

COUNCIL CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, February 22, 2021

(Note: This meeting was conducted via Zoom due to the current Covid-19 outbreak.)

Council President Michael Nenadovich called the Caucus Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Jason Blake, Councilman Ward 5
Shayla L. Davis, Councilwoman Ward 4
Charles Donahue, Councilman Ward 2
Michael Dudley, Sr., Councilman Ward 1
Michael Nenadovich, Councilman Ward 3
Thomas Vaughn, Councilman Ward 7

President Nenadovich said the record should reflect that all Council Members were present except for the vacancy in Council Seat 6.

President Nenadovich then moved to accept the Caucus Meeting Minutes for Monday, February 8, 2021 as written. Clmn Donahue seconded. The Chair asked the Clerk for a roll call vote.

AYES: (Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue).

The motion was approved.

There is nothing out of committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2021 President Nenadovich advised that he would move to consider by title.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-2021 President Nenadovich advised that he would move to consider by title.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-2021 President Nenadovich advised that he would move to consider by title.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2021 President Nenadovich advised that he would move to consider by title.

RESOLUTION 09-2021 President Nenadovich advised that he would move to consider by title.

RESOLUTION 10-2021 President Nenadovich advised that he would move to consider by title.

President Nenadovich announced that he had emailed Council instructions regarding how to vote for Council candidates according to the Law Department and Robert's Rules. He then read them.

"With regard to the procedure for appointing a Council person for Ward 6 tonight, I suggest the following. At the beginning of the meeting, a motion should be made by a Council member to amend the agenda to include the vote to appoint Ward 6 Council member. This can be placed on the agenda at any time. It has been suggested that it take place after Comments by Citizens and prior to Miscellaneous Business. At the time of the vote, the Council President should open the floor for nominations. After the nominations are over, the Council President should make a motion to close nominations and a roll call vote should be taken by the Clerk.

The Council President should then ask the question before Council, "On the nomination of candidate A to be appointed to Ward 6 Councilperson. How do you vote? A roll call vote should be taken by the Clerk. Candidate A receives four votes, the process is over. Candidate A does not receive four votes. Repeat the process for Candidate B, Candidate C, etc. If none of the nominated candidates receives four votes, Council has the option of reopening nominations by motion or ending the process. If the process is ended, Council has the option of meeting again to address the issue prior to the deadline for appointment as set forth in the Garfield Heights City Charter."

Clwn Davis said that she had spoken to the Mayor and Service Director Sikon about holding a work session to discuss trash issues from residents. Mayor Burke said that he and Mr. Sikon were trying to put the timeframe together to have such a discussion with all of Council and the Judge within two weeks to see what kind of legislation could be drafted.

The Clerk mentioned that Council had received an email from Ms. Carol Schillero about raising chickens and asked whether she should bring it up on the floor. The Chair said to acknowledge it and added that there was no reason to resubmit it because farm animals were not allowed by our ordinances and we would adhere to that. Clmn Dudley planned to call her the following day. Clmn Vaughn pointed out that Ms. Schillero lived in Ward 6 and she had spoken to both Clmn Blake and himself. They believed that she wished to address Council. Ms. Schillero was on the line and confirmed that. The President said that she could speak during Miscellaneous Business.

Clmn Donahue moved to adjourn the Council Caucus Meeting and Clmn Dudley seconded.
AYES: (Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley). The motion was approved by 6 Yes votes.

Council President Nenadovich adjourned the Caucus Meeting at 6:44 p.m.

Approved,

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael T. Nenadovich
Council President

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council