

COUNCIL CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, May 10, 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
Charles Donahue, Councilman Ward 2
Michael Dudley, Sr., Councilman Ward 1
Michael Nenadovich, Councilman Ward 3
Frank Tagliarini, Councilman Ward 6
Thomas Vaughn, Councilman Ward 7

President Nenadovich announced that six Council Members were present and one was missing due to a vacancy.

The Chairman then asked whether any Council Members or Directors wished to bring anything up that might appear on Council floor.

Clmn Dudley remarked that it was unfair to him and his community to have scheduled a Planning Commission Meeting on May 21, 2021 to discuss development of the former Family Life Center on Dressler without consulting him first as a courtesy. Mayor Burke replied that he had actually brought it to Clmn Dudley's attention on March 8, 2021, during a meeting with the World United people. The project was not ready to go. There was over \$400,000.00 owed on the property and it is on the demolition list. The purpose of the Planning Commission meeting is to simply rezone that area from U-8 to U-1 Single Family Residential. No builders or real estate people had yet been contacted. The Mayor thought it would be nice to have houses built there and Clmn Dudley agreed.

ORDINANCE NO. 43-2021 President Nenadovich advised that he would move to consider by title.

Clmn Dudley explained that it was important to tell the public that this was an emergency ordinance because if the city did not buy the CAT now they might have to wait for 6-7-8 months.

ORDINANCE NO. 44-2021 President Nenadovich advised that he would move to consider by title.

Clmn Dudley inquired as to why the city had not bid out this agreement. Mayor Burke responded by saying that the organization came highly recommended by many other communities and ran 4,000 Websites throughout the nation. The cost was for a five-year program—not only one year--and would be paid for by COVID funds. Moreover, it was very important for the Website to be ADA compliant to avoid lawsuits.

Clmn Tagliarini asked if the training was for everyone. The Mayor said that the training was intended for department heads to learn to post their own information—not the public and that the city’s IT Department was too busy to undertake creating a Website. Clmn Blake recommended that the Chairman of the Communication and Technology Committee oversee City Council postings.

Clmn Dudley asked Clmn Tagliarini if he had set a date for the Landfill Committee Meeting. Clmn Tagliarini said he would look into it the following week. Going on, Clmn Dudley said that he and Mr. Tagliarini had been waiting over a month for documentation on Bozeman and Terrace Construction. The Mayor advised them to contact Economic Development Director Kuban, Commissioner Moro and Law Director Riley.

Chairman Nenadovich then moved to accept the Council Caucus Meeting Minutes for Monday, April 26, 2021 as read. Clmn Tagliarini seconded. His motion stood approved by 6 Yes (Nenadovich, Blake, Tagliarini, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue) votes.

The Council President said that there would be a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. to interview the candidates for the Ward 4 vacancy: Mrs. Debra Sarnowski and Mr. Avery Johnson. Council would enter executive session to conduct the interviews and to choose an appointee.

Clmn Tagliarini moved to adjourn the Caucus Meeting and Clmn Dudley seconded. His motion stood approved by 6 Yes (Tagliarini, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Blake) votes.

Council President Nenadovich adjourned the Caucus Meeting on Monday, 5/10/2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Approved,

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael T. Nenadovich
Council President

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council