

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, May 13, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m. by Council President Matt Burke.

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Thomas Vaughn.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mayor Collova, was there something you wanted to say before we started the meeting about Rick?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As Clmn Vaughn talked about, Rick Felkonis, for those of you who regularly attend these meetings, Rick, along with Tim, does the filming. They switch off every other month. Rick has spent a lot of time here. His loss to the city—you can't even put it into words. Fifty years old. He was one of our maintenance guys. He did so much work with a smile on his face it was unbelievable. I can't say enough things about Rick. He was such a great kid. Such a waste of a young man's life to go the way he did. I would just ask everybody to keep Rick, his family in our prayers. I talked with Rick's sons today. His son had a very broken heart, as you can understand. We lost a family member. I ask you to keep him in your prayers. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mayor Collova.

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

EXCUSED: LaMalfa

PRESIDENT BURKE: At this time, I would like to make a motion that we excuse Clmn LaMalfa from tonight's Council Meeting. All in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

PRESIDENT BURKE: Clmn LaMalfa will be excused from tonight's meeting.

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT BURKE: Reading and Disposal of the Minutes from Monday, April 22, 2019.

CLMN SUSTER: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Garfield Heights City Council dated April 22, 2019 as submitted.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Suster to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the City of Garfield Heights, for Monday, April 22, 2019, as submitted, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Let the record show that we have 6 Yeas and the Minutes pass.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: We will move on to the Reports of the Mayor and the Directors. Mayor, do you have a report for us this evening?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I do. Once again, I have the joy of presenting some young people to the city of Garfield Heights, to Council. This is the second year now that a group in Garfield Heights (Garfield United) has put together through the partnership of the Garfield Heights School Board a Mayor for a Day Contest. The Mayor for a Day contest is for 7th and 8th Graders. They all write an essay and then the two best essays are chosen and those two students get a chance to play Mayor for a Day. I want to tell you what. This isn't just somebody that had 20, 30, 40 essays written and they were chosen. It's my understanding that there was up to 500 essays written by these youngsters.

These two people sitting on my left and right side were the winners of that contest. We have Modesty Miller on my left and we have Gregory Moore on my right. I want to take an opportunity before I give them a chance to give their Mayor's report today. I want to talk to you a little bit about their essays and read those essays. This is amazing.

Modesty, a 7th Grader, and this is what she wrote.

"I see the city of Garfield Heights 10 years from now as a nice and peaceful place. In addition, I also see the city of Garfield Heights as a clean community with nice homes and a nice library. Lastly, I'd like to see the city of Garfield Heights as a more caring place with more community activities like community cleanups. I would start those changes by building a Walmart. We need more clothing stores here like Target and a mall. I'd also start a group where we could talk about making our area cleaner and better, starting by fixing the roads. There are several things that for business owners. In Garfield, we have a lot of highways and it doesn't take long to get places because there is easy access to the freeway. Garfield Heights is a nice area and some parts are very peaceful. There are a lot of food spots so when you get off of work you can go to eat at a non-expensive restaurant.

If I was Mayor, I would put a mall to attract new business to Garfield. I would also build a nearby Golden Corral because of a lot of people like all you could eat restaurants that you can easily get to without having to drive very far. The last thing I would build here is a local swimming pool because kids love to go swimming in the summer. Those are the changes I would make in Garfield Heights if I was Mayor."

I agree with 99.9% of this. Please get Target—not Walmart. I’m now going to read Gregory’s. This is just amazing. Modesty is in 7th Grade. Unbelievable. Gregory.

“If I was Mayor of Garfield Heights for one day I would do things to help the community. First, I would clean and improve our green spaces. Second, I would work with schools to give kids something positive to do. Third, I would have workshops where people can make craft projects for the needy.

My city has a lot of nice parks. I would use volunteers and people convicted of small crimes to clean those areas. People found guilty of doing small crimes could clean the parks and playgrounds as community service. I would also start a community garden club so people could meet and do something good. Secondly, I would go to all our schools and make them aware of the free after-school programs for our kids. At each school, there would be a meeting giving information about tutoring at the library and all other great things to do there.

I would open your recreation center as a safe place for children to go after school and stay out of trouble. Also, at the recreation center I would use volunteers to have talks with the kids about things of interest showing them positive people in our community. Third, I would have workshops where people could make craft projects for the needy. They would do things like decorate bags for kids to carry books or lunch. We can make blankets for the homeless. This is where a donation of food, clothes and school supplies could be collected and passed out to those in need. I think the city of Garfield Heights could benefit from these ideas or these programs. It would help the people in the community and make everyone happy to live here.

This is what I would do as Mayor for a Day—create programs that would help this community.”

This is an 8th Grader. This is our future and I am going to tell you what. This is pretty bright. I’m so impressed with these two essays I could not believe it. I had an opportunity to sit down and talk with these two Mayors this morning. It was amazing that they talked about their schoolteachers. Their talk was the teachers at Garfield are excellent and we all talk about if you want to learn in Garfield, you can learn. Those that don’t want to, don’t learn, but the teachers are as good as can be. I thought that was outstanding to come from these two young students.

So I want to give them an opportunity to talk a little bit about their day. We’re going to start with Modesty. Modesty, if you would, introduce yourself.

Modesty Miller. Hi, I’m Modesty Miller and I’m in the 7th Grade. Today we just like took a tour around the city. We went to the Police Department, the Fire Department and actually at the Fire Department, they put out a little fake fire and it was kind of pretty cool. We saw many different things that I’d never heard or seen before so that was like a really good experience.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Great. Excellent.

Gregory Moore. Hello, my name is Gregory Moore. The things I liked today as well as going to the Fire Department. The other department was kind of boring but at the same time it was fun. I really liked the ambulance, went on a fire truck, put out a fake fire and all that. The Fire Department was my favorite place. At least for the Police Department though, the only thing I liked about that was I petted the German shepherd because I'm a dog person.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Very good. This morning the first thing we did was. I have once a month we have Coffee with the Seniors it's called. Modesty and Greg joined me downstairs and after reading their essays and after talking with them a little bit I mentioned to the Seniors and I will say it here. Modesty, how old are you?

MS. MILLER: I'm 13.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Greg, how old are you?

MR. MOORE: Fifteen.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thirteen and fifteen. I am so happy that in the city of Garfield Heights you have to be 18 to run for Mayor. It makes me feel really good. I don't have to worry about these two characters for a few more years. I couldn't be any more proud of these kids. I know the school has got to be also proud. There's no doubt in my mind. Garfield United, I think you have something at this time you would like to present. Do you want to bring it up?

James Feeney, 5355 East 124th Street. As you know, Garfield Heights United works with the school closely to try and put on this event along with the Mayor and City Council. We like to keep a good open relationship. To show our appreciation for your winning this contest we'd like to present you two with plaques. On the plaques, it says "Mayor for the Day 2019, Gregory Moore, Presented by Garfield Heights United" and the same one says "Mayor for the Day 2019, Modesty Miller, Presented by Garfield Heights United." Congratulations.

(Photographs were taken at this time.)

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: Now we will move on to the Reports of the Mayor and the Directors. Mayor.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: So often we have the opportunity to present the positive of the students in Garfield Heights. It does me proud to see this. We do sports, academic or something like this. It really warms my heart because this is what the kids in Garfield Heights are really all about. I do appreciate it.

So with that, I'm going to move on, Mr. Chairman, with my report. I want to once again remind everyone that the 7th Annual River Sweep, Johnson Mill Run, will be held 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Saturday May 11th. The Mill Creek Watershed Partners invite volunteers to participate in the annual collaborative effort to clean and bring awareness to Johnson Mill Run, a tributary of Mill Creek that runs through Garfield Heights and Cleveland. Participants receive a commemorative River Sweep t-shirt. It's for all ages. Groups are welcome to join. Day of event registration Arthur Johnson Park. That's a separate thing. We're going to meet for the Forest

Park corner of East 131st and Forestdale. That's at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday May 11th. So we will appreciate anybody that can join in with that.

The next thing I want to talk to you a little bit is about the Garfield Heights Memorial Day Parade. It has been suspended because of the condition of Turney Road for the last few years. Now Turney Road is back up and running and in great shape, we are starting a parade over again. I think it's going to be a huge event. All the reports I'm getting is we're having quite a few participants. What we need is people in the streets to honor the Veterans in the Memorial Day Parade, Monday, May 27th. The Garfield Heights Memorial Day tributes honoring our deceased Veterans of all wars and conflicts. That will be held Monday, May 27, 2019. The parade will go from a service at the Veterans Plaza at the Garfield Heights Civic Center with refreshments following. The parade assembly will begin at 9:15 a.m. at Maple Leaf Drive and Turney Road. The parade will step off at 10:00 a.m. sharp.

If you wish to participate, make a monetary donation or have questions, please contact Jennifer Newrones at (216) 624-8802 or Jason Blake at (216) 338-7883. Jason, if you would, when it comes time the second time around for residents to speak, you might want to talk a little bit about what you have in store for that parade, if you would do that. OK? That is something we really should attend to honor these Veterans.

The last thing I wanted to report before we get into tonight's legislation is we have a grass-cutting crew that is out there. The grass is very heavy. We're trying to keep up with it. We had one gentleman recently leave. We're looking for a grass-cutting crew person that can come and work for the city cutting grass. We would appreciate somebody that has a little landscaping experience. If you know of anybody, Council or any of the residents, please let us know because we want to get this grass cut.

Tonight's legislation. Ordinance number 23-2019 is an increase in sanitary sewer rate. There seems to be some confusion about what this is all about so I want to talk a little bit about it. What happens is, Garfield Heights, as you know, our sewers are 125 years old. Sewers last about 100 years before they really start going bad. So you can imagine how our sewers are going at 125 years. They're pretty bad. We've had many problems with them. We've had sewers collapse. We've had roads collapse because the sewers were collapsed. So this costs quite a bit of money. It's a huge expense to pay for these problems.

What happens is the Sewer District puts this money up for us and we have to pay it back through the sewer rates. We were about \$1 million in the hole because of all the breaks and problems we had with the sewers. The Sewer District came in and said you have to get more money or we are going to assess a charge to the residents. They were going to assess and charge for \$1.00/foot. We said we would do it on our own and they agreed to allow us to do it for 50 cents/foot. This is not something where the city, my staff or Council said, you know what? Let's raise the sewer prices. We got nothing else to do this week. We are being forced to do this. If we stood up and we said we're not doing it, it would come on your bill \$1.00/foot because the County would do it. So there have been some Council people that have had some different ideas about this. They talked about putting it on a vote for the residents. We could do that, but even if the residents voted No, you can't raise it; the County would do it anyways. It would be twice what we're going to raise it for. So as much as we hate to, as a Council and myself, hate to have to present this to the residents because we're already over taxed, we have

no choice. It's actually saving money because if we don't do it, the County will do it. Because we have to pay that debt back.

That debt goes directly to all the sewer work that we do in the city of Garfield Heights. The other part of this is one of the agreements that our engineers put together with the County is that they can only use this extra 50 cents/foot for the loan payback. That loan payback at \$1 million. If a sewer goes tomorrow that's going to add to the million dollars. So we're trying to stay ahead of it. What they can't do is use it like many agencies could do and I certainly don't want to knock the County Sewer District because they do a great job. They can't spend the money as they see fit. They can only use the money to pay back the loan. So I urge Council to vote for this. I know it's not an easy thing to do, but sometimes you have to become leaders and you have to take the bull by the horns and you have to do the right thing so I urge Council to vote Yes on Ordinance 23.

Ordinance 25 is the Second Reading. It's about bonds and Barb will get into that on her report. Ordinance 27 and 28 is the Average Pay Fund. Let me take just a minute to explain what the Average Pay Fund is. I think it was back in the '70s. Please don't quote me, but it was that long ago that the residents of the city of Garfield Heights voted for the Police and Fire to be put on an Average Pay Fund. Which means in other cities when they negotiate contracts and they negotiate pay some are higher, some are lower. In Garfield Heights the Average Pay Fund means at the end of the year they take some of the surrounding communities that are geographically connected with Cleveland. They put all of the wages in there and Garfield Heights is paid the average of that wage. They're not the highest. They're not the lowest. They get paid the average. So once again, this year we have come up with a percentage and this is something that happens annually each year. But that's what the Average Pay Fund is. I also urge Council to pass Ordinance 27 and 28.

Resolution 11 is to apply for grant funding from the Ohio Department of Public Safety. We apply for as many grants as we can. We've been very fortunate that we've been able to come up with quite a bit of funding through the years and we will continue to apply for every grant we have a possibility to get. Mr. Chairman, with that, you have mine, Modesty's and Greg's reports.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mayors. Does anybody have any questions for any of the Mayors this evening? Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: I got a question for the Senior Mayor.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Was it the grey hair?

PRESIDENT BURKE: That was put very nicely, Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: Good evening, Mayor.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Good evening.

CLMN DUDLEY: We had discussed this already so we're not going to go into everything we talked about in Caucus. On 23-2019, the only thing I had wanted and it's too late to do anything now. I talked about it last meeting. If you tax people, you know sometimes you have to do it. You take the bull by the horn and sometimes you have to. People have a right to know. The only thing I asked for this is generating over \$300,000.00 to pay off this bill and that is good. We know it has to be paid. But I wasn't asking too much when I asked that we send a letter by bulk mail. I figure out of the money to have been generated the people had a right to know. Council would have to make a tough decision regardless. We still should have sent the letter out because when we say go on the TV scroll or on the TV or put on the Neighborhood News, that not even going to touch one third of the residents in Garfield Heights. We owed it to them to let them know a decision is still out for us to make.

We know on 135th what happened up there. I look at my catch basins now and they sinking almost a foot on 131st. I have an obligation and I believe we have an obligation and I can't speak for nobody. We should have dropped that letter and say we're going to be voting on this and voting in the interest of the city. You all are aware of what the sewers look like, conditions, etc. We want you to know that we be going to increase your sewer cost. People could live with that. It hurt people the most when they look at that tax bill and see there's 20 something dollars and we got some Seniors they retired years ago and they getting like \$500.00/month still so when you talk about \$20.00 at the end of the year that could make a difference in medication. The only thing I wanted was that we should a gave that letter. We owed it to the people, Mayor.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: You know, Mike, I don't disagree with you one bit, but here's unfortunately the reality of things. First off, we did a couple of things. We had a Second Reading because we wanted everybody to have a chance to speak on this. Besides that Second Reading, we had a Council Session to talk about this. This is aired on TV. I believe it was in the Neighborhood News. Every Councilperson had a chance to do what they had to do. Would it have been better to send a letter? Sure. But where do you stop sending letters? Every decision we make involves the residents. What will we do if we're going to buy cars or if we're going to buy something? Do we send a letter to residents?

Mike, the reason I'm saying that is because this is the third year (and you'll be getting legislation probably in the next month or so) that the employees of Garfield Heights will not get a raise. It's the third year in the last seven or eight they will not get a raise because we don't have the money to just spend. We have 11,000 homes. How much does it cost us per letter? That is giving money. Should we do it? It would be nice. If we were Independence, I'd send everybody two letters. We are struggling with finances and we don't want to charge the people more and build the kitty up so we could send letters out. So we try to do the next best thing. You are 100% right. The best thing would be to send a letter, but we're not in situation go do that. That's why we chose not to do it. Your point is well taken. There's no doubt that that's the best way to get to the people.

CLMN DUDLEY: What I wanted to say but the comment you made retirement do we have to notify everybody? No, absolutely not, but when it's a permanent fix such as taxes. I believe not when we selling cars, Mayor, or we have to meet the Charter obligation for our safety forces. I'm not talking about that. That's a command decision and we will make and it's no issue. But when it's something that is not going to end in three years. It's going to be on homes till we

come back and change it, that becomes different scenario. That why I say it would a been a one time thing but it's a matter some time people wants respect goes a long time. People like us to make decisions for them. When you make the bad decision, they remember you on Election Day. That what we live for. That's no issue. In this instance and if we go back in time it was once before I asked for something similar to that but it's just a matter when it's something going permanently that we should a given that letter. I know you said if we spend \$5,000.00 we can spend it somewhere else. Not everybody has Spectrum, WOW, dish, etc. so they don't get the meeting and everybody don't read the Neighborhood News. I ain't going to say I do every week. Sometime I don't get a chance to. But what we believe to be our best when something's going to be permanent in the future we should take a stronger consideration and say hey this is going to cost maybe a couple thousand but it's for the betterment of the community. People appreciate that. I would.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I see what you're saying, Mike, but let me also say this, so that you know. When we have a situation that comes up that involves residents in certain locations we have to notify them of a public meeting. We don't even send those letters out because of the expense. We send Service guys out and take them off the streets to deliver that mail so we don't use the expense. Money is that tight. Even if it's a one-time deal, if we are going to go out and Barb's going to talk about \$2.5 million in bonds, don't you think the people should have a right to talk about that? Should we send them a letter about the bonds? Whether we should go forward or not? At some point in time, you have to hope that the residents can become involved and get some of this information on their own. But again, I'm not saying you're wrong. Had we had the funds and the resources, believe me, we would send a letter to everybody. We're just not in a position to do that.

CLMN DUDLEY: Once again, Mayor, I'm not talking about bonds, etc. I'm talking about permanent fixes such as taxes. Every year we may not come down and say we got to renew this bond all the time, but it was your turn and I'm not going to drag you on, all right?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you.

CLMN DUDLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Does anybody else have any questions? Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Good evening, Mayor. First of all, I want to tell you that this is a much needed. I'm a homeowner. The city needs construction, infrastructure very bad. I agree with you we need this here. At the present time, we are spending more money than we are taking in. This is a permanent tax that will not go away. My personal opinion, even though I'm going to vote for it, I thought it should have been brought forward to the voters to give the final approval. One thing as a Councilman I hear. Two things I hear all the time: potholes, taxes. By far the two. I think it would be appropriate but it's not. We probably will not have a Third Reading on this here. I'm going to vote for it, but taxes are too high. I'd like to see something done to balance the scales of money coming in, money going out. So I'd like to see something happen in regards to development of our assets. There hasn't been a proper discussion, at least wise not among Councilpersons, if we can do anything about attracting business to the city. I appreciate your time. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Glenn, let me just say this. I hear the same thing from residents. I want you to know that 75% of my time every day is trying to bring business into Garfield Heights. I would reach out to you and say, if you have a better way, please go out there and get them, because I'll welcome them with open arms. We're struggling with City View and Bridge View. We're making great strides on both of them. You can see the work that's being done, but to say that we need business and we should go out and get them--we're working on it every day. Trust me when I tell you that. That's our main number one focus.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Does anyone else have any questions/comments for the Mayor on his report this evening? If there are none, we will move on to our City Law Director, Mr. Tim Riley. Tim, do you have a report for us this evening?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: No report this evening. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Tim. Let's move on to our Fire Chief, Chief Strope. Chief, do you have a report this evening?

FIRE CHIEF KENNETH STROPE: No report this evening. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Let's move on to our Police Chief, Chief Byrne. Chief, do you have a report?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: No report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Service Director, Mr. Tim McLaughlin. Tim, do you have a report this evening?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to add on a little bit about what was said on Rick Felkonis. Rick Felkonis, I hired him 22 years ago. Even the day that I hired him, he had a keen sense of humor. Not everybody always understood it, but he was always that kind of guy. He was a maintenance man, but he worked in every department that we had. Any time we had a need, an overtime or if we had emergencies, he was always there. We have a lot of guys that do that. I wanted to bring out Rick's dedication. There wasn't anybody that didn't like Rick because after work he'd go to your house and help you with things. He was that kind of guy. There probably isn't many other guys in the garage as hard working and dedicated as Rick was. You could always count on him. If we had something going on, he was there. Just like him and Tim rotating the filming. He volunteered right away to do that.

We're going to miss him. We had that discussion this morning down at the garage that you take an employee and I have a few other ones that give you their unlimited time. For a guy that had five kids, six grandchildren and still would show up for work. His maintenance part he had rotated every month day of inspections on the buildings on weekends or days that we're off for a long holiday to make sure nothing's wrong. He was always there for that stuff. He's going to be greatly missed. It will be hard to replace him.

With that, we move on to asphalt, which I hear enough about asphalt too, and holes and sewers, etc. So far in patching we've completed Wards 1, 2, 3 and 7 are complete. We have

crews working in 4, 5 and 6. If it ever quits raining, which cuts us off. I was hoping to be done by the beginning of June. Maybe it will be the middle of it if things get better. I think in most these Wards that we're in, and we're almost half-way through them.

Last Saturday and the reason that we did this is because Antenucci. We couldn't work on it during the week. We tried twice to set up. With all the construction that's going on there, Transportation traffic is unbelievable. I had them set up on Saturday. They closed the road and they still had problems with people driving at them. They had to call the police to send a car over there. People were cutting through the parking lot and coming at people every other way because they just didn't heed the big signs that said Road Closed. Anyhow, we got Antenucci and Granger Road completed last Saturday. Like I said, we're going to move on here and try to get everything else buckled up. The we'll go back to some streets that need more work. We'll need some work done on Antenucci. Whatever decision we come to there, there are some things that need to be ground down. We'll continue with our regular summer schedule.

On the paper shred. Was from 9:00-12:00. We took in 5.5 tons of paper in three hours to be shred. One time the cars were lined up on McCracken all the way in. We had like six guys. Actually filled the truck. Next time we'll ask for a bigger truck. It's a very popular event. We'll be doing it again in September, I think. With that, that is my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Does anybody have any questions for Tim on his report this evening?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Absent.

PRESIDENT BURKE: If there are none, we'll move on to our Finance Director, Ms. Barb Biro. Barb, do you have a report?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARB BIRO: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. This evening we're asking for Council's support on Ordinance 25-2019. I am requesting that it be passed on Second Reading. This is to provide for the issuance of notes in the amount of \$2.1 million. Several years ago, we borrowed \$2 million and then we increased it to \$2.5 million to do chip seal on various streets throughout the city of Garfield Heights. We are currently paying that down at approximately \$200,000.00/year. And this time, these particular notes are going to be backed by General Obligation so I am hoping for a better interest rate this year than we have had in the past couple years, which was backed by Special Revenue Income Tax.

I am also asking for support of Ordinances 27 and 28. I worked with the Police and Fire Departments in regards to their Average Pay Fund. If anyone has any particular questions in addition to what the Mayor had said, please feel free to give my office a call. I will be glad to explain the calculations, how it's involved and what we have to do in order to meet Section 41 of the Garfield Heights Charter in regards to the Average Pay Fund.

Lastly, I'm asking for support on Resolution 11-2019. It's a police safety grant. This is the fourth application for the year 2020. It's enhanced presence during several different holidays during the year where our officers are out patrolling. It's mostly in OVI Stop Point, if I'm correct, Chief? We've been very successful in securing this and paying for the time while our officers are out on patrol. With that, you have my report, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Ms. Biro. Does anybody have any questions for Barb on her report this evening? If there are none, we will move on to our City Engineer, Mr. David Krock. Dave, do you have a report for us?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I do. Thank you, Mr. President. I want to also ask for support of Ordinance 23. I think the Mayor outlined all the reasons very well so I am not going to get into that. It is very important given the age of our sewers and the current debt that we have.

Also, I want to remind everybody there is a lot of construction going on as you can see on various side streets as well as Transportation Boulevard, but it's all coming along pretty well. Just be careful when you are driving through the zones. That's all I have.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSON: Absent.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Krock. Does anybody have any questions for Dave on his report this evening? If there are none, we will move on to our Economic Development Director, Ms. Noreen Kuban. Noreen, do you have a report?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. Just to clarify. The Mill Creek cleanup was this past Saturday. However, it is an annual event held in May. Pat Salemi, my co-worker, coordinates residents and assists on the event. This year we had about 25 people, which is less than we've had in the past, but Modesty and Gregory, we would like to encourage young people to participate. So perhaps we can call you next year and you can get some students involved.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: And I was going to be there Saturday, too. Doggone it.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Right. Second, I announce this every year, but we do have Community Gardens. We have three. One located at the Board of Education, the second at Hycourt Park and the third at Crudele Park, which is right behind the high school. If you are interested in joining us, you can call my secretary, Karyn Andel at (216) 475-0825. Her e-mail is kandel@garfieldhts.org.

Finally, I saw something on the news last week. True Value Hardware is coordinating an event so that residents can test lead surfaces if they have lead in them. This little package is available for free at True Value Hardware. I don't know that they have a huge supply, but it's available at the Maple Heights True Value Hardware. I'm just mentioning this because the Board of Health does have a Lead Paint Abatement Program. So you can contact the Board of Health to get the same information. Along with the test kit at True Value, Maple Heights is giving out a coupon for one gallon of paint (either interior or exterior) for \$7.00 off. It is good till 12/31/2020. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Noreen. Does anybody have any questions for Noreen on her report this evening? Mr. Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: I don't have a question. I just wanted to comment that with those kits from True Value, the first two days that they had them, they gave out over 300 and they do have a

good amount of them. So if anybody wants to get them, make sure that you go to your True Value and get one. There's no charge for them.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Suster. We will move on now to our Building Commissioner, Mr. Mark Moro. Mark, do you have a report this evening?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: No report this evening.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. That concludes the reports of the Mayor and Directors. We will move on now to communications from citizens on tonight's agenda. Will the Clerk please read the rules?

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 BURKE: Is there anyone wishing to make a comment on tonight's agenda?

Mary Ryan, 5014 East 114th Street. I'm trying to understand the Ordinance 23. I'm asking the Mayor. You say we owe the County \$1 million and this will generate \$300,000.00 if we pay 50 cents on the foot?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: We owe \$1 million. Where are we at now?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I think we're at around \$858,000.00 - \$860,000.00 currently.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: That's what we owe. Correct.

MS. RYAN: So it's put on this sewer thing on our tax bill, but there's so many people that don't pay their taxes. Are we going to generate enough money to pay this whatever we owe? And if anything happens to cover new stuff? Anybody?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: The County, as I stated earlier, suggested we take one dollar because they're anticipating the other sewer failures. So they anticipated a dollar. We did not want to hit the people for a dollar. They are just too crunched. So we took 50 cents. The answer to your question is if things don't get crazy the 50 cents is enough. If things get crazy down the road--that we can't predict. You know it's like an insurance policy. We're taking a little gamble that 50 cents can cover everything. So I can't answer if that's going to be enough or not, but without any extraordinary circumstances it should be.

MS. RYAN: So let's say we have some really bad catastrophe, especially like with all there in we're having, etc. Can the city come back and ask for more money? Or will the County come after us?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: If the County believes that the city is not going to handle it, they will do it. We put the County off for probably three years. They've been coming at us. They finally said look, this is not working. You have to get the money or we're going to take it. That's what

they came to us for this year. So we had no choice but to go forward. The only question was how much were we going to take. There, as I said and Dave and everybody that was in the meeting will tell you they recommended one dollar. We talked it down to 50 cents and they agreed.

MS. RYAN: As long as they agreed. Could they come back in a couple years and say we've had some catastrophes. We don't have enough money. We're going to do it again? Raise it more?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Let me tell you, Mary. It's really difficult when you run a city. There's only one way to get money—taxes. We don't have bake sales. We don't have 50-50 raffles. We get the money through taxes. You're right. There's a lot of delinquent taxes out there that would really shore us up some more. We can't do anything about that, but the reality of this thing is if some catastrophe happened that cost the city \$20 million, we have nowhere else to go but to the residents or businesses.

MS. RYAN: *(Inaudible.)*

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: If it was a sewer incident, it would come out of the sewer money, but what I'm saying is taxes is the only way the city brings in money. Let me give you an example. This is hearsay so I don't want somebody to call up the city of Mentor and say that the Mayor of Garfield Heights said that the city's lying. This is hearsay, but just to give you an example. If we had to, and Barb will probably fall off the chair, if we had to squeeze the grape as hard as we can, we could probably come up with \$3 million in emergency money. If we had to. That would be taking concessions, etc. We could probably come up with that. My understanding is the city of Mentor has \$83 million in reserves. So do they have a problem fixing sewers? And their city is probably 40 or 50 years old. It's all what money you generate for the city. Tax dollars is the only way you get the money. Remember the city has not increased taxes in the city of Garfield Heights since the 1970s. We have not had a tax raise.

MS. RYAN: I had a raise in my taxes.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Not through the city. You had school levies, you got the library levies, you got Cuyahoga County, you got the vocational school. Every time and I'm not opposed to it, because I believe in libraries, etc., but every time somebody comes to this microphone and says we need money for Cuyahoga County. We need money for college and it's only three dollars/month, but after 30-40 years, that three dollars/month adds up. We have not had a tax increase since the '60s or '70s.

MS. RYAN: Isn't our city doing better now that all these homes have been sold? We should have some more income somewhere even though there are people that don't pay their taxes, which I still don't understand what the County doesn't do anything.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: The County is in charge of doing that and I believe that they're doing a better job now than they have before. Barb Biro has told me before we are actually doing better on collections now than we have in a long time.

MS. RYAN: With all the sales of homes that have been sold. We had so many empty homes for so long and so many torn down, I would think our city is doing a little bit better?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: As far as bringing in tax dollars?

MS. RYAN: Yeah.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: As far as property tax we're down on income tax.

MS. RYAN: I'm for this if it will help with problems because I wouldn't want a flood in my basement.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: It's definitely something that none of us would want to do if we didn't have to. We have to do it.

MS. RYAN: OK. I got a better understanding.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: OK.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Suster did you have something you want to say?

CLMN SUSTER: Mary, the other thing is that the money that's going to be raised that we're going to get from this can only be used to pay down our debt. It can't be used for any other sewer projects.

MS. RYAN: \$20.00-\$25.00 is not a huge amount so. Maybe to some people, but not to me so I'm for it. If it helps. All the construction by my house on McCracken you can't even leave your street during the daytime, which David Krock didn't even mention the construction on McCracken. It's horrendous between that and over on 98th and Transportation Boulevard. It's almost as bad as when we had Turney Road. You can't get around the city again. But it's really bad. Are they just doing McCracken? They're not coming down our side streets, right?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: We're doing either waterline work or working over on Transportation Boulevard.

MS. RYAN: On the McCracken stuff, isn't that gas?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: That's gas.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Right. Thanks, Tim. That's the gas company.

MS. RYAN: They're not coming down any side streets, right?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I don't know exactly where they're going but I know they are replacing a lot of gas lines. They send us new plans all the time so they change where they're headed.

MS. RYAN: It's a mess by my house.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Is there anyone else that would like to come up to comment on tonight's agenda? If there are none, we will move on to Ordinances and Resolutions. Tonight is the Second Reading for Ordinance 23-2019. Will the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2019 (SECOND READING)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING GARFIELD HEIGHTS ORDINANCE 49-2014 AND AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SANITARY ENGINEERING DIVISION TO INCREASE THE SANITARY SEWER RATE FROM \$1.70 TO \$2.20 PER LINEAL FRONT FOOT WITHIN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

PRESIDENT BURKE: Before I vote, I would like to make a comment. Five and a half years ago, when I became a Councilman, I remember Mayor Collova put together a meeting because we were talking about roads. We were talking about potholes. We were talking about infrastructure for the city of Garfield Heights. We were told back then that the sewer lines some of them were 133 years old. They only last 100 years. So I remember Mayor Collova and his team put together a notice for residents to come out to a Town Hall Meeting. Three different times to have a meeting with residents to find out what do you want to do? Here's some options: Option A, Option B, Option C and I've never seen a city that so poorly attended a meeting. Three different times. When I talked to some of my residents about it, they said we don't have time to go to a meeting. That's why we elect you to make the decisions for us. To represent us. And when I look at Ordinance 23-2019, I think back to those meetings. One of the things that we talked about was why can't we do something and be pro-active as a city as opposed to re-active all the time?

When I look at this piece of legislation, after the debt is paid, that money that is generated can only be used for capital improvement purposes that has to do with our sanitary system. This piece of legislation--and I applaud you, Mayor and all the people who worked on this piece of legislation--this is the first piece of legislation that I can ever remember where we are being pro-active as a Council, as a city Administration, as a Mayor and with that, I vote Yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote, Clmn Burke, I totally agree with you. The only other time I can remember us being pro-active is when we instituted the garbage fee and we had a lot of discussion on that. That was back what 10 years ago when we first walked in, Mayor?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Eight or nine. Yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: So with that, I vote Yes. We have to be pro-active.

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, I'd like to say the garbage fee were by the vote of the people. I believe they voted on the garbage but it came through with support. I say that the best way we said my colleague would say that people didn't attend and once again, that some people don't attend because they do not know. It don't mean that you do not move forward a piece of legislation because of that. I have I believe when me and Dave has spoke and probably mentioned the service. I have one of a dozen sewers up there--catch basins--that is probably six/seven inches dropping right now. Even on 131st you got to be careful where you drive. I had 135th while I was sitting on the street and I felt the street shifted. I called it in because I could feel my car shifting while I was parked there. I have another street, which is on Forestdale where it had to be washed away going in front of a person's house now because we keep patching up over and over. It gets old. Sewer lines are old.

The only thing I requested and I still keep on pushing for this that we notify and we spend that extra money by mail. We got to realize that we have to get something done and it have to be done. We going to have to make them sewers better because otherwise you going to have the floods back up into the basements. You going to have that collapse around there and if you ever had it around your house you agree. I'm not for taxes. I think that this should have been handled a different way, but I'm not going to put it on hold. I like my man Dave discussion has always been. I take his word for it and what I visually seen as shown that we have to do something about them sewers out there. Catch basins are bad. With that, I vote Yes.

AYES: Nenadovich, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley

PRESENT: Glenn

ABSENT: LaMalfa

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 23-2019 passes with 5 Yes votes and 1 Present vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-2019 (SECOND READING)

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,100,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVING STREETS AND ROADS IN THE CITY BY RESURFACING, GRADING, DRAINING, CURBING, PAVING, AND IMPROVING, RECONSTRUCTING AND CONSTRUCTING CATCH BASINS, AND MAKING OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the adoption of Ordinance 25-2019, beginning with Clmn Mike Nenadovich.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 25-2019 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 37-2018 TO UPDATE THE SALARIES OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR 2019 IN ACCORDNANCE WITH SECTION 41 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the adoption of Ordinance 27-2019, beginning with Clmn Vaughn.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 27-2019 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 38-2018 TO REFLECT INCREASED SALARIES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR 2019 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 41 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 28-2019 passes with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 11-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZED THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY'S OHIO TRAFFIC SAFETY OFFICE UNDER THE IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (IDEP) AND THE SELECTIVE TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM (STEP).

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, you definitely need to have extra patrols out there. When you look at Mothers Day it's surprise how some people made it to see their mom on Mothers Day. I had some close instances where people could almost ran on the other side crossing the center lane and could have been a head-on collision with me. I definitely need think that we need the additional individuals out. I'm hoping that they do get the grant because I don't want it to be too much cost to the city. With that, I vote Yes.

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 11-2019 passes with 6 Yes votes. That concludes our Ordinances and Resolutions for this evening.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT BURKE: We will move on now to Miscellaneous Comments by Citizens. Will 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 BURKE: Is there anyone wishing to speak?

Jason Blake, 5585 Briarcliff Drive. I'm just following up to what the Mayor had talked about the parade. Obviously, the Memorial Day parade is to honor our Veterans. We've been able to get groups from the city including Jennings Hall, the American Legion and Veterans who are not involved with any of the groups. They're participating in the parade as well. If you do know anybody that would like to participate, they can contact me and we'll make sure that they get in the parade. There's a lot of different groups. As I said, Jennings, American Legion, Scout groups. If the weather is permitting we'll have a classic car group in the parade, youth sports, different city groups, Clmn Vaughn's Ward group will be in there, the Garfield Heights Band will be in there. We have about 15-20 groups right now. We're still taking calls.

As the Mayor said, there will be a ceremony outside after the parade. We will also have refreshments, hot dogs, cookies that have been donated and I believe bottled water. Jim Feeney is donating his time as a DJ as well. Members of Garfield Heights United are donating their time to help with the reception.

Just in general, I would like to thank a lot of different people working on the parade. They're in the planning, the carrying out of the parade. Mayor, if you could pass on a thank you to Pat Salemi. She's been absolutely incredible in helping us get it together.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Will do.

MR. BLAKE: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Anyone else wishing to speak this evening?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: If there are none, we will move on to Miscellaneous Business. Will the Clerk please read the rules?

CLERK: This involves the business of Council in the legislative function; any other problems should be directly dealt with by the department involved. This area of the agenda shall be limited to legislative business, Ward business, lack of attention toward problems, etc.

PRESIDENT BURKE: We'll start this evening with Clmn Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to congratulate our two Mayors for a Day. Your essays were excellent. It was a pleasure to have you with us tonight. I hope you enjoyed your day. Sorry the Police Department was not exciting. They had to be better than the Finance Department, right? A pleasure to have you guys with us today.

Ward 7 Block Watch will take place May 30, 2019 up at St. Monica's pavilion. Our speaker will be our one and only Wendy Walters will be talking on CERT and the value of having a CERT Program in Garfield Heights and what it actually does. We look forward to having you, Wendy. Hopefully it's a beautiful night to be outside. I'm looking forward too.

The Parade. Please folks come out and support the parade. I've been to a few of these meetings and people are really putting a lot of time. I think it's an important thing to bring back. We'll have all the new shiny fire trucks out there and new police cars. It's going to look good. If our cherry picker would come in time, we'd put that in the parade, right? It's going to be a good time.

Again, my sympathies to Rick Felkonis. When the Mayor called me over the weekend, it just blew me out of the water. I talked to him the other day. He was fine. Things were going well. He was always a pleasant, good man to work with. He is truly going to be missed. My prayers and my family's prayers are with him and his family at this time.

I want to wish everybody a Happy and enjoyable Memorial Day. We're not going to have a meeting before then. Please be safe. Again, it's a day to honor the Veterans who have fallen. It's not just a day to have picnics. It's a day to honor them. Come out. Enjoy the parade. Then have your hot dogs or hamburgers. Drive safely, by all means. That's my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Vaughn. Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I congratulate our two Mayors for the Day. Believe it or not, even in the high school, that's where I started I was on student council for several years in Glenville. OK, Garfield. That's where I started so you know nothing wrong with getting involved. The younger you get involved in the city the more better you going to understand your city as you get older. The more you get to hang around some governmental people and ask a lot of questions, then when some younger people who is around you they get ready to turn 18 you better answer some of their questions on why the decisions made, how they are made and how they benefit you or whatever the case may be. I'd like to welcome you two. I tell you James, you all do a great job on putting that together with the young people and you just keep up the good work there. It ends up really appreciated. It's notable too.

Also, it's getting warm out there and we got to keep our community clean and our city clean as best we can. You know what day your garbage day is. You know if you come in late and get your garbage can in. If it's six o'clock the next day your garbage can shouldn't be sitting out at seven o'clock the following day. You need to bring it in. Be respectful.

We know it's getting warm and we like to entertain at our houses, etc. There's nothing wrong with entertainment. Be respectful that when people come visit you and they pull up in the driveway, have them turn that music down in that car. Remember you have neighbors. Show some respect because I tell you when they make your neighbor mad, when they leave and go home you still live there. Just remember that. I love music like the next person, but I think that's overstated and everything.

We are going to be moving our meeting from this month, which would have been on May 21st. It's going to be rescheduled for June 18th because I won't be in the area. I got another commitment I didn't realize I had to be at and everything like that. I want that to go forward.

My condolences out to the guy's family and stuff like. I used to see him around the building. I didn't know him that well, but I saw him a lot. My heart goes out to him. Any loss is a bad loss when it's a family member and stuff.

Be aware that it's getting warm. The kids are running around in the street. They're going to be out there not paying attention as you're drive your car. Most of all we keep our community safe. I appreciate what the Chief and them is doing and the patrols that come around as we get into the summer.

Mayor, we have our differences, but some time at the end of the day I think we want the same thing that's best for the city and everything like that. Like I say, Ward 1 we have the bad catch basins up there and we have some streets that we have some issues with it.

Most of all enjoy the summer. Make the best of your summer. Enjoy your families and stuff. With that, Mr. Chairman, everybody have a safe Memorial Day. Go out and pay respects. If you don't do it in the city, go visit some gravesites. If you don't know nobody who's passed as a Veteran, put some little flags down on it. That do count. With that, I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Dudley. Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. President. I'll start off by congratulating the two young Mayors. I don't see any grey hair there.

MAYOR COLLOVA: Not yet.

CLMN NENADOVICH: That comes in 9th Grade. I liked your essays and they were very much appreciated, but I do like the comment you made. The education is there if you want it. If you don't want it, you're lost. That's a profound statement because a lot of people don't remember that. There are children in the school system that do a great job and we hear about the 5% that don't. So I congratulate both of you again.

I want to thank Tom for mentioning the events at Memorial Day is about the Vets. That's what we're here for. Not a parade. Not a cookout. It's the people that died so you can have that cookout.

My condolences go out to Rick's family. He will be missed. I have not had much dealings with him, but like Tim says, whenever he needed something he was there.

Mr. Dudley mentioned that you still live there when your friends and families leave. The homes in Garfield Heights are approximately six – ten feet apart. The backyards are all common ground, but if I'm listening to my music and I can't hear my music in my house with my air conditioning on because your boom box is too loud or your stereo and the kids are just screaming like crazy and kids do play. I think you got to remember those kids are going home and you're stuck with me or any other neighbor in that situation.

I saw on the news tonight that our Garfield Heights Police did a great job apprehending a robber that allegedly robbed the Credit Union at the bank. They also on the news tonight said there was an AT&T store that was robbed and they apprehended the two suspects in Garfield

Heights. I happened to be driving by when they were coming out of the cars. I have never seen police move that fast. They were out there guns drawn. The kids were out before we got to the end of South Highland. They were putting them in the car. We had to go back home for something and just before that on my street they had an incident with a suspect that was allegedly in a home on the corner of my street. There were SWAT cars. There were cars from different cities there. Officer Merchant was putting on his SWAT gear. I asked him what was going on. He said he had a suspect. They didn't find anybody in the house. The kids were hiding in the garbage cans from what I understand. So they tried to get away, but they didn't make it. So we figured now we're going to go shopping. So I started heading on the freeway to go over to Macedonia to the Mayor's favorite store (Walmart). As we were going down 98th Street, there were these three police cruisers (SUVs). They were flying somewhere towards Turney Road. I told my wife we're going shopping. We can't stop for any more of these. That was between 11:30 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. All that happened. Now I saw at least 20 police cars so Chief, you are doing a great job and I would love to be a police officer.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Thank you, Mike. I appreciate that.

CLMN DUDLEY: Mike, don't drive through my Ward. You're bringing trouble.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I was in Ward 3 and 4. Other than that, have a safe Memorial Day. Enjoy our time that we do have here. I want to thank everybody for what they've put together with their projects, Dave, Barb, the monies how we're doing and Tim, great report. Great patching in our Ward, by the way. I wish the residents would call you and tell you you do a good job but I'm telling you you do a great job. With that, I thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Nenadovich. Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, Mr. President. I want to make a comment to our younger Mayors. What impressed me more by your appearance. You don't see too many young men wearing a bow tie. So both of you are dressed according to the occasion. That says a lot about your parents. Amen.

Going forward, I hate to put a damper on this but all the ordinances we passed today was all about spending money. I hope that it don't get out of control. I'm concerned about spending more than the monies coming in. I voted for all these issues too, by the way. I do wish the city to go forward in a good way. The Mayor's doing a good job. We're on the same page, Mayor. I don't know what we're going to do about Bridge View or City View. Boy if we could ever get that off the ground. I would like to talk to you about that you know. I know we don't have any discussions here at City Council. Some time I'd like to come in your office so that we just talk and not confront. I would be happy to do that. Thank you, Mayor.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Is that it, Mr. Glenn?

CLMN GLENN: I'm finished.

PRESIDENT BURKE: OK. Mr. Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: OK. I, too, would like to congratulate the two young people that were here tonight working with the Mayor. What time is your tee-time tomorrow?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: The two Mayors?

CLMN SUSTER: Pardon?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: They're coming with me tomorrow.

CLMN SUSTER: That's what I mean. What is their tee-time? I, too, would like to offer my condolences to Rick Felkonis's family. I basically only knew him from here when we had City Council Meetings or if you were walking through the building. I always considered him a very nice young man.

I also wanted to thank the Mayor for having a parade for my wife and I for May 27th for our 58th wedding anniversary.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: It was a surprise, Joe.

CLMN SUSTER: And also the day before, on the 24th I'll be 78 years old. So I want to thank you for the parade. Two years ago, it was very sad when the parade went down Turney Road and there was hardly any people along Turney Road to come and see the people that did participate. You wonder why people don't come back. We used to have that bull or cow that used to come from Brown Derby. We used to have the Starlets, etc. They quit coming because of the amount of people that did not participate just by standing on the side of the streets applauding them. So if you want to see these things grow, that's what you need to do. You need to get people out there to show their appreciation that they're giving up their time and they're willing to do it for the city of Garfield Heights. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: I'd like to make a motion we adjourn.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Well, we can do so if you guys would like to let me speak.

CLMN SUSTER: You're not necessary.

PRESIDENT BURKE: I know I'm not that important. I, too, would like to send my prayers and thoughts to the Felkonis family. I didn't know Rick that well, but every time I did come in here and see him, he was always like a jolly fellow. He always had a smile on his face and I won't forget that about him. I want to send out my sympathies to him and his family.

This Wednesday we're having a Community Awareness Meeting cookout. The weather's supposed to be pretty nasty like it is out there right now so we're going to do it in the solarium. If we want to cook out, we'll figure out something. But we will definitely have a meeting. Really, I want residents from no matter where you live, as long as you're a Garfield Heights resident. I want you to come in and just meet your neighbors. Talk to the Mayor, talk to the Police Chief, talk to Chief Strobe, etc. Speaking of which I would like to make sure that the firefighters and

the police officers and the Service personnel who are from the city, anybody who works for the city, is invited to this. Just stop by. We're going to be there from 6:30 p.m. till about 8:30 p.m. Just stop by and grab a piece of chicken or a piece of pizza or a hot dog or whatever. Just want to make sure your guys know that, Chief Byrne and Chief Strobe and Tim.

Also I, too, would like to congratulate the Mayor for a Day winners. I want to say thank you really to Garfield United because here is an organization that puts that emphasis on the youth. They put emphasis on other things like Coffee with a Cop. I apologize I couldn't make it the other day because I had to work, but if they don't do it, there is nobody else putting that out there. There's nobody else putting time and energy into the youth of our community. I really have to applaud you guys for doing that—Jim and Frank and Bill. I just think you guys are doing a great job with that.

Last but not least, I would like to just say to Mayor Collova, Clmn Suster, Clmn Glenn, Clmn Nenadovich, Clmn Dudley Happy Memorial Day. These are my fellow Veterans. I don't know of anybody else that served in the military?

CLMN DUDLEY: The Mayor. You said the Mayor already?

PRESIDENT BURKE: Yes, I did say Mayor Collova. I think serving in the military was something I'm very proud of, but there's people that have not made it back home. That's whom we think about on Memorial Day. People like Private First Class William Foster who they named the school after. That happens to be in my Ward so I always think about that. I want to wish all the Veterans out there a Happy Memorial Day and be safe. That's all I have.

And with that, I will entertain a motion, Mr. Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: I'd like to make a motion we adjourn.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Suster to adjourn tonight's meeting, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed? Meeting adjourned.

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Council Meeting adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:31 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Matthew Burke
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council