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

Monday, November 28, 2016

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

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Tom Vaughn

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Council Members Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Suster,

Burke, Vaughn

EXCUSED: Glenn

CLMN BURKE: Mr. President, I would like to excuse Clmn Glenn this evening.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Clmn Burke to excuse Clmn Glenn this

evening, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed? AYES: Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Suster

ABSENT: Glenn

That passes with six Yes votes.

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

CLMN BURKE: Mr. President, I would like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, City of Garfield Heights for Monday, November 14, 2016 as written.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Mr. Burke to accept the Minutes of November 14, 2016 as written, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

ABSENT: Glenn

That passes with six Yes votes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE:

CLMN BURKE: Mr. President, Resolution 24-2016 is currently in the Legislative Committee and we need to keep it there until our next Council Meeting on December 12th. Mr. Wigdalski will be here that evening. He could not make it tonight.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Next, 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: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I do have a short report this evening. First off, I want to thank everyone that attended the Christmas Lighting Ceremony yesterday. It was a great affair. We had over 200 people here. They enjoyed the lights going on. They enjoyed Santa Claus. They enjoyed refreshments and they even got a free skate at the Rec Center. It was really a good time had by all. We certainly appreciate everyone that had anything to do with putting it together. I surely appreciate everyone that attended. It was a great time for all here in Garfield Heights.

On a somber note, my prayers go out to the family of the Garfield Heights shooting victim and also the victim that was shot in Cleveland who was a Garfield Heights resident. I know our police are investigating the shooting and I have very good hope that they will find and charge the shooter as soon as absolutely possible.

Crime, when you heard about Ohio State today and you pick up the paper today and you see what going on in our entire country anymore it a very sad state. You know, we hear about crime in Garfield Heights and I know people will talk about crime in Garfield Heights, as they should, but the other day I got on the Internet just to look at some of the recent crimes that are going on. Just in the last three-four days there have been serious crimes in North Ridgeville, Parma Heights, Parma, Bay Village, Independence, Rocky River along with Garfield Heights and that is just to name a few. This entire country is headed in a crazy direction. I don't know what we could do to stop it, but we need to try to do everything we can to educate the young people that are coming up, the ones that are not getting educated from their parents in the schools and hopefully we can come up with a solution to change the thinking of some of these young people in our city.

With that said, Iqt like to move on to tonights legislation. Resolution 26 is an emergency resolution to create a Statewide database for law enforcement use in implementing Ohios Good Samaritan Law. I urge Council to pass that. Its a good law. Its one that we certainly should support. With that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of the Mayor on his report? Are there any questions of the Mayor on his report? There being none, we will move on to Law Director, Tim Riley. Tim, do you have a report for us this evening?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: No report tonight, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Police Chief Bob Byrne, do you have a report for us this evening?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman. Just one item. We have one week left for people to purchase tickets for Shop with a Cop, which is December 13th. Tickets are one dollar apiece and six for five. Ites a great cause. We do it every year. We are able to take a lot of kids on a Christmas shopping spree and ites a good time. So if you are so inclined you can get tickets at the Police Department, at the cityes schools and I believe there is some cooperating businesses in the city that is also selling them. The signs are in their windows. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of the Police Chief on his report? Are there any questions of the Police Chief on his report? There being none, we will move on to Service Director, Tim McLaughlin. Tim, do you have a report for us this evening?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. The last couple weeks weave continued to work on leaves. We are through the city and got into Ward 6 and 7 starting today for the second time. We have worked some overtime. You know last week was only a three-day work week so that cut down on some time, but hopefully by he end of the week we can get to the end of it. Wedl see about a possibility of going through a third time. I will try to do it as long as the weather holds out. If not, long going to have to ask people to bag their leaves. Weave gone down streets and we got a call an hour later that I just raked my leaves out. We cand keep running back without going through the whole city in an orderly fashion. In the employees that I have to be on the trucks. I have three extra guys that we kept over from the grass cutting crew that has been going ahead and some of the crews in heavy areas and raking up the bigger piles so its been easier for us to get. You, know, we'ge doing the best we can. I know there's some unhappy people about it, but we'ge trying the best we can. We'ge not any different than any other city. I looked around and talked to a few people in other cities. They all started the same time we did. October 31st, the leaves came down a little bit later. Every year its a little different, but wege pretty close to being on schedule because usually wege done in the first week in December and wedl see what happens.

Also the Christmas lighting. You know we had finished that up. I did that with a minimal amount of guys because I was trying to keep guys on the leaves. I got mechanics out on the leaves and everybody else. It is vacation times and all the different things that go on so wed see what happens. That is all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of Mr. McLaughlin on his report?

CLMN NENADOVICH: Tim, you said you are going to continue to pick leaves up as long as possible. Many people watch this channel. What would be he main criteria when you would stop and the people would have to bag after that?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Well, once there a heavy snow, you'de pretty much done. The machines, when they'de sucking up, they'de freeze. When there is just a little bit of snow, etc., we can still get them. Then again, too, it just depends because those guys go on to the salt trucks. I don'de have a million people. I have 10 people that can make the road every day. That includes the Animal Warden. I have two custodians, some mechanics. I move people around as much as I can. Like I said, we usually don'de leave out any leaves. I been here 38 years now. You might get a pile here and there because somebody raked long after we went through, but we'de still going to try to go through as long as we can work.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you, Tim.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any other questions for Tim? There being none, we will move on to Parks and Recreation Director, Bob Dobies. Do you have a report for us this evening, Bob?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Mr. President and Council Members, good evening. I do. First of all, I would just like (being that I was not here) I would like to thank

everyone for coming out to our Annual Halloween Skate October 29th. We had over 275 families and children. Our theme Cosmic Open Skate on November 18th brought over 200 guests and yesterday the Mayor had asked me, we had our Christmas Holiday Skate along with Santa and the tree lighting and there were close to 400 people there yesterday. So that was the freebie as the Mayor explained to everybody. I don't think that was it, but it was a great crowd and everybody had a great time.

These events within our community continue to bring our community together. An overview and pictures from all our events can be found on the city Webpage.

This past weekend we held our Annual Gold Cup Hockey Tournament, which began Friday and ran through Sunday with the championship games. I am happy to say that our tournament continues to be a premiere tournament during the Thanksgiving weekend. Congratulations goes out to our Peewee Team, which took second place.

I also want to bring to your attention that on Monday (and if you would, guys, pass that down through Council. If you want to pass that through the audience, Iop appreciate it) I wanted to bring to your attention that on Monday, November 21st brand new scoreboards were installed in the ice rink. After two long years of fundraising new scores became a reality at the Garfield Heights Skating Rink. The idea fostered by our own Garfield Heights Youth Hockey Booster Club became a reality by securing numerous benefactors who gave cash donations along with varied fund raising efforts through the club and the Recreation Department. I would personally like to thank everyone for seeing this project through. Working as a team anything can be accomplished.

Our 22nd Annual Holiday Christmas Skating Recital will be held Saturday, December 10th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Please make time to come out and watch our community skaters develop and perform.

On Sunday December 18th from 3:00 to 5:15 p.m. we will have our Annual Skate with Santa. This is reduced fee. Ito only \$3.00 to get in and that includes skates. Along with that we will have our Browns Theme Basket. Dong get too excited. We have a basket there donated by Mayor and Mrs. Collova. Ito a great basket. It does have Browns tickets in it for December 24th. These funds will continue to be used for the scoreboard even though weave met our goal and succeeded it. We had to put a little bit of money in from the city side of things. With that, just so everybody knows, that project was around \$12,500.00 for the two scoreboards. \$12,500.00. It makes a heck of a difference. Those boards we had were 18-20 years old. We had lights out. We tried to fix them on an annual basis. It didng stay up. These are new LED lighted boards and everybody was extremely happy about it. Being that we have the theme basket, we ask everybody whatever we raise on it the maximum will still go towards the scoreboard account, which was a separate fund Barb and Ron had set up for me a couple years back.

Our Holiday Fitness Grab Bag session begins today. Late signups will be welcome. This is where during the hectic holiday season you can mix or match or take as many classes as your schedule permits. All classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday at the Fire Station No. 1.

Figure skating Learn to Skate session 3 will begin on Tuesday December 6th or Thursday December 8th, whichever you choose for your convenience. Registration ends December 5th for that. Early signups for all programs are always welcome and for any information you can always call the Rec or visit our Websites.

Last, just an overview on the Summer Grass Program. All of Council were given reports tonight in their respective Wards. This gives you an overview of what happened when we run through the Wards, how many properties were on the Master List, how many were cut by our crews and how many were cut by residents or outside companies maintaining those properties along with the days and average cuts/day. The second last sheet given to you is a recap of other Wards. You may wish to review or see how your individual Ward compared against the other Wards. The last sheet shows overall totals for the last five seasons in comparisons.

As usual, we began the season mid-April and ended November 6th. We began the season with 740 properties and ended with 1,030 properties on the Master List. We went through the city seven times. During the season, our crews checked 6,283 properties on their daily assignments. We cut 1,697 properties or 27% of the total properties. This was 10% more than last year on what was listed. 4,586 properties were maintained by the owners or 73%. The average over the five years weave been doing this, kind of remains the same. It ebbs and flows a little bit, but basically we cut a quarter of the properties that is generated on our Master List. What continually is changing is the increased amount of vacant lots from the demolished homes within the Land Bank Program, which has reached around 100 properties now. Hopefully, and we are noticing with the vacant lot status, our residents are becoming interested in purchasing to become part of the lots and maintaining so that will be a good thing overall. We continue to have more owners calling the Building Department to inform the department of new status of the property or that they have someone maintaining and this is important. Instead of getting mad if your house gets posted and mind you the Building Departments developed that list, I asked everybody that you be cordial and call and just let them know that the property status has changed. It will be marked on the Master List and noted and you shouldnot have any issues after that as long as the property is maintained. Thank you to those who took the time to update the property status. What did happen this season and will continue to happen is that we have been digging deeper to research properties through the County Web to find ownership. Either a posting will occur or a formal letter will be sent informing their obligations on neglected properties. Once this is accomplished either we will have a resolve in being that the property is maintained or we will maintain it and bill accordingly. Thank you. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of Mr. Dobies on his report? Are there any questions of Mr. Dobies on his report? There being none wed move on to City Engineer, and tonight we have Fritz Alderman with us from the Engineers office taking Dave Krocks place.

MR. FRITZ ALDERMAN: Thank you, Mr. President. I have a short report. East 135th Street is scheduled to be paved this week and that project did get done, which is good. It needed to get done.

Multi-Street 2 Project is going to start within the next couple of weeks and we will be paving those streets in the spring.

We are currently working on funding for the Northwest Neighborhood or East 102nd Street area, Bridgeview, City View and Transportation widening. We are working on funding for those projects. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Are there any questions of Mr. Alderman on his report? Are there any questions of Mr. Alderman on his report? There being none, we will move on to Finance Director, Barb Biro. Do you have a report for us this evening, Barb?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO: No, I do not. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Next, we have Social Services Director, Kathy Rush-Parssons. Kathy, do you have a report for us this evening?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS: Yes, I do. Just a brief one. The Senior Center will hold a Chinese Raffle on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday December 6th through December 8th with the drawing taking place Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in the dining room upstairs at city hall. We have prizes ranging from jewelry to small appliances to gift cards. Winners do not need to be present to win. All proceeds directly benefit the Senior Center and its programs. So if anyone is interested you can stop up to the Senior Center. This will be next week.

Also, I wanted to mention there were numerous businesses and organizations in Garfield Heights that very generously donated to our November Food Distributions this month, but donations were still coming in as late as Wednesday afternoon last week so wege going to compile a list of all the businesses and organizations and we will have that for Council next month. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Does anybody have any questions of Kathy on her report? Are there any questions of Kathy on her report? There being none wed move on to Economic Development Director, Noreen Kuban. Noreen, do you have a report for us this evening?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. We are advertising/requesting ideas for a Community Block Grant. We had our first public hearing tonight at 6:00 p.m. The second meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 30th. Also at six occlock. If you are unable to attend please feel free to share your ideas with your Councilperson who will get them to me or you can call or e-mail me directly. That concludes my report.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Absent.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Are there any questions of Noreen on her report?

CLMN DUDLEY: Exactly what kind of ideas are they accepting as far as how the money can be spent?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: I could send you information about how the program works. I believe I e-mailed you, but basically the qualifying projects should be capital improvement projects. It all based on a point system to evaluate projects equally and fairly across the County.

CLMN DUDLEY: I would like getting the e-mail, Noreen, but that way everybody out there would know also. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Noreen are you going to also introduce Mr. Jones?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Tonight we have with us Mr. Anthony Jones from Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland. Mr. Jones is able to work with residents regarding home ownership, foreclosure assistance or we would like to have him talk about the HARP Program. Congress extended the deadline to September of 2017 and this allows homeowners to refinance houses.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Next, wed move on to Comments by Citizens on tonights agenda. Would the Clerk please read the rules.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Is there anyone that would like to speak on tonights agenda? Is there anyone that would like to speak on tonights agenda? There being none, wed move on to Committee Reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Does anybody have a committee report this evening?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none, wed move on to Ordinances and Resolutions, beginning with Ordinance 59-2016. Would the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCE NO. 59-2016

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 111.04 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS IN RELATION TO MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AT CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Moved by VAUGHN to HAVE ORDINANCE READ IN ITS ENTIRETY:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

(The Clerk read Ordinance 59-2016 in its entirety.)

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Before I vote, I would like to say Iopt like to thank Mr. Dudley for holding a meeting so that we could go over this because there was some questions to it and we went ahead and had it prepared and everything and turned it over to the Law Director who approved it. Like I say, Iopt like to thank Mr. Dudley for that. I vote yes.

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

ABSENT: Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 59-2016 passes with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 26-2016

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION URGING OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL MIKE DEWINE TO CREATE A STATEWIDE DATABASE FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT USE IN IMPLEMENTING OHIO'S GOOD SAMARITAN LAW.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Glenn

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 24-2016. Would the Clerk please read the title.

CLMN BURKE: Mr. President, that one is in the Legislative Committee and will remain there until our next Meeting.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. I just wanted to make sure so that everybody knows. That concludes ordinances and resolutions.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We will now move on to Comments by Citizens. Please listen to 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 anyone that would like to speak this evening?

Anthony Jones. I am with the Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland as previously mentioned. Ign just going to talk a brief moment about the Home Affordable Refinance Program also known as HARP. As we do know that the HAT Program, which is another component of the Make Your Home Affordable that came out in 2009. It will be ending again this year, but the HARP Program, which is the refinance piece of that, is going to continue until September 30, 2017. One of the key components is that the loan must be owned or backed by a government-sponsored enterprise, i.e. Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac. Mortgage must have been originated before May 31, 2009. The homeowner must be current on the payments and you cand have no 30 days late in the last six months and one 30 days late or more in the last 12 months. The LGV must be greater than 80%, which is the loan value, which means that you have to owe more than 80% of what the value of the preperty is. It must be your primary residence, a second home or an investment property. There as no minimum credit score. The mortgage insurance cancellation. It will be automatically canceled at the halfway point of the new loan or at 70% of the new LGV, whichever comes first. The lender may opt to cancel any mortgage insurance policy paid by the borrower at any time. When the loan value credit score debit income requirement employment history loan value and other qualifying requirements will be evaluated by the lender at their discretion even though under the HARP Program itself those requirements do not exist. Those restrictions have been dropped. So that all the HARP Program.

Once again, we also help all type of homeowners in situations of distress for the financial crisis foreclosure. It seems to be waning, but its still present. You could reach us at 205-4464 and also the Save the Dream Program which has money from the Treasury Department of the Unites States opened it back up and we also have monies for that as well mainly for folks who are unemployed or were unemployed at one time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you, Anthony. Is there anyone else that would like to speak this evening?

James Feeney, 5355 East 124th Street. Io like to inform Council that this Saturday a group of residents will be meeting at three oclock at the Fire Station on Turney and Granger and all are invited to listen to the residentsquencerns that we feel are important to us that we like to bring to Council at the next meeting. We would like to have as many people there as possible from City Council. Thank you.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none, wed move on to Miscellaneous Business starting with Clmn Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I really dond have anything for this evening. I got to tell you, Mayor, I really enjoyed the lighting ceremony yesterday. I thought I was going to have a heart attack when I heard that Mr. Dobies was opening the Rec Center for free. I hope we could do it again. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Clmn Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: Just a quick one, Mr. Chairman. I did want to mention to people you know at the holiday now Christmas is coming up and always remember the boxes and the wrappings that you put on your front curb is free advertisements to the individuals that are thinking about possibly breaking into somebodys home. So be careful when you put out them x-box, empty boxes and all sorts of color television and flat screens is almost an invite to the elements. Have a safe and happy Merry Christmas should I not see you again. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Thank you. Mr. LaMalfa.

CLMN LAMALFA: I dong have anything tonight. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Nothing tonight, Sir.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. I actually dong have anything for this evening, but Gene Glenn called me tonight just before I left for the meeting and he asked me to announce about his Block Watch on December 6th at seven oxplock here in the Civic Center. This is their Annual Christmas Party so anyone that would like to attend is more than welcome. That all I have. Mr. Burke.

CLMN BURKE: Thank you, Mr. President. I dond have anything tonight. I just wanted to say that I will be attending your meeting and I look forward to it.

If I dong see you have a safe and Happy Holiday season and Merry Christmas to everybody.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Dong adjourn the meeting.

CLMN BURKE: Before I forget, our next Council Meeting is Monday, December 12, 2016.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Before we adjourn the meeting lot like to thank two people for being here tonight. One is Mike Nenadovich who just had a knee replacement and he was able to show up here tonight. And also Clmn Matt Burke, who went hunting and I asked him to come back. Where did you go?

CLMN BURKE: Actually, I went down to visit my uncle in southern Ohio.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: I called him and asked him if he could be here because I didnot know if Mike was going to be here. I knew Gene wasnot going to be here and I just wanted to make sure that we had enough people here. Iou like to thank you both for attending tonighton meeting.

CLMN BURKE: My pleasure.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN BURKE: I would like to make a motion that we adjourn the meeting.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Mr. Burke to adjourn the meeting, all those in

favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed? Meeting is adjourned. AYES: Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Suster

ABSENT: Glenn

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:35 p.m.

APPROVED:	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
Joseph Suster	Barbara Molin
President of Council	Clark of Council