

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

Monday, September 25, 2017

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

**INVOCATION BY:** Clmn Michael Dudley, Sr.

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Before we go any further, I am going to turn the meeting over to the Mayor.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Before we get started with the agenda today, I wanted to take a moment for a special presentation tonight. Something that I feel is very important and I think everyone will enjoy what is about to take place. We have joining us tonight a gentleman by the name of Tony Ramos. He is a Community Outreach Manager for NOPEC. He has something he would like to present.

Mr. Tony Ramos, NOPEC. Good evening. Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Mr. President, Members of Council. I am Tony Ramos and I am the Community Outreach Manager for NOPEC. In 2016, NOPEC had an Executive Assistant Recognition Program in which we recognized the efforts of Executive Assistants of the Mayors in the communities that we serve.

In 2017, we decided to expand that program and, as a former Clerk of Council, I decided that we would recognize the efforts of Council Clerks in our communities. So Barbara, I am here this evening to present you with a certificate of recognition for your efforts to the City of Garfield Heights and with a bag full of gifts. So I am just going to read. The Mayor provided a quote for the certificate and he said, "Barb, thank you for all you do! We truly appreciate all your hard work!+ That is from the Mayor and Members of Garfield Heights City Council. Congratulations. I am going to give this to you and then I would like to get a picture of you and the Mayor and the President of Council if that is OK.

**CLERK:** Thank you. This is a surprise.

*(Photos were taken at this time.)*

**CLERK:** Thank you. This is so nice.

**MR. RAMOS:** Just one other brief announcement. I would encourage all of you to attend this year's General Assembly Meeting, which will be November 14<sup>th</sup> at the Doubletree Hotel in Beachwood. We will be announcing three new programs to benefit our communities. One of them is a new round of community grants that will total \$18 million that we will be pushing back to our communities.

The second program is a customer give back initiative in which every single existing NOPEC customer is going to receive a gift card in the mail from us as a give back to them.

The third program will be a Sponsorship Policy. Each community will receive a designated amount of money each year to use for community related events. So please join us in November for the additional details on that. I appreciate the time. Congratulations, Barbara. Thank you, Mr. Mayor, Mr. President and Members of Council. I hope you all have a good evening. Thank you.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Anthony, thank you and Barb, you are well deserving of this. You've been here as long as I've been here or longer. You've done an outstanding job. We always don't remember to say thank you, but I personally, along with Council, want to say thank you. You do a great job.

**CLERK:** Thank you all. It's an honor and I was totally surprised.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Good job.

**CLERK:** Thank you so much.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** OK.

**READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** We will go on to reading and disposal of the Minutes of September 11, 2017.

**CLMN BURKE:** Mr. President, I would like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, September 11, 2017 as written.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. On the motion made by Clmn Burke to accept the Minutes of September 11, 2017 as written, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

**AYES:** Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster  
They are accepted.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:** None.

**LEGISLATION COMING OUT OF COMMITTEE:** None.

**REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:**

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

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I do. I wanted to start tonight's report by talking about an Annual Art Contest sponsored by the Garfield Heights Fire Department. Create a picture with Halloween fire safety as the theme and the top four pictures will be selected to be painted by the winners on a designated window at the firehouse. All entries must be submitted by October 6, 2017. Here is the catch. Only 4<sup>th</sup> Graders are eligible. Return your picture on an 8+x 5+x 11+piece of paper to your teacher with your name, school, homeroom and home phone number. Any questions, Inspector Joseph Rode from the Fire Prevention

Bureau can respond at (216) 475-4079. I think this is a great opportunity for the young boys and girls in this city to be able to do something like this. Boy, once again, Chief, the Fire Department comes up with something great. Took the wrong test didn't you? No, I thank the Fire Department. I think that's really great. If you know anybody, Council, any 4<sup>th</sup> Graders or anybody that's involved with school, please let them know.

Next, again I want to remind everybody that effective October 2<sup>nd</sup> Garfield Heights Civic Center Administrative Office hours will change. Hours of operation will be from 8:00 a.m.. 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. That begins on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Lastly, in my report, before I get into legislation I wrestled with the thought of whether I should report on this or not because once again it's a controversial topic. But I just wanted to say that this whole deal with the football players and these athletes kneeling, sitting, not coming out for the National Anthem. I personally think it's a total disrespect to country and flag and to our military. I mean I dislike that part of it, but there's a bigger picture that even bothers me more. I certainly hope it doesn't happen in the city of Garfield Heights, but you know whether we like it or not these athletes are role models for our young kids. They are role models. The athletes are role models.

Here's my problem. My problem is they aren't happy the way the country is working on certain things. They're not happy with how the country's position is on certain things. I don't have a problem with that. They should be able to protest and do what they want in that respect, but when they do it in this regard what bothers me is these young kids we're going to see high school kids are we going to see elementary school kids little school kids if they don't like the way the school's program is, if they're supposed to stand at a certain time are they going to sit because they don't believe that that's in their best interest? This is what bothers me.

I wish these athletes would get together and if you don't like the President, protest the President. If you don't like things that are going on, protest what you don't like. Mondays if you get played on Sunday and you're off Monday go out on the streets and protest. Carry signs. But to do it like this with the flag I think is totally disrespectful. I know there's a lot of different positions on that, but that is my personal position and that certainly won't change.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Excuse me, Mayor. *(Addressing a member of the audience)* one more outburst by you and I'll have you removed from the Council Chambers.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** OK. Let's get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 62. We're asking for approval to sell some of the vehicles that are not being used anymore by the city. Ordinance 63 is to make appropriations for current expenditures and Barb can discuss that.

Resolution 33. We're applying for a grant to upgrade the Warner Road area in Garfield Heights. With that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you. Mike.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I did want to comment on something you said, Mayor. You know what the athletes mean I wish we would have really kept it off the floor because like you said it's different opinions for different people. You can never understand how we feel, Mayor. You can't understand how I feel. I did deal with stuff in the city that other Members of Council have not dealt with, Mayor. And as far as what them protesting when we got a President simply mention the word President who's a draft dodger and that's exactly what it was when he was saying he

had foot problems he didn't serve and he got so much respect for the flag but done stuff that nobody has commented on the floor so I would rather leave that alone because I think he was wrong in his comment when he says I'd fire them (excuse me Mr. Chairman) Sobch. He was wrong because that was geared towards a third group of people. A lot of people is not saying what we saying as people, Mayor. We have been through a lot and you just cannot know what's going on.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** I don't doubt a word that you're saying, but let me tell you something. I've known you for a long time and you're not a man that would disrespect that flag for any reason whatsoever, nor should anybody else. I don't say they don't have problems that should be addressed, but not when you're doing it with the flag. That is my opinion. That's how I feel about it. I'm not going to change that opinion and I'm not trying to argue with you, but I'm telling you I don't have to understand everything you went through. I can tell you this. I understand what the military kids have died for and so did you and they died for that flag.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Mayor, I come from a military family. My dad served. My brother served who passed, both of them went in Viet Nam like you and I served and I done my time, and everything. It's not a disrespect for the flag. They believe they died and lost blood just like anybody else. It's a matter of getting a message off. They got some of them kneel and actually praying. They aren't praying against the flag. They are praying for the country. A lot of people don't realize that. I don't want the Mayor because I'm going to tell you, Mayor, actually the President had done more to divide this country than any other President that ever served.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Let's move on.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** I wasn't wrong when I said it was a controversial issue.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** You're right about that Mayor. I had to speak up for the people, Mayor. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Next, we'd move on to Law Director Tim Riley. Tim, do you have anything this evening?

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** No report tonight.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you. Chief Bob Byrne, do you have anything to report this evening?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE:** Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. I have two quick items. First off, next week October 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 6<sup>th</sup> the city schools are going to do their annual evacuation drills. It's going to happen each day at 9:00 a.m. except for the high school, which will be Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup>. Those evacuation drills will be at 1:30 p.m.

The second item I have is that I'm going to leave some brochures up here and it's for a program called Ready Notify. It's a mass notification system used by Cuyahoga County and participating municipalities to issue emergency notifications to the public. Basically, it requires residents to sign up. They have to go on-line and sign up. If anything occurs within the city that you need to know about. A couple examples are like the flooding on Broadway every now and then we get or if the area that you know, road closure, etc. that will go out either through e-mail or text message. So if you sign up for that we will be able to get the word out to you. We're on board

with it. The dispatch center is on board with it. So sign up for that and when those things come about you'll be notified. With that, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Chief. Are there any questions for Chief on his report? Are there any questions for Chief on his report? There being none, we'll 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. We just finished the two weeks of the Fall Hazardous Waste and Paper Shred Saturday. I will be able to have the figures for you at the next Council Meeting. The truck driver estimated the paper shred was 7,000 pounds, which, in three hours is a pretty good turnout. I will have everything firmed up in the figures in the next meeting.

The city street repaving projects. Hopefully they will be done in a week. They're in the final phase of finishing up the chip seal. They're still working. I checked this morning. They were still working on some of the streets, but hopefully into next week it will be done.

The Cleveland water line replacement and street repair hopefully will begin in the very near future. I know the streets have been picked and the bids went out, etc. They like putting in the waterlines in the winter so they'll be working all through the winter. You should probably see some of those streets are being repaved till the spring till summer.

Also the Service Department just completed the crack sealing on four streets. We've used up all the product and we're done for the crack sealing this year. What we tried to do was go back and get some streets that were done a couple years ago if there's any cracks or movement in them to move them together to make them last longer. That program will go on every year now that we have that trailer and we will start doing that stuff. With that, that's the end of my report.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Tim. Are there any questions of Tim on his report? Clmn Nenadovich.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Tim, I know last Council Meeting they mentioned a couple streets. One of them was Horton. Now they chip sealed the lower half between Blythin and the Boulevard. Does that mean that the part that's coming now does the Boulevard through Grand Division?

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** I'm sorry.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** The part that they're going to redo for the waterlines, is that between the Boulevard and Grand Division?

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** You're saying Horton?

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Yeah.

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** I don't have Horton on the waterline replacement.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Mike, I believe Horton was one of the streets that have been turned in in this last round to be approved for the following year.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** OK. Thank you, Mayor.

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** The streets that are on the waterline replacement for this row is Maplerow, Hillside, Richland, Alexander, Mount View, Darlington, Woodward, Havana. That's the ones that will be started now.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Tim.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Absent.

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** Absent.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Anyone else with any questions for Tim? There being none, we'll move on to Finance Director Barb Biro. Do you have a report for us this evening, Barb?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO:** Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. This evening we're asking for support of Council on Ordinance 62 in regards to some additional surplus cars that we have. We will have two that will be going up to auction. Again, they will be placed on govdeals.com within the next two to three weeks. Notification will be in the Neighborhood News. A public notice will be issued and you are, as a citizen, able to sign up on govdeals.com and place a bid if you so choose.

We're also asking you for support on Ordinance 63, which is an additional appropriation. We're a little over halfway through the year. Also it will allow the city to advance the money to O.D.O.T. for the repair on Transportation Boulevard Bridge. That's all I have.

**SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSON:** Absent.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Are there any questions of Barb on her report? Are there any questions of Barb on her report? There being none, we'll move on to Economic Development Director Noreen Kuban. Noreen, do you have a report for us this evening?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Yes, I do, Mr. President. Thank you. Regarding Resolution 33-2017. This is to follow up on a 2010 study. Garfield Heights participated in a Transportation for Livable Communities Initiative and they came up with recommendations for improving Warner Road and Garfield Boulevard Corridor. This application is just for a small area of Warner Road and it's to provide assistance and integrating transportation land use planning. This is just a start of the project so we want to get the project on the radar. We are hopeful that we will be able to get funded, but, if not, we'll be on the radar for the future applications.

Second, our Harvest Fest will be held on Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m.. 4:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. It's open to all residents and particularly geared for residents with children. Kids have a great time.

Finally, on Wednesday October 19<sup>th</sup> the Garfield Heights Chamber of Commerce is joining Parma Area Chamber of Commerce, Southeast Regional Chamber of Commerce and Shaker Heights Chamber of Commerce for a Business Expo and Taste of the Town. It will be held at Holiday Inn, 6001 Rockside Road in Independence from 4:00 p.m.. 7:00 p.m. The cost of admission is one can of non-perishable food. That concludes my report. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Noreen. Are there any questions to Noreen on her report? Are there any questions to Noreen on her report? There being none, we will move on to our Building Commissioner Mark Moro. Mark, do you have a report for us this evening?

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Thank you. That concludes the reports of the Mayor and the Directors. Would the Clerk please read Comments for Citizens.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:**

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Is there anyone that would like to comment on tonight's agenda? Is there anyone that would like to comment on tonight's agenda?

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE:** None.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** There being none, we will move on to Ordinances and Resolutions beginning with Ordinance 62-2017.

**ORDINANCE NO. 62-2017**

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

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 62-2017 passes with 7 Yes votes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 63-2017**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Ordinance 63-2017 passes with 7 Yes votes.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 33-2017

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR THE 2018 TRANSPORTATION FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE GRANT THROUGH THE NORTHEAST OHIO AREA COORDINATING AGENCY (NOACA).

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Resolution 33-2017 passes with 7 Yes votes.

#### MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** That concludes Ordinances and Resolutions. We will now move on to Comments by Citizens. Would the Clerk please read the rules.

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

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Is there anyone that would like to speak this evening? Yes, Sir. Have you talked to somebody in the city about the problem that you have?

Audience Member: I have a comment, a question.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** I understand you have a comment, but have you spoken to your Councilperson or the Mayor?

**AUDIENCE MEMBER:** No.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** I'm going to have to ask you to sit down then because in the rules it states that you had to talk to somebody within the Mayor's office or somebody on Council.

**AUDIENCE MEMBER:** Follow the rules?

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Yes.

**AUDIENCE MEMBER:** I cannot see that? A statement you read?

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** She just read it.

**AUDIENCE MEMBER:** We have to contact our Council the first before we come here?

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Either that or you can contact the Department that it has to do with, such as the Building Department.

**MAYOR COLLOVA:** Excuse me, Mr. Chairman. Sir, is it something that has been brought up in front of somebody at this panel before?

**AUDIENCE MEMBER:** No. This is something that I have a question I was going to ask the city. I didn't contact my counselor.

**MAYOR COLLOVA:** Let me do this. We have no problem with you speaking whatsoever, but we have to follow the rules, but after the meetings over please come up and ask me anything and we'll answer it.

**AUDIENCE MEMBER:** All right. That's good.

**MAYOR COLLOVA:** Thank you.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Thank you, Mayor. OK, Miscellaneous Business beginning with Clmn Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Mr. Chairman was there something we were supposed to do before or are we doing after? Can we do that now?

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Yeah.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Ready.

*(At this time, Council sang Happy Birthday to Mayor Collova.)*

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Starting with Clmn Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** OK. First, I want to congratulate you, Barb. You really deserve it. I tell you all the time you're a hard worker. I'm quite sure from Chairman to the Members of Council, Mayor and the whole Administration we're all proud of you. You do a great job. I want you to know that we appreciate you. You deserve it.

**CLERK:** Thank you.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I want to mention tomorrow night is the Town Hall Meeting. It will be located at 12700 Broadway, Christian Kingdom Assembly from 6:00 p.m.. 8:00 p.m. Our guest speaker will be the one and only Chief Byrne. There will be light refreshments. I look forward to everybody attending that meeting in the community as much as possible. Like I say, you know I don't know if some of you all remember Reverend Dobson, but he used to sit down the front row with his wife, Mrs. Dobson, all the time. He passed Saturday. He was sick for a while and he was kind of off and like in a slight coma but he woke up about a week ago and he talked to Mrs. Dobson and everybody was so happy to hear that but God blessed him to get them last words out. On Saturday she said at 11:00 she got the notice he passed. Keep the family in your prayers and a good community Bible his classes in the garage and my kids. The big one you see sitting there with little kids since 1997 they has held this for our community. I just want to keep them and anybody who also lost a family member.

Once again, Mayor, Happy Birthday to you, guy. You have been a good friend throughout the years, man. I hope you get to see many more because I know you're about 50 and I'm about 40 so we are all right. That's all, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK.

**CLMN LAMALFA:** I don't have anything tonight. Thank you though.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Clmn Nenadovich.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Barb, congratulations on your being noticed for your efforts.

**CLERK:** Thank you.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Other than that, you know how I feel about the military and I back the Mayor 100% on what he said about the flag. He has private business here at work. Keep the job here. Protests go after. Thank you very much.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Is that it? Clmn Glenn.

**CLMN GLENN:** Thank you, President. October 3<sup>rd</sup>, the first Tuesday of the month, we'll have our Block Watch Meeting. Guest speaker will be from the Service Department so bring all your questions about the garbage and what's going on in the Service Department. Come and ask your questions.

I, too, am a Viet Nam Vet- a proud Viet Nam Vet. I do respect this flag. I wish all these things would be taken outside a room of a stadium and other venues. Thank you Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** OK. Thank you. Barb, congratulations. I know you really deserve that.

**CLERK:** Thank you very much again.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Before I go on, I would like to concur with what Clmn Glenn had said. I keep saying and I've said this to many people throughout the last couple weeks where this disrespect has come for the flag. You know, these people are not disrespecting you or anybody else, but they are disrespecting the flag of the United States. What I've been saying is they have this Wall of Honor that's going around the United States right now. I think it's in Perry, Ohio. I

think what they ought to do is before the next Browns game is to take that down to the stadium and see if those football players have enough guts to kneel down in front of that memorial for those men that have died in that war. That's all I have to say. I move on to Clmn Burke.

**CLMN BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I know you wanted to call me Clmn Vaughn and you haven't done that in a long time. Barb, congratulations. I couldn't think of a more deserving person. You're amazing in how you read everything and how you really coordinate things and put things together. You definitely deserve to be recognized for it. They should recognize you every meeting, as far as I'm concerned.

**CLERK:** Thank you, Matt.

**CLMN BURKE:** Other than that, I don't really have anything else to say. I'm not going to comment on that whole situation other than to say I think the media is really to blame for everything. They put the wrong things out there. I guess everybody has to have a good news report so let them have their news report. That's all I have to say.

**PRESIDENT SUSTER:** Clmn Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thank you. Barb, I want to congratulate. What a surprise that was tonight, huh?

**CLERK:** That really was a surprise.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thanks for all you do. Ward 7 Block Watch will take part this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at the Pavilion at St. Monica's. Please come up and join us. All are welcome. We'll have some light refreshments. It will probably be the last time we'll be out in the Pavilion so while the weather is nice let's enjoy it.

Mayor, Happy Birthday. Jeanne, Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary and to you also, Mayor. You're a saint and I pray for you. Congratulations to both of you. That's a real achievement in today's world.

With that, that's all I have. I make a motion that we adjourn this meeting.

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

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:35 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

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Joseph Suster  
President of Council

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Barbara Molin  
Clerk of Council