any programs available for those who are physically unable to do these repairs? Wouldn't it be beneficial to initiate this type of program to keep the appearance of our neighborhood appealing to new homebuyers? We need to take pride in home ownership and our city.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, if I may? Jan, you are certainly 100% correct. It certainly isn't the same as it was in the 60s. We all know that. We had a town hall meeting last week and this was addressed with facts and figures. Many people say where are the inspectors? They're not out there doing anything. I think we identified 900 houses last year that were cited. We put in about 15 or 20 houses per week to Court in front of the Judge. We are out there hitting it hard. We also have a group that Ms. Kuban was in charge of putting together of five communities: South Euclid, Euclid, Maple Heights, Warrensville and Garfield Heights. They

brought on 12 a college group and they did an inspection. They inspected each city. They're inspecting Garfield Heights as we speak to identify every property in Garfield Heights. What's wrong with it? What's not wrong with it? The problem is not the inspectors. We can blame the Council people. We can blame the Mayor. We can blame the city officials. The reality is it's the people that are coming in, buying these houses could care less. Then what we do is we cite them and we bring them to Court. They don't have the money to pay. So we put them in jail for two weeks or whatever the Judge decides to do. They still don't pay. They don't fix the houses up. You talk about an epidemic. That's an epidemic in Garfield Heights. But what we have done recently (if you heard) is that Ms. Janice Tubbs from the Planning Commission has moved to another job. She is going to reach out from the Building Department and be a liaison between the Building Department and the community. So when the Building Department comes out or Mr. Mark Moro comes out and whenever somebody comes to your house and says it's going to cost you money to fix something, he's not your most favorite person. We're going to have Janice Tubbs follow him out and say these are some of the programs you can use to pay for some of this. This isn't something where you have to think about are you going to jail or are you going to rob a bank to pay for this because the repairs are really expensive. We understand that, but there are avenues to take. The hard part is the people themselves just don't care. We have 850 vacant houses out there. That burden falls directly on us in most cases. It's an unbelievable challenge that all the old cities are doing, but we are attacking and attacking it heavy. Trust me. Go to the Court on Thursday and see how many people are in front of the Judge and you will realize that there's a whole lot happening. Not a whole lot that you can see done, but they're going to Court, paying heavy fines and some of them are going to jail.

MS. ZUCHOWSKI: But what are we going to do with these homes? Nobody wants to fix them. Property owners can't do it.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Let me give you a perfect example. I stopped at a house Friday. Somebody told me, listen, I've lived here, my mother lived here for 50-60 years on Granger Road and she's going to a nursing home. We have to sell the house. There's been nothing done to it since the 70s. She owes \$70,000.00 on the house. The property value for that house is \$71,000.00. That's what it's valued at. She owes \$70,000.00. She needs about \$25,000.00 in repairs. They're telling me they're going to walk away and just leave it there. What do I tell them? Think about it. If they fix the house up to save \$15,000.00 and they put a band-aid on it to fix it up and they sell it for \$70,000.00, they lost \$15,000.00. This is the dilemma today. The property values are so low and it costs so much to get the houses fixed up, what do I tell the person who has been a wonderful resident forever in Garfield Heights and she's going to a nursing home? Her family says Mayor, help us. What do we do? I can leave the house like that and have everybody call because we're not doing anything about it. I can bring that little old lady out of the nursing home and put her in front of Judge Nicastro and see what happens. I don't know what to do. I'm baffled by the whole thing.

That's why we're trying to get these programs together. Last year we had over 60 houses knocked down through the Land Bank Demolition Program. We applied for another 40-50 of them. We're working right now to get more knocked down. This is such an unbelievable task and it's not just Garfield Heights. All the inner ring suburbs with the old housing stock are going through the same thing. It's tough. It really is tough. Now I know somebody just called on Edgepark the other day about grass cutting. I immediately called Mr. Dobies to send somebody over that day. We try to take care of the things as soon as we hear about them, but it's not that easy. I'm telling you seriously before this year's over we will probably have cited 1,000 houses. So the inspectors are out there.

MS. ZUCHOWSKI: But if the owners are a property management company, can you really get on their case? I mean if these are companies that are buying homes or they used to be flipping them but they're not. They're renting them out. That's what they're doing. If there's something wrong with them they just let them sit there. They don't correct any of the problems.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Our job as the city is to take these people that have the violations and present them to the Courts. Then it's up to the Courts to take it from that position. We can't do it. If you called me tomorrow and said I have a house next door and I need you to come over. The gutter's falling off, as an example. I send somebody over there. They notify the resident that they have 15 days to fix it. So you got two weeks gone by already. The gutter's still hanging there. Then he goes back over and says you didn't fix it, we're citing you and we're bringing it to Court. That probably takes another three-four weeks. Gutter's still hanging there. Now you go to Court and the Judge says this is your last chance. You have 30 days to fix it. So there's another 30 days that you're sitting there saying the city hasn't done a thing. It's in Court. Now when that 30 days is up they may go to jail, but you know what? The gutter's still hanging. Unfortunately, that's it. We can't go over there on their property and fix it because it's not on our property- it's theirs. Unless we get a Court order. Trust me; I know where you're going. You don't think I don't ride around the city and see some of these houses? They're horrible.

Today I own a house on Plymouth (I won't say the address) and today I was driving down there. I went by that house. I wanted to get on the side of the road and throw up, that house was so bad. It's a house that I own that was really nice. I see it. I am on the street every day. I know where you're coming from. We're hitting it hard. We're battling it hard. If people would just understand if they fixed the exterior of the house--just the exterior--property values go up. It helps the entire community, but getting it through to some of the people is amazing. Some of these people these LLCs that own these houses, they're in Colorado. You know the law says. They have a person in place that takes care of the properties that lives in Cleveland, but the law says you can't go after him and have to go after the person in Colorado. It's crazy the laws around here. The only thing I can tell you is we're trying to stay on top of it but it's not easy. Last thing, if you have any houses that you can identify, please call my office. Give me the addresses and I will tell you if they're in Court or where the process is. OK?

MS. ZUCHOWSKI: Thank you very much.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there any one else?

Ms. Susan Fisher, Sunset Drive. I do want to say thank you, Mayor, and our Clmn Tom Vaughn and also Timothy. We do know you guys are doing your best and we sure appreciate it. No Mayor comes to the streets at 11 o'clock at night to see our problem. This one did, you know, and it's bad and he's seen it. My problem is and I think all of our problem is, he's not even doing anything to do any cleanup. This is still sitting the way it was. I understand that the Health Department (Matt) has been speaking with him, but that's all he's doing is speaking with him. I think it needs to go further. I think that this is what we want done. Somebody, I guess it would have to go to the Health Department (Matt) to come see the place. Milhaus, the owner of the property, all he's doing is coming and spraying. He's claiming he is a professional sprayer or he is claiming to Matt that whatever professional that's what they're telling him to spray with. That's what he's using. It's all hearsay.

He's a pedophile. He just got out of jail. He knows how to talk. This man knows what he's doing. He's not doing anything to create the problem. That's our problem is that I think the Health Department (Matt) needs to come and actually see what is going on there.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Sue, I was under the impression that Matt was coming out there. I don't know that for a fact. I was assuming it. Let's get them all in a room together and let's talk about our concerns and see what we can do.

MS. FISHER: Right, but I did want to say thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: You're more than welcome. I will pay that \$20.00.

MS. FISHER: I do appreciate it.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone else?

Mr. Bruce Templeton, 12817 Oak Park Blvd. There's one thing you could do with these people. You put a head tax on the flippers. You put a head tax on Section 8 and the renters and their kids. That way they're paying money to the school system, give them the right to vote. They throw their garbage on the tree lawn and leave. But you put a head tax on the flipper--\$2,000.00 - \$3,000.00 every year. Every year he owns that house he's got to hand over to the city \$2,000.00- \$3,000.00 for the privilege of flipping the house in the city. You could pass a law and make them do it. If not, say get in your car and go. Let the house go. You don't allow them to come in. You could put a head tax on these people.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, if I may? Bruce, let me tell you something. It sounds on the surface like a pretty good idea, but let me give you the reality of it. The reality of it is that right now we charge \$100.00 rental fee/year. We fight tooth and nail and bring baseball bats to collect \$100.00. They don't want to pay \$100.00. Two or three thousand is just going to have empty houses. I know it sounds like a good idea. Get rid of them bad people. Who takes care of the empty house?

MR. TEMPLETON: Sometimes it's better to live next door to an empty house than to somebody who throws their bug-infested garbage. I'd rather have the houses on my street next door to me empty. I don't want those.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I had a neighbor that just moved away from me. I could have thrown a party. I was really not a very good neighbor to this guy. He was not a good neighbor to me, but the reality of it is if you had a vacant house next to you for a while, believe me you'd be calling the city saying what are you going to do with it because nobody fixes it up. 99.9% of the other people. Everybody but you, Bruce, would call me. It's a double-edged coin. Seriously we can push real hard. I could tell Mark Moro to go out and tell the guys that you have to follow the letter of the law. You have to do everything perfect. You have to fix that light switch. We can really hit them. Can hit them hard. They'd walk away from the house because that's what's happening. So I have a dilemma of do we want to keep the people in the house? At least some of them might cut the grass? Or do we chase them out and have it vacant and then we cut it? That's the problem. I'm not saying what you're saying. Something similar to what you're saying I would love to see happen.

We're working on legislation right now. We talked about it at a meeting. Where instead of charging the landlord that we can charge the residing person. If we can charge the residing person that might force him to get out there and cut the grass or cover the garbage can. We're also talking about ticketing people with leaving their garbage cans out. We're looking into all of that stuff because as Tim said it's getting so bad.

MR. TEMPLETON: You know I work for a landlord in Bedford. He owns four houses. I do the electrical. Every year the city of Bedford goes in these houses and they inspect every rental. They write them up. Now he is a decent person so he goes in whatever he has to fix. Bedford does something a little different than here. They inspect those rental houses and somehow they force him into fixing them.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: We inspect the rental houses too. We inspect them all. The problem is and ask me what you would do. You go in right now and one of the cabinets is oak and one of the cabinets is plasterboard. They need to fix that?

MR. TEMPLETON: That's argumentative on that one.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: What would be your choice? We could lay on them. We could come in, inspect the inside of the house, and give \$15,000.00-\$20,000.00 worth of work they have to do to make it pretty the way we like it. We never go inside the house. Nobody sees it, but we can do that.

MR. TEMPLETON: You can only do the mechanical part of the houses.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: What we want to do on the inside of the house, we want to do the safety things. We don't want anybody to burn. We don't want anybody to get electrocuted. We want to go in and do the safety things. We're trying to make it easier for the people to dress up the outside of the houses to keep the outsides of the houses because when you tell a person that house is worth \$40,000.00, that you got to put a roof, a garage, a driveway in, bye-bye. Now who puts that roof, garage and driveway in? It's sitting next to you. It is empty. That's the dilemma. Am I saying what we're doing is right? I don't know, but I know this. It's not an easy solution. I can tell you if you charge \$2,000.00 - \$3,000.00, right now we're struggling to get \$100.00. Barb Biro will tell you. We're struggling to get \$100.00/year on these inspections. \$2,000.00-\$3,000.00?

MR. TEMPLETON: A bond. They can't come in and buy the house until they put the money on the table first. Then they'd be allowed to buy the house before they go out that door. They put it in cash. The renters and their kids have to put up a bond also- a head tax because they're using our school system.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I think you have an idea that you think will work. I mean it is probably something I could discuss. I personally don't think it will work.

MR. TEMPLETON: You have to have people to push it.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Then they won't push it. The people that come into Garfield Heights don't have the extra money to spend. That's the problem. People don't come in. Doctors and lawyers and really high professional people don't come in to buy a \$50,000.00 house for the most part. We have people that are middle class, lower class, people that are struggling to get around. That's why they are buying \$40,000.00 - \$50,000.00 houses. I'm not knocking it believe

me. This is my home. I love the city and everything about it but the reality is we're not Beachwood. We're not Brecksville. The people that come here don't have that kind of money. It's hard to figure out how to make this all work. Ideas like you just gave us is something that we look at. I personally don't think that idea will work, but we'll toss it around. I'm saying that this is what I like. I like ideas because I could tell you that we're stumped as to how to get this to work. We really are. I appreciate your thought. We will talk about it. I don't know how far it's going to go but we will talk about it. Call me. I'm serious.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone else that would like to speak this evening?

Ms. Mary Ryan, 5014 East 114th Street. I spoke to the Mayor about this way back in April/May about a property. I can tell you they had till June 1st to fix it. OK? They didn't. I called the Building Department on June 21st to see what the status was. This is three weeks after the due date. Mike said I'm the only full-time person. They only have part-time people. He doesn't know what else to do. He has a stack of letters that have to go out, to take these people to Court. So I'm telling you if you don't keep following up and calling and annoying the Building Department, they're not even going to go out and recheck. If I didn't call on June 21st three weeks after the due date, they wouldn't even care. Here it is the end of July. Nothing still has been done. These people don't care.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: If that was in Court, how long would you give them before you thought it was too long?

MS. RYAN: Thirty to 60 days.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: And what if it takes 180 days? You mad at the Judge or at the Mayor?

MS. RYAN: I want to know does the Building Department have some sort of procedure when they say it has to be done by June 1st that in at least seven days an inspector goes out and rechecks it and not have the person who called to complain a few weeks later and they go oh, yeah, I haven't had time to go out. Come on. You must have some sort of procedures in that department.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: OK. If I can, let me answer this, Mary. Right now, we have brought on Mark Moro as our new guy. We have hired another inspector. OK? Part-time four days/week. So if you're going to be mad about the fifth day make it another day but right now we put on another inspector and we have 12 people out there that are going to assess every single property in the city of Garfield Heights. Let me tell you what I'm worried about. We had a meeting about it. What do I do because we're looking at probably 1,000-1,500 houses that need to be fixed. So my dilemma is how soon do we get that done? Thirty days? Sixty days? Send 1,000 cases and trust me, Judge Nicastro and Judge Weiler do a great job with this stuff, but when we send 1,000 cases to them all to get tried, what do you think they're going to do? I'd be sitting in front of one of them Judges soon. There is so much to be done on a house that when you call me up and say two weeks later that it should have been done by now, we didn't even get finished giving them enough paperwork to do it.

MS. RYAN: They've had years to do this. This situation has been going on for years and I was told three years ago when I made the first complaint that they didn't do anything to this house I was told they don't have the money. They don't work. So we're not going to do anything.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: They told you they don't work? Let me know who that was. They won't be working here tomorrow. I can tell you that. I find it very hard to believe that somebody said that to you.

MS. RYAN: That's why I pursued this and I'm doing it to prove my point that it takes forever.

CLMN VAUGHN: I think she means the resident doesn't work.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: The resident?

CLMN VAUGHN: Right.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: The resident does not work. Let me know that house. We'll take good care of it for you. I think that's about the fifth time I've told you that but we'll push it through again. Is it the same house you've been complaining about for three years?

MS. RYAN: Yes.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: They haven't done a thing yet?

MS. RYAN: No. Eventually I'll move and I won't have to put up with it. Just like my neighbors are moving, which years ago you would never see a house for sale on my street.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: It's not years ago. We got 850 vacant houses.

MS. RYAN: I know the landlord of the pumpkin house of course. The people told me and who do I go to about this? I talked to the lady who stopped me while I was walking my dog. She said that they're moving because they have a mice problem. Now we had a rat problem years ago and we had the Board of Health at our homes and I feel sorry for these people with roaches because I grew up in New York with them. It's a horrible situation.

Now we have mice running around on 114th. She said there was a rat in the sewer so she put a brick in it. The landlord will not come out. The house looks deplorable and nobody seems to want to do anything. Mr. Wervey told me before he left he would make them paint the house, so obviously it never happened. So who do I go to about the mice? You or my Councilman?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: Mice would be under the Health Department.

MS. RYAN: You want me to call the Health Department? Is that what I'm supposed to do?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: If you want to make a complaint about the mice it's the proper channel.

MS. RYAN: You don't want me to call the Building Department?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: Not about mice.

MS. RYAN: OK. Will do.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone else that would like to speak this evening?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none, we will move on to Miscellaneous Business beginning with Matt Burke. Matt, do you have anything this evening?

CLMN BURKE: Just a couple things. Actually, listening to this rhetoric I have heard the last few minutes here. I just want to tell you in my Ward and it's probably every single day that I'm calling or emailing in a complaint somebody has about a neighbor's house, about a deplorable looking house, etc. I can tell you that I have called in for three years on the same house and I'm proud to report that if you stick with it, they actually do something. I want to say thank you to Mark Moro because I've been at a dead-end the last few years on this particular house in my Ward. I took the same picture three years in a row and it looked unchanged for three years. He did something about it. The Mayor did something about it. I want to thank both of you individuals for helping me out with that. The guy finally cut his grass, he's re-shingling his roof, he's got new siding going up, he's got a new garage door that had been half-open for three years. His neighbor is completely thrilled, but we just had to stick with it. You know, when I go and talk with the gentleman I find out he didn't have the money. He just now has gotten the money to be able to afford to do those types of things. He got his letter. He is starting to do his repairs. There's two other homes that are in the very same condition. They just got their letter and guess what? They're starting to do their repairs. So I know that this man, Mark Moro, is working hard for us. I just want to say thank you to him. That's really all I have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Clmn Burke.

CLMN VAUGHN: Clmn Vaughn.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Clmn Vaughn. I knew I could do it tonight.

CLMN VAUGHN: We're proud of you, Joe. My residents on Sunset. I really feel sorry for you. I'm sorry I was gone when this all started. My conversation with the Mayor has led that he went out to help you guys out. I do think we need to get the homeowner in a room with the Health Board with all of us, Mayor, and sit down and talk this thing out. Everybody's on the same page because I think you guys are getting a little bit hosed by this guy. If they're coming up through the sewers that's not good. I believe you. You guys have never been a problem to me over there. I've always respected you guys. You're a fun loving group and we're going to get this taken care of. I promise. We're going to work hard to get it done.

I want to thank the Garfield United group for our town hall meeting last week. I thought it was a very good meeting. A lot of issues came out. We were able to get a lot of answers. Stuff that we were aware of that we were able to get out. Mayor, I think you did an excellent job handling that. I thought it was a very good meeting. I would like to see maybe another one in another six months where we could all get together again and discuss the issues. This is the only way we're going to get things done.

To my Ward 7 residents, since this is our only meeting this month, I'm announcing we will have our Block Watch on August 31st at 7:00 p.m. in the pavilion at St. Monica's. Please come up and join us. Sit down, talk with us. We will talk about the thing that is going on.

About this issue that the Garfield United group brought up, I think it's a good idea, but I think with the Rules of Council, we need to sit down and formulate a game plan and a procedure to follow. But if this is what we're hearing from the community then maybe it's time we update our

rules to accommodate our residents. So I think we should look into this, Tim. What committee would that fall under?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Probably Ways and Means.

CLMN VAUGHN: Ways and Means? Thank you. Safety? I heard that, Joe.

Turney Road, again I'm echoing the Mayor. I love it. It looks great in Ward 6 and 7. It's turning into a turnpike though, as Clmn Suster would call it. We really need to slow down, especially with the kids going back to school. So please everybody, be safe. We should get a tollbooth? I like that. It's a real good idea. That's all have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Clmn Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: All right Mr. Chairman. First, I'm letting the community know that on September 26th at Christian Life Assembly located at 131st and Broadway at 6:00 p.m. . 8:00 p.m. we're going to hold a town hall meeting for the Ward 1 community and we'll go back to the bi-monthly meetings. That's going to be on the 26th of September. Next month.

Also, when they were talking about repairs to this home, I contacted Noreen and asked that she provide me information from a program like a LEAD Program and people in our community can get up to \$10,000.00. They had lead removed. They gave them doors. They gave them windows, etc. There's programs out there. Sometimes you got to make the right contact. They have provided that. People have utilized the winterization program. If you live in the Ward 1 community, I have worked for many a Senior to help them fill out their application for the Senior Repair Program through the County, which they don't pay back until the house is sold, etc. They also have low interest loans out there for individuals who are not Seniors on some of these programs. Sometimes the programs are out there and if you just ask somebody before you think that there's no help, you can get a lot of these issues resolved.

I want to talk to you about the bug issue. I have one about three-four doors down from me and he's quick. He bought a house and was tearing it apart, gutting it open, he had the same issue. But I went down the street because they was coming a little too far and crossing the street. This guy had a real friendly conversation. He finally went down and he got the right stuff on 131st up in the neighborhood and he used it and put some around some of the other homes adjoining to his property. That issue was resolved, but I never allowed it go a distance. With some people you can't work. I was serious when I approached this individual because there was no more options and he was not going to be an option, especially with me living a couple doors down from him as well as other residents in between us. That how I looked at the issue. You come to a community, you want to move your family to a better environment, you got to appreciate where you live. The conversation was firm and the Mayor should have given this guy the same thing. I was able to resolve that issue. It was a blessing moving forward.

I had a great time at the City Fest. Me and my family really enjoyed ourselves. I thank Clmn Vaughn who provided St. Monica. I really enjoyed. We had a great time.

I also wanted to mention one thing. I wanted to give my prayers out to the families down there in Charlottesville, VA. We had two State troopers also. One was a Lieutenant J. Collins and Trooper Burt Bates who lost their lives. I feel bad for the families. So my prayers are for them. Also the young lady, Heather, 30 years old. We have children in their 30s and I can't imagine somebody mowing them down in a car. I tell people, when it comes time stuff like that, racism,

you can't know that stuff and turn your head and think if you cover it up that it's going to go away. It don't go away like that. The majority of people are good people. They don't want nothing to do with that. But you have to address the issue. You have to confront it head on. What happened to these people getting run down by that car I can't imagine. I didn't want to watch that video a second time. It was uncalled for. Call it what it is. It's racism. It's alive and well. I have experienced it even among modern day times. I have experienced it in politics, believe it or not. I don't let it get me down. I stand up to it and I teach my children about it. I tell people to talk to your children. Don't let your children get involved in that stuff out there. It's not even worth it.

With all of that, I'd like to tell everybody remember the kids are back in school like everybody said. Watch out for them, slow down. Watch your speed zones. I wish you all a safe fall. One day we won't forget is 9/11. The memory of first responders on 9/11. A lot of them guys I saw that movie and I saw the shows. Remember them and keep your prayers out for the family members. It's time to start praying for the community. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Joe.

CLMN LAMALFA: Mike took all my time so I don't have anything.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Clmn Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I will keep it brief, Joe. I thank the Mayor and his staff for work on the home days and their town hall meeting. It was a great time again this year, I think. I thank your staff and everybody.

What Mike Dudley talked about. The people out there they're just nuts. If you want to go out there and argue with your neighbor, call that guy in the blue over there. He pulls out a gun. You're not going to argue anymore. There's a lot of whack jobs out there. I'm calling it like it is. I see them everywhere. Don't argue with a neighbor over something that you're going to get hurt over. Call the Building Department. Call our Police Department. Don't fight him yourself.

Going along with what the Mayor said before, people just do not care. Our city went through. They did a pretty good job of cleaning up the Boulevard and Turney Road. I have seen more plastic bottles, grass, McDonald's wrappers all over the street. People stop at a red light, pull their bag out of the car and drive over. If you see it, get a license number. Maybe we could do something about it. I do not know. The police have to witness a lot of this stuff. It's getting ridiculous. It's a garbage dump. They drive down the road, the city comes cleans it and the next day it's like they never even touched it. Take a little pride in your city, people.

When the garbage men come, I told you this last meeting. If it falls out of your can when it is thrown up there, pick it up when you pick your can up. I had a guy. I stopped him on the street and said, hey, you just threw your garbage. He emptied his garbage can in the street what was left in the bottom. I said are you going to clean it up? He said I didn't put it there. He's got the garbage can in his hand. Where are we going people? Where are we going? Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Gene.

CLMN GLENN: No comments today.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: No comments? Boy, you're lucky because I don't have any either. I would really concur with what Clmn Burke had said in his comments. Another thing, if you call a department and you don't get a result within a couple days or so. I'm not speaking about repairing homes, etc. If it's something minor and if nothing's done about it, call again because that's the only way you're going to get anything done. That's all.

CLMN DUDLEY: Mr. Chairman, I just want to say one thing. I did want to throw this out to the people. I want you all to know (the residents) that the mountains and molehills that's been created on Broadway that we've been seeing over the last several years is just four-five stories high. The city is looking into it. I want you to know nobody's ignoring it. I'm not mentioning it because I'm allowing them to do what they have to do on their part, but it's not been ignored. It's bad over there. I know where to go but it has been taken care of so just a little patience on that. I appreciate it, Mr. Chairman.

CLMN BURKE: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion we adjourn the meeting.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Clmn Burke to adjourn the meeting, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed? The meeting's adjourned.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:44 p.m.

APPROVED:

Joseph Suster
President of Council

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council