

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, February 8, 2021

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m. by Council President Michael Nenadovich.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: OK, it is 7:00 p.m. and I would like to call the Regular Council meeting for Monday, February 8, 2021 to order. Ms. Molin, will you take the roll call please?

ROLL CALL: **PRESENT:** Council Members Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: All are present at the meeting. We will continue on. We'll go with the reading and disposal of the Minutes of the Monday, January 25, 2021 Council Meeting. Could I have a motion to accept?

CLMN DONAHUE: I motion to accept.

CLMN VAUGHN: I'll second.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: On the motion to accept the Monday, January 25th Council Minutes for 2021, Barb, will you take a roll call please?

CLWN DAVIS: Barb, are these the amended Minutes?

CLERK: It should be. I sent them in to Rose.

CLMN DONAHUE: Do we need to stipulate that?

CLWN DAVIS: Yes, we do.
AYES: Donahue, Nenadovich

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Ok. I will start over. Thank you. Could I get a motion to accept the amended Minutes for Monday, January 25, 2021?

CLMN DONAHUE: I motion to accept.

CLMN DUDLEY: I'll second it.

AYES: Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley
That passes with 6 Yes votes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Nothing? I do have a question on some of the minutes. Mr. Vaughn, Clmn Ward 7, we had some pending Minutes from the Finance Meetings?

CLMN VAUGHN: We'll be taking them out at the next Finance Meeting. The same with the Safety Minutes.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: OK, Tom, Thank you very much. Do you have any idea when that will be?

CLMN VAUGHN: No. I need to talk to Barb on that. All right?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Clmn. There being no legislation coming out. Next, we have reports of the Mayor and the Directors. Mayor, the floor is yours.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: Thank you, Mr. President. I want to kind of let everybody know what I've been working on here the first week as Mayor. I got to be honest with you. It's been a lot. They've been keeping me pretty busy here at city hall. There have been a lot of things that have happened over the course of this past week. I want to address a few things.

The very number one priority here as I am certain everybody is aware of the Channel 19 news report that the city of Garfield Heights maliciously turned off somebody's water and they care for their 88-year-old mother, who is disabled. I wanted to just let everybody know what was reported. I did speak to Mr. Sylvester Primous, and I just did what any decent human being/decent neighbor would do and that would be to get right over to his house in the morning and take some gallons of water and sit and talk with the young man in order to find out exactly what happened. What I was told and what the report read, there was a few things that were kind of off on the report. It was reported that the city of Garfield Heights shut off the water. That's not true. The Cleveland Water Department shut the water off. Specifically, they said that Tony (one of our foremen) told them that the city shut off the water.

What actually happened was a communication issue. Our foreman was called by Cleveland Water to tell them that the water was going to be shut off. He called the resident to tell the resident that Cleveland water let them know that they were going to shut off the water. Why did they shut off the water? On Maplerow Avenue where the water was leaking, he's got a leak in his driveway. That leak is his responsibility. Cleveland Water tested the pipes and lines. They found it to be the responsibility of the homeowner. The water had been leaking on to the road. It had been freezing up with the way the weather has been. It has caused a safety issue in that area. I can tell you it did because when I spoke to Mr. Primous and asked him if he had called his Council representative, he indicated that he tried to call his Council representative and never got a return phone call. Yet, our Service Director, Mark Sikon, told me that Mr. Dudley has been on this and has literally called and said that there was a safety issue with the water in the street freezing up. That our safety vehicle could not get there. Had they been called out it would have been a mess. I certainly commend Mr. Dudley for taking action, but there again what we're finding out about this whole situation and in the conversations I've had with Sia Nyorkor, who is the reporter, is this is a series of communication issues here.

To make a long story even short as much as I can, the outcome of this is if the line is contaminated/broken it is the responsibility of the homeowner; however, Multi-street Phase 3 was done

on that street. When you look at the report, the report states that this happened when they moved the fire hydrants from one side of the road to the other side of the road. In my investigation and in the questions I've asked, I've discovered that those fire hydrants were moved back in 2018. That work was completed in 2018. So for this leak to have happened when that happened it would have had to start in 2018, which I'm sure if it had been leaking for the last three years, somebody would have called us. Something would have gotten done. That left me a little suspicious/questioning as to exactly what happened. Now, I'm going to tell you, where my heart goes and what I've certainly felt is that my number one concern was for the resident. You have an 88-year-old woman (who I can tell you by being at the house) was not in any good shape. There was a concern there. They did not have their water working. However, I don't know that Cleveland Water is going to turn the water back on because of the safety issue it causes, especially now when we have even colder temperatures coming.

So how do we try to help the situation out? In Multi-street Phase 3, there was a notification that we think was sent out to all the homeowners along Maplerow telling them that they had a lead-based pipe there and if they called the Water Department, the Water Department would more than likely have taken care of that problem for them. However, Mr. Primous did not call the Water Department so he is still sitting there with a lead pipe that is now probably broken and not repairable. I explained all this to Mr. Primous. I explained it to Ms. Nyorkor and I told him specifically that he needed to call Cleveland Division of Water and talk to them and ask them to consider the fact that he has that lead pipe and consider that fact that in Multi-street Phase 3 at the time that they were offering to handle that. So I don't know where that's going to stand with him, but he at least knows now who to talk to or at least what to ask. I think that was part of the confusion/part of the communication problem because he did not know who to ask about it. So naturally, it was the city of Garfield Heights that did this and nobody was helping him out.

I will tell you I had a great conversation with him. It was a pleasure to meet him yesterday. Just to let him know that we are going to do whatever we can to help the situation, but I know that we cannot take taxpayer money and fix it for him. That's just not a reasonable thing. However if there is a program in place I'm sure they will let him know. I also reached out to Murtis-Taylor (the social servicing firm here in Garfield Heights) and I'm waiting for them to call me back. Just in case this gets prolonged they can reach out to a firm that may be able to help put them in a facility so that they at least have running water and are able to live comfortably, you know. I'm also going to have Janice Tubbs supply a list of the vendors that are available that do this kind of work. So hopefully the community and as a community of people here we will get together and try to help Mr. Primous out and his mom. I talked with him and told him we were all thinking about him and he knows we're all praying for him and want to do the best we can.

So I just wanted to put everybody at ease about what was said in their report and even when I spoke to the reporter, Ms. Nyorkor, she did indicate that she may have been off a little bit but the facts that she was getting was from the homeowner. So being that it was the weekend, I don't think that she could get a hold of any of us to get our side of the story. I thanked her for putting that out there because I don't know about this and when I heard on Saturday night late in the evening, I made it a point first thing Sunday morning right after Church to go and visit him. I want to say thank you though, not just to the reporter, Sia Nyorkor, but also to Clmn Mike Dudley and Stacie Collier. Because I can tell you those two individuals also worked hard on this and maybe not knowing exactly what Mr. Primous was dealing with, but also looking out for the safety of their Wards and their community. I think they should be commended for that. Thank you, Mike, for taking a heads up on that.

I wanted everybody to know that today I instituted a Chain of Command Policy within our Administration. I feel that after being involved for three months of just talking to the employees, talking to the Directors, I think today, after this policy was put into place I've seen a lot of smiles on a lot of people's faces. It's just as frustrating while you're talking to employees and you're talking to Directors and the employees don't know who to go to, they don't know what to say, they are frustrated so right away they go to the Mayor and then the Directors get a little nervous because they go directly to the Mayor and oversteps the

Directors. We just learned to put a little bit of direction in everybody's course of action here so I instituted this Chain of Command. I want to thank Jeannie Sowers for putting it together. She's been working on it for about a week now. I think it's something that will help in our ability to move forward and conduct business professionally as a city.

I did have my first "Coffee with Matt Burke" on Saturday. There was a lot of good information that was brought up, mostly by the community, mostly by the people that attended. My sister was on the call and she is a real estate agent, as everybody knows. She did bring some information about Valley Ranch Estates. What's being done over there. How many lots have been sold at Valley Ranch Estates, which I found to be very exciting. I could tell you that a focus of my business as a Mayor is to help bring businesses in. I feel my 34 years I was in the floor covering business directly with big business owners, I seem to know how to build that relationship with business owners and I've already started to do it here as the Mayor of Garfield Heights.

I had a great conversation with ICP. I know we are really close on something here and hopefully any day now I'll be able to help getting some of the incentives that they're looking for and also being reasonable with the city of Garfield Heights so that we don't give away the farm. Certainly, there's a lot to think about and a lot to talk about in those types of conversations that I've had. There have been a lot of negotiations. I think it brings a whole new perspective in talking to some of the business owners and letting them know that, yes, maybe we can't give you what Westlake is giving you. Maybe we can't give you what Brecksville and Brook Park and Beachwood are giving you, but one thing that we are giving you that they can't give you is 189,000 cars that go up and down the freeway every day with easy access on and off the freeway. That has got to count for something. I think most of the businesses that I talked to agree with me on that. It's kind of exciting to see businesses that want to come to Garfield Heights. They just need somebody to remind them of what we have to offer instead of being negative and talking about the trash dump, etc. I'm going to be positive. I'm going to be a leader that's positive and that's the course of action that I'm going to take.

Let me get into tonight's Ordinances and Resolutions, beginning with Ordinance 14-2021. We are applying for additional grant funding. We have \$74,500.00 already sitting in escrow. This is an opportunity for us to get an additional \$57,000.00 to put into that escrow and to figure out basically the process of trying to figure out exactly what we can use those funds for. We definitely want to try to secure those funds from NOPEC. Ordinance 15-2021. We are purchasing four new Chevy Tahoes. One of those is going to be for the Fire Department. The other three are designated as Police vehicles—one being a K-9 vehicle. Ordinance 16-2021 goes along with the Police vehicles and the Fire vehicles. They are the radios to outfit those vehicles with. This is something that I feel strongly we need for our safety forces.

Resolution 7-2021 is a moratorium on billboard signs. The reason why we're putting this on is because (as some of you are aware) we passed some legislation a while back to develop a Master Plan. I have been in serious discussions with the Master Plan Committee. One of the things they're talking about is signage. This could very well be something discussed by the Master Planning Committee so right now we want to put a moratorium on any new billboard signs in Garfield Heights. Last but not least, Resolution 8-2021 is basically a firefighter grant for two thermal-imaging cameras to replace the outdated models we have and outfit the fire safety folks. We actually want to have training for all the members of the Fire Department.

With that, you have my report.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Are there any questions for the Mayor on tonight's agenda? Raise your hand to be recognized. Michael?

CLMN DUDLEY: Just a comment. You mentioned Maplerow. First, you got to thank Clmn Vaughn because Clmn Vaughn brought it to my attention that my number is showing up as 7761 (the last four digits) instead of 7661. People have called on 7761 what they pick up and not 7661 so Clmn Vaughn brought that to my attention.

I want to mention what the Mayor had on the fact that I have been running for a while. My heart belongs to the Senior in case of his mom who had the water running. It was warm. It was OK to let it run, but as the temperatures dropped, that house sits on a decline and when it got to the corner of Maplerow it created such a slush of ice slick that when people was hitting the intersection at the end of 126th and Maplerow they would break it. They literally was sliding toward the middle part. So it was a serious safety issue and an accident waiting to happen. I'm glad they clarified that it's not Garfield Heights who cut the water off, but the city of Cleveland. It was, in fact, a safety issue. Glad we tried to figure out something to help the Senior out. We appreciate you putting words out there, Mayor. I wanted to clarify that and make a correction because my number is 7661 instead of 7761. Thank you there, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Dudley. Anybody else have any comments for the Mayor or questions? If there are none, we will proceed on. Next, we have comments by the Citizens on tonight's agenda only. Barb, would you read the rules?

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 NENADOVICH: Is there anyone wishing to speak on tonight's agenda? It's going to be a little slower because we have to look at all the hands.

CLMN BLAKE: I'm not seeing any hands.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Jason.

Hi, it's Melissa.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Hold on, Melissa. You have to be recognized. OK. Go ahead.

Melissa Leonard. My address is 4893 E.84th Street. I just want to say about the water main leak.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: That's not on the agenda for tonight, Melissa.

MS. LEONARD: I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: That would be after the meeting that you could comment on that.

MS. LEONARD: I'm sorry. I'll wait until then.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: No problem. That's what we're here for.

CLMN BLAKE: Mr. President, I see Jen Lake.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Ms. Lake, do you have a comment on tonight's agenda?

Ms. Jen Lake: It's a question regarding the thermal-imaging cameras. The current ones should they be Replaced--could they be donated or sold?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: That would be a question for Chief Strope. I believe he is on the line.

CHIEF STROPE: Yes, the ones we do have are outdated. They could be sold.

MS. LAKE: Yes, so they still are in working condition. They are just very outdated for your purposes? Correct?

CHIEF STROPE: Right. Technology advances so much. We're looking for a grant from the government for them but the technology we have is very dated. They've come a long way with it now.

MS. LAKE: OK. Thank you.

CLMN BLAKE: Ms. Bolton has her hand raised.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Ms. Bolton, you have the floor.

Ms. Bolton. There are two things that I would like some clarification on. The first one is the Ordinance 15-2021. For the two older vehicles that are being replaced, will those vehicles be sold to give some revenue back to the city or the Police Department? If so, how will they be sold?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: I believe Mark Sikon, our Service Director—I could direct the question to him. Mark, if you would, please?

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: If I may, Mr. Chairman?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Yes.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: I believe that those vehicles will be moved over to other departments to be used in other departments but our mechanic will look at those vehicles, assess them, and make sure they are in good working order for us to do that. Anything that is sold will probably be placed on gov.deals in order to sell it. I think the condition of the old vehicles will be much better than the conditions of the older vehicles that are being driven today. They really need to be replaced. Mark, is that where you were going as well?

CLMN DONAHUE: Mr. Chairman, Barb has her hand up.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Yes, Barb.

CLERK: Yes, please could we get the address of Ms. Lake and Ms. Bolton?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Yes, I'm sorry. Ms. Bolton if you would give us your address, please?

MS. BOLTON: 5749 Turney Road.

CLERK: Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: And Ms. Lake?

MS. LAKE: 5303 East 133rd Street.

CLERK: Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Are you there, Mark? Did you hear the question?

SERVICE DIRECTOR MARK SIKON: I believe I did. Matt answered it properly. Anything that we can reuse and put back in the fleet we will. Otherwise, we will sell it at gov.deals.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Sikon. Was that sufficient, Ms. Bolton?

MS. BOLTON: My other question was regarding the Mayor's report. I am interested in getting more clarification regarding the new procedure. Will Council members also have to go through the Mayor's office to speak with city employees?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Ms. Bolton, if I may? It's just on the agenda right now. That would be miscellaneous business. After the meeting I will give you time to ask that question. This is just on the Ordinances and Resolutions. OK?

MS. BOLTON: OK.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: I thank you very much. Anybody else have any questions on the Ordinances and Resolutions on tonight's agenda?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

If there be none, we will move along to Ordinances and Resolutions to pass or not pass as the case may be. Starting off with Ordinance 14-2021.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

CLERK: Mr. Chairman, shouldn't I read the title?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Yes, I'm sorry I missed that. Yes, please.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2021

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S) FOR 2021.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: I'm going to retake the vote just to make it proper.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

Motion to SUSPEND RULE 24:

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: Point of order, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Yes.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: This particular Ordinance number 14-2021 does it not need Waiver of Rule 24? Did you?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Yes, we did.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: I missed it. I'm sorry.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: That's OK. Hey. Your first time as Mayor.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: This passes 6 Yes votes with one vote 0 because we don't have a Council representative.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

CLERK: Mr. Chairman, may I read the title first?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Yes.

CLERK: Sorry to interrupt.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: That's OK.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE FOUR (4) 2021 CHEVROLET TAHOES FROM GANLEY CHEVROLET OF AURORA, LLC.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: That passes 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NORTH COAST TWO WAY RADIO FOR THE OUTFITTING OF THREE (3) 2021 CHEVROLET TAHOES WITH POLICE EQUIPMENT.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Ordinance number 16-2021 passes with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 07-2021

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION PLACING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE APPROVAL OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF BILLBOARDS WITHIN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Resolution number 07-2021 passes with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2021

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR THE 2020 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: That passes 6-0.

That concludes Resolutions and Ordinances.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Before we get into comments by citizens, we have some business to attend to as far as Council body itself. That is to elect a new Council President Pro Tem. We can open the floor for nominations. We will take the nominations. I will require, seeing as how there are six of us, it requires four votes to pass. If I may, I would like to start off by nominating Mr. Vaughn. Barb, make a record of that. Are there any other nominations?

CLWN DAVIS: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to nominate Clmn Dudley.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Barb, make a note that Clmn Dudley has also been nominated. The way the Charter reads, no other Council representatives are eligible because they are all on their first term. They have to have completed one first term to run for either Council President or Pro Tem. Therefore, we will start the voting. All those with Mr. Vaughn, who was nominated, Barb, would you take a roll call? A Yes or No.

CLERK: Sorry, I was just confused there for a minute.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: There are two nominations. One was Mr. Vaughn. One was Mr. Dudley. If I may will you take the roll call starting with Mr. Dudley.

CLERK: All right. Sorry I got it.
(Dudley)

CLMN DUDLEY: You don't think that we should seat the last member of Council before we take this vote for Ward 6? That member should be seated first before the vote is taken, Mr. Chairman? Because it will be our total body of Council. There's just six members here.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: You are postponing this for another month.

CLMN DUDLEY: No. I know that, but I would think that you would have waited until you get the seventh member of Council before taking a vote?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: I'm going to refer to Mr. Riley on the legality of it and the need for a Council Pro Tem as soon as possible. I believe. Mr. Riley, are you on board yet?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: That would be up to Council whether they want to vote now or at a later time.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: OK. We will do that as I will refer to the Council body. Barb, I would like to make a motion to vote per Councilperson whether they want to wait for the seventh member or take the vote tonight. That would be up to the Councilpersons on the time they are called upon starting with Mr. Dudley.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Wait. Excuse me. Point of Order. Before you go forward, you have to be clear on what you're voting on.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: I gave her correctly. What we're going to vote on tonight is whether we're going to wait until the Council representative from Ward 6 is appointed or we're going to vote tonight.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: You have to make it clear—a Yes or No vote. Is it to wait? Or is it to vote tonight? The motion has to be one or the other.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: I understand what you are saying now. A Yes vote would indicate that we vote tonight. A No vote means that we will wait until the Councilperson is appointed. Am I right on that, Tim, now?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: It should be a simple motion. Yes or No.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: What was that, Tim?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: It should be a simple motion. To hold a vote tonight for Pro Tem position. Yes or No. That simple. It can't be Yes or No either way. It's got to be a simple motion.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Tim. I would like to make motion as Council President, to vote on the Pro Tem tonight.

CLMN BLAKE: Mr. Chairman. Clwn Davis has her hand raised.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Yes, Clwn.

CLWN DAVIS: Mr. Chairman, I think a motion is already on the floor. Don't we have to do something with that to put another motion on the floor?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Yes, I could rescind the motion. I made it.

CLWN DAVIS: OK. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: I rescind my initial motion on the appointment of Council Pro Tem and go to the second motion I made. When you vote tonight, you will vote for the Council President Pro Tem tonight. That motion is on the floor. Yes, we vote tonight. No we don't. Am I right there? Tim?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: No. It should be a motion to vote for the Council Pro Tem tonight. Yes or No. That's the end.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: With that vote it would indicate that the Council President would take the vote tonight and it would go to Tom or Mike.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: No. You're asking Council to vote on your motion. I think your motion is do you want to hold a vote tonight on the Council Pro Tem?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: That's what I was trying to indicate. Thank you. OK. I would like to make a motion to vote on Council Pro Tem tonight. Barb, would you take a roll call starting with Mr. Dudley?

CLERK: Shouldn't I start with you? You made the motion.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: All right. Start with me then, Barb.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: I vote Yes tonight.

CLWN DAVIS: No.

CLMN BLAKE: Before I vote, I vote No and I'm saying we only have one more meeting before we would realistically select a member for Ward 6. I don't think delaying the vote for roughly until another Council Meeting is that impactful. So with that, I vote No.

CLMN VAUGHN: I vote No.

CLMN DUDLEY: No.

CLMN DONAHUE: Before I vote, I agree with Jason. That's exactly what I was going to say. We have one more meeting. We can wait until we put somebody in for Ward 6. So with that, I vote No.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: That motion fails. One Yea to five Nays. This is the first time we've gone through this so it's a little confusing but thank you for your clarification, Mr. Riley. That will be postponed until the next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Next is Comments by Citizens. Barb, would you 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 NENADOVICH: Thank you. Bear with us. We're going to have to look at hands raised.

CLMN BLAKE: Mr. Tagliarini has his hand up.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Mr. Tagliarini, the floor is yours.

Frank Tagliarini, 12404 Darlington Avenue. I got three things. About the situation on Maplerow with the water. I just want to bring to everybody's attention that the water company does offer an insurance policy. I know this won't help the people that this just happened to. Me and my wife bought the policy and it's only a couple dollars/month on your water bill. It will cover the water line; your hot water tank. It is something that I think every resident should look into because many of our pipes were put in 60-70 years ago and they are all going to be going. You see yards being dug up at all times.

With that being said, my next issue is, in prior years the city has put on a program helping the Seniors with taxes. Is that going to be instituted today? Is that out of the question or something that the Seniors are going to be cut out of again? I don't know who to ask that to.

Third and last is the parking ban issue. It is getting out of control with the parked cars and with the weather we've been having. The parked cars make it impossible to get around these vehicles parked overnight. Especially when there's a snow ban for two/three/four inches of snow. I think that needs to be addressed. I think each and every one of us needs to talk to whoever to get this handled. With that, that's all I have.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Mr. Mayor, would you care to answer the Senior problem?

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: If I may, about the Seniors, our building is closed so I would like you, Frank, to get a hold of Kathy Rush-Parssons in regards to that. I don't know if there are any kind of tax breaks for the Seniors, but she would know that information. I don't know it off the top of my head.

I will tell you in regards to the parking ban issue, I had a conversation again today with Deputy Chief Kaye. They are ticketing vehicles. Now if those vehicles are not complying I think after a while they will be towed. Please remember that when they tow a vehicle it comes at a cost to the city. We have to try to recoup that cost. They are taking a hard stand on these vehicles that are parking on the street because it's hard for the snowplows to get around too. Believe you me; I've probably heard that from Mr. Sikon about 30 times last week.

MR. TAGLIARINI: I know that on my street there are many of them every night—same vehicles. There is a truck that has been parked there since summer every night.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: That would be the Building Department you would call. They would take care of that. Park in the driveway.

Let's hear from Ms. Bolton now. I see she has her hand up. We stopped her from talking before. Ms. Gainer, we will get you next. Renae, if you would, you have the floor.

MS. BOLTON: I have a couple of things now and I'm not sure if you want me to just go through my list quickly and then you can address each item or if you want me to address one item at a time?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: As long as you've discussed them with a Council representative or someone on Council prior to that, you are more than free to discuss what you want.

MS. BOLTON: The first thing I want to say is that regarding community members being able to speak about the agenda items. What the agenda specifically says is "communications from citizens on the agenda". What that technically means is anything on the agenda up to that point. I feel that just as an area of clarification. If you only want that section to be specifically about ordinances and resolutions then

perhaps the agenda should be adjusted to say "comments from citizens on ordinances and resolutions" so that we are all clear what we're allowed to talk about at each juncture on the agenda. Because I know I wasn't the only one tonight who talked about something that you didn't want us to talk about at that time. You wanted us to wait for now, which is fine. I'm just saying this for clarification purposes.

So then, the items that I want to discuss. The first thing was I really have an issue with addressing Council on these calls and speaking about my home address. I don't think it's necessary. I've never had to give my address on any other kind of call. I don't understand why I need to tell the whole world my address just to speak on a call. I live in Garfield Heights. That should be good enough that I live in Garfield Heights. That's one of the things that I wanted to address.

The other thing I wanted to address is. It's a question actually. Why are so many of the resolutions put through as emergency? My question regarding that is are there no protocols for submitting resolutions so that they can be addressed and discussed in a timely manner as opposed to everything having to be done right now? Which is what the emergency resolutions typically are. It has to be addressed right then.

Additionally I wanted to ask about the Mayor's report. In his report, he mentioned that everyone is supposed to go to the Mayor's office when they want to speak to a city employee? I want some clarification on that because if that also includes Council members addressing the Mayor prior to speaking to a city employee. It feels more like trying to control the flow of information and it feels like City Council members will be unable to do their jobs properly if they have to constantly go through the Mayor's office in order to speak to any other city employee. I'm trying to get some clarification on why that is being put in place.

The final thing that I wanted to ask about is I did speak with Clwn Davis about this but she's not my Councilperson. However, we did discuss this. Driveway. It runs alongside the same parking area as the little shopping plaza where Little Caesar's is. My driveway is actually the exit for that shopping plaza and no one adheres to that "do not enter" sign. So as we're trying to come out of our driveway there are constantly cars coming in the exit of that parking lot there. I want to know who do I need to talk to to get that solved? That was everything I have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: OK. Your last issue would be addressed through the Police. I'm just telling you the process. I'm not telling you to sidestep it. This is the process that we use. You go through the Police and then I believe you would have to go through the Law Department. I'm not sure.

MS. BOLTON: I already talked to the Police. One was sitting in that shopping plaza. There's nothing they can do about it because by the time they get there whoever came through the wrong way is gone already.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: I see your dilemma. Mr. Riley, is there any kind of advice we could give her on that?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Where is the property at? Who owns it? Where are the property lines, etc. Did you determine if it's actually something the city can do or if it's a civil matter? If they're using your property to come in and out, then it's a civil matter. They're trespassing on it. That would have to be something that we would have to determine.

I'd also like to address the other issue brought up about why resolutions like Resolution number 8 tonight, are put up as emergency. Many times when we get notice of these things you don't have a lot of time to prepare them or it takes a while to prepare them. If you put them up for three readings that means by the time you start filling out that application, get it before Council you have a month and a half of time that passes between meetings. Many of them are due way before that time. You miss the deadline and they don't resubmit. You don't get the grant money. So these are grants. Many of them

sometimes we don't necessarily need to put before Council, but we like everybody to know what we're applying for, the money that we're trying to get. So that's the reason why many are emergency, just so you know, OK? Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: I ran across that the last time with a grant that we could have lost because it was due the very next day. We waited long enough. As far as the addresses,

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: Mr. Chairman, if I may?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Yes.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: I just wanted to clarify. I think what Ms. Bolton is talking about is the Chain of Command Policy that I instituted today. That is not a policy to say that you have to go to the Mayor's office. Actually, it is the other way around. In the past Administration, employees would skip their Director and go directly to the Mayor. So here is a perfect example of what happens. Mr. Sikon will have an employee who comes to him and wants a raise. He comes to the Mayor. The Mayor tells him to go see the Finance Director. The Finance Director says we just don't have the money in the budget to do that. She goes and tells the employee we don't have the money in the budget. The employee goes directly to the Mayor and the Mayor says yeah, I'll take care of you and gives him a raise. Now you've got a Finance Director and a Service Director who feel like they just got stepped over by the Mayor. I've seen this time and time again in the Administration over the last three months of these types of things that have happened.

I will tell you in every single business throughout America, every Fortune 500, Fortune 50 company out there has a Chain of Command policy. Basically if you have a problem, if you have an issue, you are supposed to go to your Director first. If you can't resolve that issue with your Director, then you go to HR. If the HR person and the Director and you cannot come to a resolution, that's when you would get the Mayor involved. That's all we're trying to do here with the Chain of Command policy is just to establish a system where the actual employees of the Administration of the city would go. It's the same thing with police officers. If they have an issue, they would go to the Chief. Firefighters have an issue-- they would go right to the Fire Chief. So it's just establishing that policy because it has not happened in this city. I was shocked there was no policy in place. I was just shocked.

It helps us with our insurances. Obviously as a Director you do not want to be in a one on one meeting with somebody because you don't have any way of defending yourself if there is an issue and they claim that you are inappropriate or said the wrong things, etc. So it's really there to protect the city from insurance losses as well. It's there to protect the Directors and the employees so that everybody has a certain understanding of where they need to go. You take some of the HIPPA laws that are out there. You have an employee that let's say they had COVID. You know what? They are not supposed to share that information. HR is the only one that's supposed to know that.

I just wanted to establish that type of policy because it was not in effect. It has nothing to do with whether or not you want to address Council and you have to come to the Mayor's office. That is not the intention of this. It's just a standard what they call a Chain of Command policy and it is instituted in almost every business throughout America, especially those that are successful. So I hope that clarifies that for you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mayor. On your last question, Ms. Bolton, about giving your address. We ask for your address to make sure that you are resident of Garfield Heights. Saying I live in Garfield Heights is very misleading because we did have two people when we were meeting in Council chambers say I live at this address. One of the Councilmen and I went and found out where he lived. He lived in Maple Heights. The other one in Bedford. They are making comments about what should be done in Garfield. That's the only reason we give you an address. They gave a fake address. Remember. You

give a fake address—you are on record. If you say well it's the house next door to me and you give us an address and you live in Maple Heights, it's going to prove you wrong. That's the only reason we do it. Because only Garfield Heights citizens can comment on what goes on in our city. You are not a reporter. You are not a press agent. So we have to ask you your address. That's the only reason we do it. So saying we live in Garfield—that's a little vague.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: One more thing if I could interject, Mr. Chairman?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Yes.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: Ms. Bolton, if you would like to give me a call tomorrow or so, I'd like to talk to you more about your driveway and exactly what's going on there so I can have a better understanding of what's going on there. I invite you to give me a call on that and we'll take a look at that. We'll talk a little more about that, if that's OK with you?

MS. BOLTON: OK.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Ms. Bolton. Appreciate it. Next, I promised Ms. Gainer. She has the floor next. If you would unmute please?

Gisele Gainer, 4957 East 81st Street. Good evening, everyone. I am glad to hear the Mayor address economic development. I am a small business owner. I have been running into quite a few obstacles just to understand the basic qualifications/requirements necessary to do business in the city of Garfield Heights. I've been in contact with the Department of Economic Development to no avail. We have been emailing back and forth. I also had a phone conversation and that communication has gone on over a month. The Website for Economic Development is also very unclear. It took me quite a bit of searching to find the accurate address because the one that's listed as the main one on Google come up with a 404 Error. So I bring all of this up just to say I am just looking for basic information on what qualifications one would need in order to start a business in the city of Garfield.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Ms. Gainer, that can be addressed through our Building Department. They would have the information for you for starting a business, inspections, costs and fees. That would all be done through our Building Department. That's located in city hall, the second floor. You can't go here right now but a phone call to the Building Department could start it on the right track. Then we could move into Ms. Kuban's area because the Building Department would have to be checking on what you'll be going through. You can either start with Ms. Noreen Kuban.

MS. GAINER: That's who I've been communicating with. I forgot to mention my business is actually transient so I don't need a building. I don't need a physical space.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, because I don't know what the business is, but that would be up to you to discuss with the Building Department. Right now, the Building Department says some of the businesses you can't run in the city of Garfield Heights. That's up to you and the Building Department. They would know what you can and can't do. I would not make a judgment because I don't know all the rules yet. I would contact the Building Department if you have already talked with Ms. Kuban and go from there.

MS. GAINER: Sure. I also contacted them and I did want to make sure I attended this call today to make sure that I did bring it up to the Mayor because the response time has been very non-existent.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Slow.

MS. GAINER: Thank you. Yes. Very slow. So I just want to make sure because there are different things that I want to make sure that I am in order from a professionalism standpoint and as being a resident and a homeowner and taxpayer of the city, I just want to make sure that the service and the response time is up to par.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: We appreciate that. Thank you. Mayor?

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: Ms. Gainer, I appreciate what you're saying there. If you would be so kind as to give me a call tomorrow (216) 475-1100 ext. 8 I would love to talk with you some more about your business. I will say this about the Website. We have been working hard on our Website. I know it's not where it needs to be. We are working on it. Pretty much every day there's something new that comes up with this Website. It's literally frustrating. However, we've gone past where we've had an IT person that was actually on medical leave. He is back. We are going to try to make this Website a lot more user-friendly. I feel this is something that has been lacking and it needs to get done. So if you would give me a call, I would definitely like to talk to you about your business, talk to you about how the city can help. I will tell you I probably talk to three/four business owners every day in regards to coming to Garfield Heights. I certainly don't know what the nature of your business is, but being a transient business, you might want to also make sure or we might want to make sure too that you are in compliance with the State of Ohio and the Federal requirements.

MS. GAINER: Yes, I do have all of those permits. It's the city right now.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: Yes. I'm not sure how it's spelled out, but if you give me a call, I will tell you more about it. Maybe what the city can do to help you as well.

MS. GAINER: Thank you so much.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: Again, my number's (216) 475-1100 ext. 8.

MS. GAINER: OK. Thank you.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Ms. Gainer, one more thing. You live on East 81st Street. That's my Ward If you are running into delays after this, please feel free to call me at (216) 374-2249. My name is Mike.

MS. GAINER: OK. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: I see Ms. Lake has her hand up. Ms. Lake. Start off with your name and address please.

Jen Lake, 5303 East 133rd Street, Garfield Heights, Ohio.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you. The floor is yours.

MS. LAKE: I have two things.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Have you spoken to anybody about them yet?

MS. LAKE: I have not. They just crossed my mind while I was here hearing other comments. One was the address issue. I just wanted to state that I agree with Renae. Two, I had a question about the rule where Ms. Barbara read about the citizens only being able to state their concern, etc. once and then

they're done. So we have no chance to after the Councilman speaks in regard to we have no chance to ask further questions? Or anything? I don't understand that.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: First off you have comments by citizens on the agenda, which is posted in different spots. That's what we're going to be voting on that night. That would give you a chance to speak on any questions you have. What we're going to be voting on. If there's any questions about where the money's coming from, etc. You also get a second chance at the end of the meeting to address Council as long as you have spoken to someone prior to this. Something like that you would not be able to, I agree with you. But prior to this and discuss it on the Council floor. Like Ms. Bolton—she had three items to discuss. There is a five-minute rule but we have not been adhering to that because we want to hear from the citizens and transparency. We are not going to let you run for 15-30 minutes. There's a five-minute rule. If you run six /seven minutes, I have no problem with that. You get a second chance to speak at that time that you're speaking right now. Your concerns and the first one (like I said) is what's going on with the legislation, but you do get two chances to speak on the floor—one on the agenda, one on the information that you're giving to us right now.

MS. LAKE: I did just hear the bad news with Ms. Gisele so that cleared that up a little bit. OK. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you very much for your concern. Jason, do I have anybody else?

CLMN BLAKE: I'm not seeing anybody.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: If there are no other concerns from the citizens, let's wait a minute. Jason is looking for hands.

CLMN BLAKE: No hands.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Jason. We will move on to.

Barbie West, 12617 Maplerow. I wanted to speak on the water issue and I have a question. I will be running for Council in Ward 1. At what point as a resident do we know on the apron that if a water pipe bursts, it's our responsibility?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: I can answer that. When the Water Department comes, if they turn off the water and the water stops it's on the customer's side of the line. If they turn off the water and the water still runs, it's on the city of Cleveland's side.

MS. WEST: Got it.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Anything else?

MS. WEST: No. That is my only question. I just kind of wanted to know because I've been a resident here for so long and I have been assisting the Primous family with whatever they may need. I wanted to know because I never seen the Water Department dig up any concrete, etc. so I'm glad you answered that question. I really appreciate it.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: No problem. Glad I could help you.

MS. WEST: Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Is there anyone else? I will give my host a second or two to check it out.

CLMN BLAKE: I'm not seeing anybody.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you very much. We will move on to comments by Council.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: We'll start off with the best, Mike Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: All right, Mr. Chairman. Good evening, everybody. First, we are going to have our 15th Annual Black History Program on February 25th. This year will be via Zoom. Information will be coming out. We will place it in the local paper next Wednesday as well. It's going to be on February 25th at 6:30 p.m. you will receive the information and we will use Facebook and all the other ways we usually do it. Then you will know who the guest speaker is and everybody will be.

We will be raffling off a 40" TV this year. People say how are you going to do that? We are going to have raffle tickets at several locations. We will end up placing some at Munchie's on 131st and Open Pantry. And on Turney Road, we will likely place it on Weldon's PC. You will be able to go in there, with people's permission, and fill out a ticket. So the Catch-22 going to be so nobody sits up there and don't watch the show and think you're getting a television is this. Just prior to the show ending (you don't know what time it's going to end) we are going to actually give you a pass for a simple one word. When we call you from the show that's happening and we ask you that password. If you don't know it, we going to the next person. If you don't pick up, we go on to the next person. It's going to be a very nice show this year. We're looking forward to your participation. As usual we're looking forward to the Mayor and the Council members' support. We do appreciate that as well as members of the community. So you going to enjoy this one. It's going to be a nice one.

We are going to focus on Mrs. Inez Killingsworth. She a young lady. She passed recently. She was a great person. She started ESO in her basement back like in the '70s/'80s/'90s something. It was a powerful organization. The lady was about 70 lbs. soaking wet. When you have the CEO of Society Bank and you got Jamie Diamond's personal cell phone number that shows the power the Black woman had. If you remember the mortgage crisis back in the late 2000s when it hit, ESO was an organization along with some other one that saved a lot of houses. We will be honoring her at the program this year.

Next week we got the information down pat. We will be doing approximately 5,000 COVID-19 self-test kits where you would just drive up and be able to take the test around St. Tim's. We in conversations with Father Davis. You return the test to the people there and they will return you the information in 48 hours. The test is going to be free, open to members of Garfield Heights only. So no matter where you live you can come over there. Bring your insurance card. If you don't have no insurance, we still want you to come. I'm trying to reach everybody today. People tell me they can't pay for the test. This is open to the general public. They will be starting at 8:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. the 15th through the 18th. I'm going to be getting with the city because we got another location where we could being an additional 5,000 tests somewhere off Turney Road. That will be for Garfield Heights residents only. At no cost to the residents, Mayor and members of Council. I will make sure that the information gets out. I want to thank the company for giving the information out as well. It's a California company but also works locally. I would like to thank Pastor Faulkner. He's the one that met with Mayor Collova before you became part of that team and Chief Kaye. I think this is great. It's for everybody. It's a blessing in disguise. If some way we could work something out with the schools with them having the permission of the parents. We can't give it to the children. As leaders, we know we can't. It would be up to the school system to provide information and parental consent. When we move on the Turney Road side some of the kids have testing kits. It' going to be free, Mayor. We'll provide you with all the full information tomorrow.

With that, just tell everybody to cover up and stay safe. It's one of the silent killers and I believe the Mayor and myself have had it and Clmn Jason Blake also. It's painful and dangerous. Mask up, people. Keep your hands clean. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Dudley. Thank you very much. Mayor, did you have something you wanted to say? You pulled your mask down and started writing.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: I was going to write him a note. My friend, I've been inundated with things tonight and wanted to make sure you get the email.

CLMN DUDLEY: I texted to you earlier but I know you were probably busy and mentioned to call me before Council meeting.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: I'll get in touch with you tomorrow.

CLMN DUDLEY: Sounds fine.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, gentlemen. Mr. Donahue, you have the floor.

CLMN DONAHUE: This confusing COVID vaccination is out there. Don't be afraid of it. We can't talk about it though. I was told that earlier. Don't be afraid of it.

Valentine's Day is coming up. Make sure you get your reservations in early. It's going to be crowded. Also, Valentine's Day is Tom Vaughn's birthday. He's getting older and older all the time. It's terrible. He could almost go on Social Security.

One more thing. Everybody please stay safe.

With that, have a good night.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Donahue. I guess I'll go next. I want to let everybody know tomorrow night we're having a Legislative Meeting to discuss the questions that we're going to be asking the candidates for the Council seat in Ward 6. That will start at 6:30 p.m. It will be Zoom. If it does get too personal with the questions—it won't tomorrow night because we are not interviewing anybody—but when we do get to the interviews on the 17th and possibly the 19th—we have to go into Executive Session because we are discussing employees. You can't do that publicly. The questions they ask, it should be more confidential and it was brought to my attention by Clwn Davis and Clmn Dudley that if they answer wrong one time they are going to meet the next person in the line as a preview so we want to keep it so they don't sit there and think about a good answer. It's going to be spontaneous and that's what we're looking for. We will go into Executive Session as needed.

Secondly, we did just for Council members; we did receive our ethics forms. Make sure you file those because it is very crucial to your campaigns and your office when you get those.

Mayor, I want to thank you for that policy that you put into effect—the Chain of Command. Your immediate supervisor, your Director, then the Mayor as it goes along. I think we had that in place and a lot of people didn't pay attention. Now that it is a rule I think we ought to adhere to it. I think it's going to work out great. We had it before but it was not adhered to. I think you're going to be the person that is going to make them adhere to it.

I would like to apologize. I've done this before. I've done this several times when Mayor Burke has not been on Council floor because he had emergencies, etc. Tonight I was just super nervous for some reason. Maybe it's the Gatorade I was drinking? I want to apologize. I made a few mistakes. It will not happen again. I had voting on title before the title was read. Barb, at least, caught it. Tim, you advised me about a few things that I can't do. I made the wrong motion. I knew better, but I made a mistake in

the first 10 minutes. For some reason tonight, I don't have any fingernails left. I've been biting them. Thank you for your help and stepping in and being so patient with me. And also to the citizens for being so patient. Jason, thank you for keeping track of the hands raised. I really appreciate that.

I want to wish everybody a very Happy Valentine's Day. Do your social distancing. You're going out. Wear your mask, wash your hands. This is a nasty bug and the second strain I'm reading tonight is even going to be worse.

I'd like for you to keep in your prayers all those hundreds of people in India that are trapped in tunnels on low ground from a glacier collapse that flooded the river and 18 have died so far. There are hundreds of people trapped in those tunnels underground under a hydroelectric fan. Please keep them in your prayers because they got to be going through nightmares if they are still alive.

With that, I will move on to.

CLMN BLAKE: Clmn Nenadovich, real quick.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Yes.

CLMN BLAKE: The meeting that you mentioned. What is the date on that? Is that the 16th or the 19th?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: The 16th meeting is the one we're having tomorrow to discuss the questions and what were going to be asking. Very brief—we'll go over it. All the Council people have their questions, I'm assuming, what they will ask the new candidates. We'll go with that. We have a format from Clwn Davis. There are other questions that we want to ask because some of us, like Clmn Dudley, have been through this before. He knows some of the questions to ask because he went through it with Clmn Abella in Ward 7. We'll go from there.

Then on the 17th that will be our first interview night, as I have indicated in the email. It will be at 6:30 p.m. We will be calling a few of the candidates. So far, I believe we only have five that I know of. If you could, when you come to the meeting tomorrow night, bring any correspondence you have from the candidates or anybody that is recommending them. Because I had one woman that spoke about one of the candidates and I'm going to bring her comments to the meeting tomorrow night too. Any information we can get to make a good decision, I'm all for it. Then if we need it, the 19th will be our last meeting. We'll make the selection and make the announcement. Then we'll install it and go through the next Council meeting. Thank you. That's my answer to your question.

Clwn Davis, you have the floor.

CLWN DAVIS: Thank you. I just want it to be clear. Tomorrow night is the 9th. So the 16th is next Tuesday. So we are not meeting until the next week I think.

CLMN BLAKE: That's what I was getting at. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: I'm a week ahead of myself. I'm sorry. I apologize. My mind's on something else coming up this week. I thank you both very much for pointing it out. I guess I don't have a meeting tomorrow night. Ms. Davis, go ahead.

CLWN DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I wanted to respond back to Mr. Tagliarini. He had mentioned something about assistance for Seniors for taxes. I had actually spoken to Kathy Rush-Parssons last week because I got a call from a resident. It's my understanding that they can't come in person, but someone can call the Senior Center, a Senior can call them. They can drop their tax information off and then whatever agency they are working with—I think it's AARP—or some other organization—they are going to

take that tax information and complete it. Then, once it's complete, the citizen will come back to the Senior Center and pick up those documents. So they won't be doing anything in person, but tax completion is being still handled through our city through the Senior Department. You can call her for more details. Or she did send an email over about it. I could forward you that email if you would like. It's up to you if you want to reach out to her. I could send you the information. Just let me know.

Also, to that point while I was talking to Kathy Rush-Parssons originally because one of my residents reached out to me about having the vaccine done. I'm finding out that a lot of Seniors are having issues with signing up because the sign-up is on-line. We know that there is a digital divide with our Seniors being able to properly use technology. So the Western Reserve Area of Aging, they are doing the applications over the phone for residents. The problem with that is that the residents are getting a confirmation via email. So they kind of need a family member or friend or perhaps someone at the city in our Senior Department that can help them. They are also giving rides to any Senior who needs that vaccination testing. They are doing those testings at Drug Mart in Maple Heights, also Giant Eagle here in Garfield Heights and Marc's in Garfield Heights. So if anyone has a resident call about that, that's some information that they can share with them or again, you can follow up with the Senior Center.

We talked about the flooding or the leak that's happening in Mr. Dudley's Ward. I'm not sure if anyone has reached out to Community Housing Solutions or CEOGC? They do have assistance for Seniors, Area of Western Reserve. They may have some services and some money allotted to assist with those things too. If you want that information from me, let me know. Reach out to me and I will share the contact that I have at CEOGC. They do have funding. I'm sorry with an issue like that, especially with the weather being the way that it is, that they would be willing to assist in that area.

Other than that, I don't have anything else. I'm just asking that everyone stay warm because I believe the next eight days are going to be extremely cold. Stay safe and COVID-free if possible. Have a good night and God bless everyone. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Clwn Davis. Let's move on to Clmn Blake.

CLMN BLAKE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just a couple quick things. I am happy to say that on Monday, May 31, 2021—it is Memorial Day--and the city of Garfield Heights will be holding a Memorial Day parade. We are looking to live stream the event and the program afterward if people are not interested in coming. Our first planning meeting is Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom. Jennifer Newrones is the committee Chairperson. Her phone number is (216) 624-8802. You can contact me at (216) 338-7883 or you can email me at jblake@garfieldhts.org. When I create the meeting link for the planning committee, I will send it to you if you contact me. We are looking for volunteers. We do realize that we have a lot of work to do in a small amount of time. We are looking again at some different options. We are looking most likely at a motorcade-type parade where people won't be bunched up together, etc. Again, we have a lot of work to do and we're drawing different ideas around. But I would like to invite anybody who is interested in participating to please do so.

This Wednesday I'll be holding a Community Awareness Meeting via Zoom. Our speaker is going to be Barb Biro. If you have any questions regarding finances you can send them to me, again, at my city email jblake@garfieldhts.org. The meeting is at 6:30 p.m. and there's a link if you are interested in it.

The Ward 5 newsletter that I had talked about is delivered to the post office. That should be going out in the next couple days so please be on the lookout for that.

I would like to wish everybody a Happy Valentine's Day this weekend and please enjoy the time with your significant others. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Clmn Blake. Clmn Blake, is that going to be on the Zoom? The same Zoom as the city?

CLMN BLAKE: No. I have a separate account just for my personal use. I will send that out.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: OK. Thank you very much, Sir. We have the best for last. Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Why thank you, Sir. I wanted to talk about the improvements that have been made to the Website. We have been fighting this battle for the past two years. I want to thank Mayor Burke, his Administration for moving forward with some of this, this past week. You can now, if you go underneath the Council section of the Website page you could bring up ordinances, you can bring up agendas— everything that people have been asking for. It's very easy to use. It's user-friendly. I know it's only the beginning, but I think in a few more months we will see a lot more improvements there. It really is beneficial to all. It's going to help answer a lot more of your questions. I want to thank Mayor Burke for bringing that out and for getting that done.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: Thank you, Tom.

CLMN VAUGHN: Folks, we've all talked about the cold weather. Please be careful when you're out there. Especially those with chronic heart and lung problems. Be careful when you're out there. It can be devastating. Also, let's bring in the animals. Dick Goddard always said when it got cold, bring those animals in. We need to do that, too.

The other thing is they are talking some snow, folks. So remember the snow ban goes into effect after two inches so let's get those cars off the streets. That way it's a lot easier for everybody to plow the snow, get things taken care of and it works out best for everybody.

Everybody, have an enjoyable Valentine's Day. Be safe. Keep social distancing. That's all I have.

At this time, I would like to make a motion for adjournment.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: On the motion by Clmn Vaughn to adjourn, do I have a second?

CLMN DUDLEY: I second.

CLMN VAUGHN: I like that.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: I like that, too. Starting with Mr. Vaughn, Barb, would you take the roll.
AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake

The meeting stands adjourned at 8:44 p.m. Thank you, everybody. Thank you for putting up with me.

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