

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, November 14, 2011

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

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Thomas Vaughn

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

CLWN MAHONEY: Mme. Chair, I would like to entertain a motion to commence with the swearing in of the newly elected Council people.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MARINCIC: OK. Just so everybody in the audience knows what's going on. We're going to swear in City Council Members, take a little recess from Council and probably about 7:30 call Council back to order. So roll call on the motion to take a temporary recess to swear in all the City Council Members.

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

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MARINCIC: Now I'm going to turn the meeting over to Mayor Collova.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Ms. Marincic. OK. We're going to do the swearing in today. We're going to go as the Wards go. We're going to start off with Ward 1 and I will announce the Councilperson and I will also announce who is going to be swearing them in today. Mr. Dudley, our newly elected who's an old-timer now, Mike Dudley, actually has selected somebody that's very close to me and a good friend, Representative John Barnes, who has been a great asset to the city of Garfield Heights, is here today and he's going to do the honors. Mr. Dudley, if you'd come forward?

Representative John Barnes: It's an honor to be back home, Garfield Heights, and I would like to just take this opportunity to congratulate all Members of Council on their re-elections and we look forward to working very closely with the city as we have been so that we can give people a reason to believe in their government. We have a lot of work to do and we have to come together work together so we can build a better tomorrow.

*(Representative John Barnes swore in Councilman Michael Dudley, Sr.)
(Photos were taken.)*

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Next we're going to bring up Ward 2, 3 and 4. Nancy Marincic, Mike Nenadovich and Eugene Glenn. Please come forward.

(Mayor Vic Collova swore in Councilpersons Nancy Marincic, Michael Nenadovich and Eugene Glenn.)

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Congratulations.
(Photos were taken.)

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Next we're going to do Wards 5 and 6, Joseph Suster and Tracy Mahoney and they are going to be sworn in by our own Judge Weiler.

(Judge Weiler swore in Councilpersons Joseph Suster and Tracy Mahoney.)
(Photos were taken.)

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Lastly, our Holy Name representative, Thomas Vaughn. Clmn Vaughn was sworn in earlier today by Judge Nicastro who had another commitment and is not here tonight. For tonight's ceremony we have Father Haren, Pastor of St. Monica's Church who will do the honors. Father?

(Father Haren swore in Councilman Thomas Vaughn.)

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: If Tom Vaughn had gone to Garfield and was a Bulldog he could have responded with three or four words at a time.

(Photos were taken.)

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MARINCIC: Reconvene at 7:30.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: We're going to break now. There is coffee and cake in this room to the left. We'll be back here to start the meeting again at 7:30.

(Refreshments were served from 7:18 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.)

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MARINCIC: I'm going to reconvene the Council Meeting. Will everyone please take their seats? I'd like to reconvene the City Council Meeting and the first order of business is to pick a new City Council President.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mme. Chairman, I'd like to nominate Clmn Suster for Council President.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MARINCIC: OK. I need a second on that motion.

CLMN GLENN: I second it.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MARINCIC: OK. Roll call on the motion to have Clmn Suster serve as the next City Council President.

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

CLMN SUSTER: Mrs. Chairman, I'd like to nominate Nancy Marincic for President of Council.

CLMN VAUGHN: I second that.

PRESIDENT PRO TEM MARINCIC: Roll call on that motion. Thank you, Clmn Suster.

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: The motion passes by 7 Yes votes. I just want to take a minute and thank my fellow City Council Members. I didn't plan on being City Council President at this time and I really appreciate your nominating me and electing me to this office. At this time I will entertain a motion for Council Pro Tem.

CLWN MAHONEY: I would like to nominate Michael Dudley.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I need a second on that.

CLMN VAUGHN: I will second that.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Roll call on the motion to make Michael Dudley our Pro Tem.

AYES: Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic

NAYS: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: The motion passes with 4 Yes votes. Michael Dudley is Council Pro Tem. Now I have to get out all my paperwork again.

CLMN SUSTER: Mme. Chairman, may I approach the podium?

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Yes, Clmn Suster, you may.

CLMN SUSTER: Up until last week I didn't know that the President of Council didn't have a gavel or the thing that we can't find the name of that you beat on in order to hold a meeting so I went out this week and I bought a gavel. I bought the little round disc so the President of Council can have something to hit on other than our great table. I also did one more thing because and I'll go back many, many years ago to 1987 when Barney Nowicki was President of Council and his big thing was always to run a meeting with decorum and everything else that went with it with Roberts' Rules of Order. From what I understand City Council never did have a book of Roberts' Rules of Order so I went out this week and I did buy one. If I can approach the President of Council I'd like to give both of these to you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I'm coming out there so I can hug you.

CLMN SUSTER: You got to find out the name of that round thing that nobody knows—the pounder.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Let's continue.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I'd like to make a motion to allow Clmn Suster to return to his seat please?

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: OK. Roll call on the motion. I don't think it's necessary though because he was already seated. If he was just arriving it would be necessary.

CLMN NENADOVICH: OK.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: OK. Now we're going to reconvene the meeting in the regular order of business. We'll have the reading and disposal of the Minutes dated October 24, 2011.

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Cllm SUSTER to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council of October 24, 2011 as submitted. The minutes were adopted with seven YES votes. (Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley, Marincic, Nenadovich, Glenn).

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: We will move on to the reports of the Mayor and the Directors. Mayor Collova, I'm sure you have a report this evening?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mme. Chairman, thank you very much. A few items today. On Tuesday, November 21st from 4:00 to 6:00 and Wednesday November 22nd from 1:00 to 3:00 we will be giving out 200 turkeys to needy families in Garfield Heights. Anyone interested. If you know somebody that's in need of food, if you know some low income people that need a good dinner or a good turkey for Thanksgiving give us a call at the Senior Center 475-3244. These turkeys were donated to us by 1-888-OHIOCOMP and we really appreciate that and I'm sure that our residents will also.

The Holiday Bazaar and Christmas Lighting Ceremony will be held on Saturday November 26th here at the Civic Center. From 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. will be the Holiday Bazaar. There's going to be great crafts, treats, balloons, airbrush tattoos, great games and prizes for the kids. The Lighting Ceremony will begin at 5:30. We're going to do something a little bit special there. We're going to talk in Council about it this week. It's really going to be worth coming out here. Also for the holiday fair we're trying to do this without bringing employees in because we don't want this to cost money to the city and we certainly can't afford to so we're asking for volunteers. We have many of our staff who volunteered but we could use a few more so if anybody's interested in volunteering please get a hold of Noreen or Becky and they will take care of that.

I want to talk a little bit about Issue 55. In November 2009 the position of President of Council was voted out as an elected position by the residents. That's what took place here tonight. That's why this all took place. Because there would no longer be an elected President of Council when we select a Charter Committee each Councilperson plus the Mayor plus the President of Council has a vote to bring one person in. They could select one person and that made it nine people. You want to have an odd number because it would break a tie. Because there's no longer a President of Council-Elect we had to take that part of the Charter out and that's why it was put on the ballot. Unfortunately the people's vote want to keep that in for whatever reason for that empty position to keep that vote. I'm not sure Council, how we're going to go around that. We're going to probably come up with something new and bring it up on another election. We still have a little bit of time before the Committee but we'll have to address that.

The other thing I wanted say is I want to congratulate all of Council for their election wins. It's been great working with everybody the last two years. I think we have a heck of a challenge in front of us, but I think that if we continue the road we're taking this city's going to be fine and I thank you for all you've done and all you will do and I appreciate it very much.

Let me get into the legislation. Ordinance 69-2011. A contract with the Local Government Services Division of the State Auditors' Office to prepare statements for the years ending December 31, 2011, 2012 and 2013. It's a little bit complex for me probably, but if you have any questions I'm sure Ron can simplify it. Ordinance 70 is an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract on behalf of the city of Garfield Heights with the Cuyahoga County General Health District to provide health services to the city for the year 2012. This is something we do every year. Something that we have to pay and it's actually less this year than it was last year. Again, Ron can get into that for you.

Resolution 54-2011. An emergency resolution extending the temporary moratorium on the internet cafes. I'll explain to you why we're doing that. Myself and Noreen Kuban were at a meeting with State Representative Marlene Anielski and also with a representative of the Attorney General's office. We talked about the internet cafes. They do not have a problem with the internet cafes. They went through their whole legal structure. They are saying they're OK. What they're going to do though is they're going to have them regulated by the new Casino Commission. They will be part of that regulation. So until we see exactly what regulations they come down with, we're going to keep the moratorium or we would like to keep the moratorium going for at least another six months. Resolution 55. I want to talk a second about one of Garfield Heights' very fine ladies. One of the hardest working most visible and not only Councilperson but every group, every significant organization she has been a part of she has helped people from the time I've known her and until right up through today. She lost the election. Things like that happen. We all go through that. I want to say that even though she lost the election and she's no longer a Councilperson she told me, Mayor, anything I can do I will do for the city. Keep me in mind for anything, any organization, anytime you need help. We do need help, Deb, for the Lighting Ceremony. But Debbie Sarnowski, I was proud to serve with her and I'm proud to continue to serve with her in a new form but we're going to miss you, Debbie and thank you for everything that you've done for the city and for me. With that said, Mme. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you, Mayor. Any questions for the Mayor on his report? There being none we'll move on to Law Director Tim Riley. Do you have a report tonight?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Thank you, Mme President. No, I do not have a report tonight.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for the Law Director? There being none, we will move on to Service Director, Tim McLaughlin. Do you have a report tonight?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mme. President. We are beginning our second time through the city with leaves. We are in the Garfield Heights Blvd. area and we moved on to the North side of the Blvd. We'll be working our way up. Again, I ask residents to put the leaves on the tree lawn. With tonight's rain before the meeting I was driving around and a lot of them had covered the catch basins. That's something we're going to have to deal with. We will be going through. I've gotten many calls saying that we've gotten off the leaf program. There's less trucks on the street because we don't have the employees. We usually go with four trucks. We're down to two trucks but the guys have done a very good job for having less amount of vehicles and personnel in the streets but we will be going through. We'll try to get them all picked up. A lot of them came down tonight. It will take a little while but we will get to the streets. We are going street by street. Every phone call I get I have to explain that because everybody wants you to run to their street and I understand when you're out there raking them that you want them picked up so they don't blow all over but we're doing the best we can and hopefully we'll get them all picked up in a timely period.

The other thing that we're working on is Christmas lighting. We're a little bit behind on that, but we will get that up and set up for the Christmas Lighting Ceremony. We have cleaned out some catch basins last week that hopefully they're going to be rebricked out of that program that the Engineer set up. We're not going to be able to get to all of them this year but we're trying to get to the ones that are in the worse shape and hopefully this company will be able to get to them. That's the end of my report.

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

CLMN SUSTER: I think you have to explain to these people that with these leaves once they get wet it takes longer to pick them up because the machine doesn't work as fast.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: What happens is it clogs the machine so they have to take the time and take the hoses off and push all the leaves through so we're lucky that we had 12 days of no rain where we got through the city one time in 2.5 weeks but it's not going to be that way this time as the Councilman said they start to clog the machine when they're so heavy and that delays some of the pickups.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Does that answer your question?

CLMN SUSTER: Yes, ma'am.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Absent

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any other questions of our Service Director? There being none, we'll move on to City Engineer David Krock. Do you have a report tonight?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Yes, I do, Council President, thank you. Two things. First, North Granger and East 88th Street. I am happy to announce those actually have been completed and paved. There is still a little bit of and final work to be done.

Over at City View regarding the leachate there, the tank is now gone. We are no longer pumping. We are discharging directly to the sewer and the meter's installed and thanks to Service Department for their help with that as well. Thanks.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any questions? Any questions for the City Engineer?

CLMN VAUGHN: Any word on my resident on Milo and her catch basin?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Yes, that was one of the catch basins we are looking into. It's on its way.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thanks.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any other questions for the City Engineer? We'll move on to the Finance Director, Ron Tomola. Do you have a report tonight?

ACTING FINANCE DIRECTOR RON TOMOLA: Thank you, Mme. Chairman. I would just like to encourage the passage of Ordinance 69 and expand on that a little bit. It's for the preparation of the city's generally accepted accounting statements under GAP Rules. Local Government

Services has been preparing those statements for the city since 1992. it's a real good relationship we have with that division of the Auditor's Office. So I'd just like to encourage you to pass that piece. That's my report.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Any questions for our Finance Director? There being none, we will move on to Economic Development. Noreen Kuban, do you have a report?.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Thank you, Mme. Chairman. No, I have no report tonight.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Any questions for our Economic Development Director? There being none, last but not least, Building Commissioner Mr. Wervey, do you have a report?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: The only thing I have is that we've been told that we can expect them to start trucking in dirt to the City View site to stockpile for road construction and I believe we were told 100,000 yards over the winter.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Anything else?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: That's it.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I have a question. Are they moving any landfill or anything yet?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: No, that's just bringing in dirt.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Is there a timeframe that you think they might?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: I don't have that.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: All right. Anybody else have any questions? OK. That completes the Reports of the Mayor and the Directors and now we'll move on to Comments by Citizens on the Agenda Items.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: This is the portion of the meeting where residents are allowed to take the microphone, give their name and address and you have five minutes to speak. But at this portion you can only speak about items on the evening's agenda. If you want to speak about something else that you have brought up to Council prior and the problem hasn't been corrected there will be another portion of the meeting where you can speak regarding that at the end. But right now if it's about items on the agenda, raise your hand and I'll recognize you. Anybody? Last chance. OK.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 69-2011

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES DIVISION OF THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF

GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, WITH “BASIC GENERAL PURPOSE EXTERNAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS” FOR THE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2011, 2012 AND 2013, PER THE ATTACHED LETTER OF AGREEMENT.

MOVED BY NENADOVICH TO CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I have to get used to voting and being City Council President so be patient with me everybody. This could be entertaining.

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: That passes by 7 Yes votes. Like I said this might be entertaining. Be patient with me.

ORDINANCE NO. 70-2011

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT TO PROVIDE HEALTH SERVICES TO THIS CITY FOR THE YEAR 2012.

MOVED BY MAHONEY TO CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Ordinance 70-2911 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 54-2011

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE GRANTING OF SPECIAL USE ZONING PERMITS FOR THE OPERATION OF AMUSEMENT CENTERS, OR ANY BUSINESS DEVOTING FLOOR AREA TO INTERNET-BASED SWEEPSTAKES MARKETING OR RETAILING IN ALL ZONING DISTRICTS AS DETAILED IN CHAPTER 11 OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

MOVED BY DUDLEY TO CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I did it. Resolution 54-2011 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes. Mr. Riley, would it be a problem if when I'm City Council President that I sit in my other chair?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: You can sit wherever you want.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: OK. Because what's happening is I'm used to the certain roll call and I know what the order is and I'm voting out of order.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: We could also do roll call in a different way, too. It would be up to you however you would want it. Council can establish any rules they want for their meetings.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: We're all going to need to discuss this. It takes some getting used to. Thank you all for being patient.

RESOLUTION NO. 55-2011

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL, ON BEHALF OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, HONORING FORMER CITY COUNCILWOMAN DEBRA SARNOWSKI FOR HER YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO WARD 4 AND THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

MOVED BY MARINCIC TO CONSIDER BY TITLE:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I am going to make a motion to consider by title but I am going to vote No. The reason that I am doing this is because I want this resolution read in its entirety.

AYES: Glenn

NAYS: Marincic, Nenadovich, Suster, Mahoney, Vaughn, Dudley

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Will the Clerk read the resolution in its entirety please?

(The Clerk read Resolution 55-2011 in its entirety.)

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Very good. Thank you.

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Before I vote, I just want to say you were just such a pleasure to work with all these years and I am going to miss you horribly. Horribly. You were an ally, you were a confidante, you weren't just a Councilwoman but you were a friend, a true friend to me. I plan on still harassing you as much as I possibly can. After reading all this I'm wondering how you find time for the three kids, but it's amazing what you have done and how dedicated and devoted you have been to your entire community. I hope Mr. Glenn has some big feet because you have some big shoes to fill here.

CLMN GLENN: I do.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you Debbie, for everything you have done. I vote Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Yes, Debbie, after all these accomplishments I wonder how you found time to have three kids. But congratulations in future endeavors and it's a pleasure serving with you. Thank you. I vote Yes.

CLMN GLENN: Debbie, you have been a good neighbor. I want to apologize publicly in front of you. I made a public "oops" so if with the permission of the President of Council I would like to reverse my vote.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I can't really do it now because we totaled that vote, but don't worry about it.

CLMN GLENN: I'm not worrying about it, but Debbie, you've been a good neighbor and I hope you'll still keep involved in Block Watch and we need the Block Watch to get stronger. I already have some candidates come to the Block Watch so Block Watch is all about safety. That's what we're all about. Thank you, Debbie. I vote Yes.

CLMN SUSTER: Yes.

CLWN MAHONEY: Before I vote, I'd like to say thanks, Deb, first for being a woman of God and for being a graceful woman always. Thank you secondly for being my friend and for teaching me how to be a good Councilperson. I will miss you up here, but I won't miss you in my life because I look forward to having you there. With that, I vote Yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote, Debbie, it's been a pleasure working with you these past two years. I hope you'll still take my phone calls when I'm confused or not sure what to do on things and that you'll guide me and I hope to see you around Garfield Heights, even more so now. You'll have more time now. So with that I vote Yes.

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, I should have been doing so many things. I wouldn't have had mine. You know I got nine, you know. Thirty-three years of marriage, man. I should have passed these on to Gene. I tell you something, Debbie, you had a big heart and that's one thing I enjoyed about you. You had a big heart and I loved the fact that no matter what, no matter how the pressure was laid you you always voted your conscience. That's what leadership is all about. It's not to be swayed because other people are voting in a certain direction because somebody walked up to the mike and it made you switch your vote. You voted your conscience and your conscience was always for the best for your Ward as well as the city and I really respected that and I honestly say I'm going to miss you. I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I am happy and pleased to say that Resolution 55-2011 stands adopted with 7 Yes votes.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: That completes Ordinances and Resolutions and we will now move on to miscellaneous comments by citizens. These are the rules. This is the portion of the meeting where if you have brought up something to a department of the city or to your City Council Member and the problem has not been solved you can come and speak at the microphone. You have to give your name and address for the Clerk and you will have five minutes. I don't have my stop watch so if somebody else could keep an eye out for me I'd also appreciate it.

Bob Halan, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. I'd think you people'd know me by now? So Council knows where I'm coming from, I'm going to give this old newspaper of me some years ago and this will explain why I dedicate my life to kids. I've been a non-professional Santa Claus for 55 years. I've been a school crossing guard. Before I go any further with what I have to say. I'm going to give this to the Mayor and they could pass it around.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I have to ask you. Is this regarding an issue that you have brought up before?

MR. HALAN: Yes. Very much so.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you.

MR. HALAN: I'm dedicated to children. I myself have lost four children over a period of years. I have to apologize to the children of Garfield Heights for what their parents did in voting down the camera law. About a month ago I was almost hit by a car crossing a child in the school zone. Garfield Heights police caught the driver. I love kids. I dedicate my life to them. I do not want to see a kid—one child—hit by a car and I think it's unconscionable that the parents in Garfield Heights voted the issue down. I've dedicated 55 years at being Santa Claus to kids.

I lost my first son. He died of a heart attack at 6 weeks 3 days old. My twin daughters got the 24 hour flu. One died and one almost died. My adopted son was murdered by a drive by shooting. My remaining son committed suicide about five years ago. I am disappointed in the Garfield Heights parents by voting this law down. I will hound City Council to re-address this again. I do want to see the kids protected and I want a no tolerance for the speed in the school zones. I'm very serious about this. The Mayor's known that I felt this way and I campaigned. I want to continue to campaign for the passing of it. Some people think it's a money resolution. It may be but no child's life is worth not passing it. I beg you and the city of Garfield Heights and all the residents in it to pass it the next time it comes around. I'm very serious about it. Not only am I, but so should every parent in this city.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thirty seconds.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you. Thirty seconds.

MR. HALAN: I think I've said what I had to. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mme. Chairman, if I may? Bob, let me just respond to you. I feel bad for all the things that happened in your family and there's many more out there that felt that this was an important issue but the first time we had it out there it failed by 92 votes. This time it almost failed by 600. I believe the residents spoke loud and clear. They don't want these speed cameras in Garfield Heights and there's many of us that feel it's important for Garfield Heights, but we have to listen to the majority and the majority has certainly spoken. I understand your concerns.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Are there any other residents wishing to speak on issues they have brought up before? Anyone else? There being none, we will move on to Miscellaneous Business, beginning with Clmn Dudley.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

CLMN DUDLEY: Just like you being next to me. All right. First of all I'm going to congratulate you, Nancy. It was well deserved.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you, Clmn.

CLMN DUDLEY: I'd like to thank Tom Vaughn for your support. I deeply appreciate it. The same, Tracy. I appreciate your support as well as Nancy's support for the Pro Tem. I also would like to thank the community once again for their support in electing me back to office and I look for bigger and brighter things to happen for the Ward 1 area as well as the city as a whole. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: OK. Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Nancy, congrats on becoming Council President.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mike, Pro Tem. I'd like to congratulate Gene on his win in Ward 4. Most of all I'd like to thank the voters. There was a record number out there. No matter how you voted, you voted. That's the key. You voted. You spoke. You made yourself heard. Sitting back and complaining, sitting back and complaining. I got it, Mayor. Sitting back and complaining does nothing if you don't express your voice and that's what voting day is about. People came out. They came in record numbers. The polls were very, very busy and I appreciate your votes no matter how you voted.

I'd like to thank the Service workers. Since we had that storm with all the trees coming down they've been working like crazy. I talked to a couple of them and I know for a fact their arms are hurting. Old men, arthritis is sort of like synonymous with hard work, construction work. I've seen the city workers and I appreciate them.

I'd also like to remind everybody on December 8th Ward 3 is having their final Block Watch for the year. It's at 6:30 at the VFW. I'm inviting you all to come. On the 11th of November was Veterans' Day and a very, very wonderful ceremony. A lot of people worked to get that place cleaned up. The ceremony was good. We remembered the Vets. Like I always say we got to remember the Vets because that makes it possible for us to sit here and say thank you. With that I have nothing else.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: OK. And our newest Member, Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, Nancy. First of all, I'd like to congratulate you on being President of Council.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you.

CLMN GLENN: I'm sure you'll do a good, fine job to keep everything in order. Keep me in order. I want to take a little time here because I have so many people to thank, it's unbelievable. I had a pyramid of support. The top of the pyramid, the pinnacle of my pyramid is my wife, Anne. Also with my wife, Anne, my family. My daughter, Shelly and my grandchild, Clint. I also would recognize some of the poll workers--the unbelievable help I had at the polls. This was not an easy job to overcome a 16 year incumbent. That is not easy to do on a first time coming out of

the box. I'd like to thank Steve and Kim Sanducci. Please stand. Paul Varatti in the back. Thank you, Paul. Dan and Marie Bailey. Alfred and Viola Dustins. Peter Szabo. Valerie and Terry Blazey and Clarence and Carolyn Sczepenski. And all the people at our Wednesday morning get together. I thank you very much.

The voters spoke out loud and clear and I serve the voters in Ward 4. Ward 4 is my Ward. I will be out to protect it and carry on the viewpoints of the voters. My main concerns again are property values, empty houses, the fire hydrants. That's going to be my goal during my duration- to paint the fire hydrants. I painted over 200 fire hydrants and I'll continue that program if I have to volunteer my time during the course of the tenure. I appreciate the time of everybody coming down here. I thank you very much again. Thank you, the voters of Garfield Heights.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: I would like to thank the residents of Ward 2 for bringing me back. I consider being on City Council more a labor of love and dedication. I look forward to my telephone ringing every day and if I ever stop looking forward to it I'll stop running. Right now it's the highlight of my day. I want to thank Clmn Suster for what he did tonight. I know he wanted to be City Council President too and I know Mr. Dudley wanted to be City Council President too. I want to thank them both for their support. Believe it or not this came as a big surprise to me today. Clmn Suster, also thank you for the Roberts' Rules of Orders, for the gavel and the wacky thing. He even had Council's agenda laminated and typed up really big for these old eyes of his and mine just in case and I can't thank you enough.

Lastly, because I had these at the last Council Caucus Meeting and what it is is a list of all the City Council Committees and also of Pro Tem, Board of Control, Planning Commission, Tax Exempt, Union Delegate, Council Clerk, Recreation Board and School Liaison. I'm going to pass these out to every single City Council Member. I have been City Council President before and one of the hardest things a City Council President has to do is pick the committees that City Council Members have to be on because you can never make everybody happy and there's going to be hurt feelings. So what I'm going to do this time is I'm going to give one of these to each City Council Member and I want you to pick the committees you want to be on. What I'm going to do then is hand out who picked those committees to be on and I want those committee members to pick the chairman of that committee from amongst themselves. That way there won't be any hurt feelings and everybody will have a voice. I'm hoping that's the best way to do it. I'm going to pass some of these. I'm going to give them to the Clerk. That's all I have tonight. Once again thank you to all of my fellow Council Members.

CLMN SUSTER: Mme. Chairman, when do you want this back by?

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: If you can give them to me before we leave? Or if you want to drop them off at my house this weekend that would be fine. Clmn Suster, I'm sure you have some comments this evening.

CLMN SUSTER: Never. I, too, would like to thank the residents of Ward 5 for returning me back to City Council. You know a lot of times a lot of people say to you why do you do this? My reasoning is because I enjoy helping people. I know there's a lot of good things that are going to come about in the city in the next few years and I want to be part of it. We've been here for the good times. We've been here for the bad times. We're back in the bad times and now we're going to go to the good times. I do want to be part of that. I, too, want to congratulate Nancy. I know Nancy will do a great job as Council President and also Mike Dudley as Council President Pro Tem. If Nancy were not able to be here I know Mike will do a fine job.

I have one question that either Ms. Kuban can answer this or the Mayor can answer. We had that Housing Fair last Sunday. Does anybody know if anything happened there or?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Actually the fair was quite successful. There wasn't as many people as I would have liked but the people that were there were very interested in the city of Garfield Heights. They talked to the institutions, they talked to our Building Department. With the incentive package we have I think we're going to do very well from that fair. We have a couple responses already as far as people getting more information on the different financial institutions and the real estates plus our incentive package so I think we're successful.

CLMN SUSTER: Do you plan on having another one?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Yes, we're looking to build off of this one and we're looking in the spring when it's really the home buying season to have another one and hopefully it will be even better than this one. We think it's a good start to get some of these homes filled up.

CLMN SUSTER: OK. One more thing and I'll be done. You heard Councilperson Mike Nenadovich say last Thursday there were some people that came over to clean up the Veterans' area. I'd like to recognize those people because the day I see Lenny Piazza moving through his backyard towards me very fast I never know what's going on. The first thing he said to me was what are you doing Thursday morning at 10 o'clock? I said I don't know. He said we're going to blow leaves. So that's where we're at. I want to thank Councilperson Mike Nenadovich, Mr. Mays, Lenny Piazza, Vince Liotta. Did I forget anybody? Gene Glenn. I'm sorry, Gene. We all came up there with our leaf blowers and I'm telling you you talk about teamwork? When I first got there and saw them leaves I said crying out loud we're going to be here for days. But we were out of there like in two hours and we were fortunate enough that once we got everything into a big pile the city truck came and sucked them all up so we were out of there. I'll tell you what, the guys did a great job in the service that they had on Friday for the Veterans which is well deserved went very well. That's all I have this evening.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you, Clmn. Clwn Mahoney, do you have anything this evening?

CLWN MAHONEY: Thank you. I would like to congratulate every Member of Council for winning their election. I would like to congratulate Nancy and Mike on their newly elected positions on Council. I would like to thank the residents of Ward 6 and I would like to thank my husband who passed out an awful lot of literature. Thanks for that, Hon. I would like to thank the people who aren't in Ward 6 for all their support and all their kindness and Mr. Vaughn, I know I am not a Holy Namer but I know you did a lot to help and support that way too so I want to thank you as well. I have nothing else.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Clmn Vaughn, do you have any comments this evening?

CLMN VAUGHN: Just a few, Nancy.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: OK. Keep it short.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you. First of all, Nancy, congratulations.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Thank you.

CLMN VAUGHN: Mike, I think you'll do a fine job as Pro Tem.

CLMN DUDLEY: Thank you.

CLMN VAUGHN: I'd like to thank my good friend Father Tom Haren for coming down this evening and doing the ceremonial swearing in. Father Tom and I go way back to our days at Holy Name together. He has been a mentor to me, he has been a confessor, he has been a spiritual advisor. I really appreciate all that he has done for me. Joe, I'd like to thank you for the conversations that we've entertained over the past few days and I hope they continue. I have appreciated what you've shared with me and I look forward to working with everybody on Council in open communication.

I'd like to invite everybody Thursday night to Block Watch at St. Monica's in the Augustine Room. We'll be celebrating our 3rd anniversary as a Block Watch and at the Mayor's request we'll be having cassata cake. I would like to take this time to say thank you to the residents of Ward 7 for giving me the opportunity to serve you again. I have thoroughly enjoyed it. We're going to make things better. We're going to turn things around in this city and we're going to be great once again. With that, Mme. Chairman, I say we adjourn.

PRESIDENT MARINCIC Before I make that motion remember to write your names on these, ladies and gentlemen. Roll call on the motion to adjourn.

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

PRESIDENT MARINCIC: Meeting stands adjourned.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:30 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Nancy Marincic
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council