

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, April 12, 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: Okay, ladies and gentlemen, welcome back. At this time, I would like to call to order the Regular Council meeting for Garfield Heights on April 12, 2021. Barb, would you take a roll call please.

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

EXCUSED: Davis

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Six present, one absent.

CLMN BLAKE: Mr. Chairman. I'd like to make a motion to excuse Clwn Shayla Davis from tonight's regular meeting of Council.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: On the motion, may I have a second on that.

CLMN DUDLEY: I second.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Seconded by Mr. Dudley. On the motion by Mr. Blake and seconded by Mr. Dudley to excuse Clwn Shayla from today's proceedings. Barb, would you take a roll call starting with Mr. Blake.

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

ABSENT: Davis

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Okay, that passes 6 to 0. Clwn Shayla Davis is excused from tonight's proceedings. Let's hope she gets well from what's ailing her.

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Okay. Starting tonight's meeting off, I would like to make a motion to accept the Council Minutes for Monday, March 22, 2021 as read. Can I get a second?

CLMN BLAKE: I second.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Blake. Barb, would you take a roll call please.

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

ABSENT: Davis

Okay, that passes 6 - 0.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Moving along. Other than the letter that you stated, Barbara, are there any other written communications to Council tonight?

CLERK: No, sir. There's nothing else.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you very much. We will go into legislation in committee. Is there anything coming out of committee? Nothing?

REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Okay. I will then move on to the report from the Mayor and any Directors that wish to speak tonight. Mayor, the floor is yours.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First, I'd like to say thank you to and I know our Rec Director is on the call. I saw him earlier but I just want to say thank you to his team over there for putting on a great ice show. An event that was out I believe, the end of March--March 27th. I will tell you what. The amount of people that have reached out to me about how well that particular program went off is overwhelming. I appreciate everybody's comments. I just want to say thank you to Paul Birk and his crew over there for really putting out a great, great program.

I don't know if you've realized it, but if you're driving down Turney Road, McDonald's is missing. However, they are rebuilding their facility and it's going to be a new state of the art McDonald's. I got to really hand it to Nancy and John House for really coming through making Garfield Heights a nice home for their business.

Speaking of business, I just want to remind everybody that there is a rezoning issue that is on the ballot in May. And that concerns the Sunoco over there on the corner of Rockside and Turney. You know, residents are going to be asked to vote on the zoning change. They're going to tear down four houses and really make that gas station a new state of the art facility as well, with much needed better parking. It seems to be that it's one of the things that I've heard concerns for the residents.

There is also another business that will be coming to the city of Garfield Heights. We are right now in the process of finalizing our incentives for a company that just bought a building at 9601 Granger Road. They are in the process of bringing plans to the Planning board. Unfortunately, because we were termed out and could no longer afford to wait for anybody else to apply, I had to make an executive decision and appoint. I'm asking that Norma Banks be appointed tonight, she has a lot of experience with real estate and with commercial real estate. And I think down the line, we're going to really need that, with some of the incentives that are coming in, some of the businesses that want to come in. We do have one that's very hot about Bridgeview. However, we can't really proceed right now, because of some of the things that are happening in our city, and I don't want to get into the specifics of that. But you know, we're holding up progress of what our city's about.

We did have a little mishap with our phones the past few weeks. We had a little mishap this morning but they're up and running, as far as I know, right now. And I have had to get into it with Teletronics and Fusion about our phone systems and why we were on an old technology. Of course they're going to say that we didn't sign over. However, you know, what I find out is that we were supposed to switch over and nobody in our Administration knew we were supposed to switch over. So there was some kind of lack of communication. After my conversation with that gentleman at Fusion, there is no misunderstanding as

to how our communications will be moving forward. I've already told him that if we continue to have issues, we will make a change and it will affect our relationship with that company. So he is on board with that. We had a little bit of an issue today. Our people contacted him and within a matter of 20 minutes he had it up and running and fixed. That's the type of service I like to see from those folks.

I'd like to get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance number 32-2021 gives us an opportunity to sell some equipment that we are not currently using or we can get a better system for. What this will allow us to do is put these products on gov.deals to be sold and then take that money and use it for other things like this Caterpillar that we are withdrawing on Ordinance number 33 that is not available. Ordinance number 34 is a change order for the Broadway Water Main Replacement Project. When this came to me originally it was well over a \$500,000.00 cost in city of Garfield Heights. We sat down and had some very, very tough conversations with Cleveland Water and we were able to get it down as much as we can, but there's still a cost overrun of \$63,000.00. The cost overrun, the way it was explained to me, was, you know, these jobs had been bid on or allocated over a year ago and with COVID, some of the costs have gone up since then. I'm asking that Council support this. The reason being is because we really desperately need the Broadway water main to be replaced, because we are coming back with a repaving project over the top of that. So if we drag our feet on this, they're going to repave Broadway and then what's going to happen? We're going to have to go back, reopen it, replace the water mains, and it's going to come in at a much higher standard cost to the city of Garfield Heights. Certainly some of the things you cannot take on our cost overruns. It happens. And to my knowledge in over 12 years, we've not had very many cost overruns. I think I can put this on one hand, how many times it's actually happened. So for the most part we've won when it comes to these type of issues. Certainly talking it down from \$500,000.00 to about \$200,000.00. I think that is something that is incredible, especially when you consider the entire project is about \$1.7 million. Oh \$1.7 million dollars and Garfield Heights is spending about \$200,000.00. I think that's pretty good. Ordinance number 35-2021 is allowing our Rec Director to go out and apply for grants for some hockey equipment for the growth through the Grow Hockey Program. I think this will be good for the youth. I won't take up any thunder from Mr. Birk, but I know he is doing a great job with some of the recreation ideas he's brought to me. So I'll leave that up to him if he gives a report. Ordinance number 36-2021 is really to purchase additional body worn cameras for our safety forces. This is something that we do periodically, when we can allocate the money, the money through grant funding we go ahead and buy some more of it. So if you have any questions, Barb can get into that a little bit more.

Then Resolution 15-2021. I have to speak a little bit on this one. This is in regards to the Community Relations Committee. I want to let everybody know first and foremost that I appointed a designee based on the 14 or 15 people that applied for these positions. All six members that I have asked for the appointment for, all six members have one thing in common. They are in it for the city of Garfield Heights, they want to see the city of Garfield Heights grow, they want to see the community come together, work together, do things together. One of the questions that I asked had to do with a lot of putting on events for the city. It was very, very interesting to hear everybody's answers to some of these questions. I will tell you that each and every one of these individuals bring something different to the table. I look forward to seeing their healthy debate and see what they can do for the city. My designee, which is not on the list here, because when you designate somebody as the Mayor, it does not have to be passed through Council is a woman by the name of Marina Bach. And I will tell you a special thing about Marina is not only that she brings a wealth of knowledge when it comes to running meetings, managing situations, but in her own personal household and her own personal life. She lives with a Hispanic husband and children. They speak both Spanish and American or English and they basically live in a bilingual household, which I find to be very interesting because I grew up in a bilingual household and I think if you've never had that, you don't understand truly, what diversity, equity and inclusion is. I think that she will bring a lot of that. So I really look forward to this committee. I think the other reason why I chose to add a designee or designate somebody is because there is no guarantee that come November, that I will be the Mayor. I certainly hope I will be. But if not, this committee is already up and running and working for the city of Garfield Heights. And that's something that we all can be proud of. Resolution

Number 16-2021 is asking for the appointment of Norma Banks as a member of the Planning Commission. Once again, I just like saying Norma brings a lot of experience when it comes to commercial real estate and real estate, as well, residential real estate, but her professionalism is what attracts me to her. I will tell you, I'm very excited to have somebody like this put on the Planning Commission, because as we speak to ICP, and Craig Realty and the Bridgeview folks, and some of the other businesses that are looking to come in, and they're all trying to find spots in Garfield Heights, or around this area, Valley View is seeing it, we're seeing it, other communities around us are seeing it, this has become the centrally localized place to have a business and to actually thrive in this area. So all I can tell you is I think you're going to see a major landscape change within the next five years in this area, if things are done and if things are done right.

With that, you have my report, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mayor Burke, I really appreciate that. Do we have any questions for the Mayor on his report tonight? Mr. Dudley, please go ahead.

CLMN DUDLEY: It's not really a question, Mr. Chairman, but reference when the Mayor spoke up on the water main replacement project on Broadway, but a lot of people don't know just like, we always put emphasis on even him a lot of this plumbing and piping is seriously old. You have pipe in the ground on Broadway, I believe and Mr. Krock will get to it, maybe six inches and what's 10 or 12 inches, that would be a much better flow of water and people, you will have more water pressure. And when on some of the plumbing that was coming down by 141st and was still owed once upon a time four inch pipes and was running down there. So it's a good idea. And I think it's great that we're going to replace the plumbing before like he said before we lay the asphalt, so we don't have to come back and dig the street up once we repair it and make it look good. And that's what I was thinking it's a good decision to get the water main issue taken care of now, and then get the street resurfaced. So it'll have to be two separate jobs and you're paying much more money later than when for a cost overrun.

A lot of people have to realize, when you're doing this contract, sometimes you're going to run into it when people say somebody has to watch the work being done. When I worked for the State. Like sometimes you'd be out there doing a project, but sometimes you didn't always do the projects on a State. It was more to individuals who had the qualifications as far as knowing how the State is handled and stuff. So sometimes you don't have cost overrun. But the most important thing is that we make sure we get our money worth. And if we getting our money worth, prices is going to fluctuate, nobody can put it on a dime. But that's something like I said, I'm glad to see Broadway get done. I'm glad to see better plumbing and better piping put underneath that is long overdue and for us that has been here for a long time we know it should have been done years ago, but we know about the money was funny and everything. So that's a great deal, Mayor. Right there, Mr. Chairman, the rest of us as well.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Dudley, for your comments. Any other questions for the Mayor? Okay. Mr. Peters yes.

Michael Peters. Can the Mayor kind of further clarify, or, I guess get into more detail about his statement that only bilingual households really know about diversity and inclusion?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: That's not part of the questions right now.

MR. PETERS: That's what he said. I want to get clarification on what he just said.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: Mr. Peters, I can address that. Maybe I spoke out of line, but unless you really were in a situation where you have a bilingual family, I don't know if you really can truly identify with some of the things that you deal with, with diversity, equity and inclusion.

If I remember correctly, Sir. We had a community conversation about this about a year ago and we were waiting. We've been waiting for more information. You can sit there and smile all you want, Mr. Peters, that is something that I have been waiting for, in order to even help put together this Community Relations Committee. I didn't get it, I apologize, I come across straight forward with that. But I just think that that's something that's important.

When you're dealing with diversity, equity, and inclusion, I grew up in a bilingual household. I know what it's like to have to take my mom somewhere and have to explain to her what people are trying to say, all the while people are making fun of. So I understand how that can be. It's not something that's very pleasant. And, you know, I would say to you, that if you have any kind of questions on that, you are more than welcome to reach out to me individually, on my cell phone, or at my office here. We will have a one on one conversation more in depth about it. I'm inviting you to do that as a professional person and I would hope that you take me up on it.

MR. PETERS: I will. I just I think it's out of line for you to use this opportunity to try to call us out on the program last summer. That had nothing to do with your statement. You said only and inclusion. You use the word only. It's the exact opposite. Inclusion, we can talk later, but it's uncalled for for you to go there. That's not the subject of this conversation.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: I'm sorry you feel that way. Mr. Peters, but I'm just making an observation.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Mr. Peters. If there are no other questions for the Mayor?

James Fruits. I have a question.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Whom am I talking to?

MR. FRUITS: This is James Fruits.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Is it on the Mayor's report?

MR. FRUITS: On the Mayor's report he just gave. Yes. Correct.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Go ahead.

MR. FRUITS: Yes, I wanted to ask a question based on the Mayor's report during Caucus about the ordinance for the Community Relations Committee. I have no doubt that the individuals that were chosen are great individuals and have great ideas. I'm excited to hear those at some point as well. So I have a couple questions about the public relations committee. One question is, will those meetings all be public meetings? And my second question is, I would love to hear the questions that were asked to those who were interviewed. Because I spoke to someone who was interviewed and it sounded like there were minimal, potentially only one question related to social justice and racism and a lot of the things that we discussed, that this Community Relations Committee was supposed to solve.

When we were asking, what is our city government going to do about racism? We were given this committee as the only answer and the comments made during Caucus about candidates being neutral makes it sound like only candidates were chosen like there weren't any candidates chosen that have spoken up and have been passionate about racism and about healing systemic racism and changing systemic racism in our community. And if that's the fact I'm very disappointed by that, so I'd love to hear some, I'd love to hear the questions that were asked to those candidates that were interviewed. And I'd like to hear how that committee, if they are aware that the reason this committee was brought back up

right now is because of racism and systemic racism and social injustice. So those are some of my questions pertaining to that part of Mayor Interim Mayor Burke's report tonight.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: The questions that are asked are on the legislation, not in the selection of the committee. If you wish to find out what the selection of the committee was, I would suggest that. I think I dropped off. Can you hear me?

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Go ahead, Mr. Burke.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: Just to answer your question. Yes. I believe meetings will be public, Mr. Fruits. And just so you know, some of the questions I asked, were questions like, I'll give you an example of a few because I don't want to take up Council's time here. But the question I asked was, the demographics of the city of Garfield Heights has now become majority African-American by about 48% and 47% Caucasian or White with the other minorities making up the difference. As a committee member, what would you do to help in bringing people together in order to build relations in our community? Got some great answers on that.

There are almost 28,000 residents living in Garfield Heights. Some folks are not as diverse as others and are aware of their lack of diversity, equity and inclusion. Can you share your ideas and thoughts on how to better educate residents and address the systemic racism we see in our society today? I can go on and on and if you'd like, I can provide you a copy of these questions, if you'd like.

But I took a lot of time in dealing with a lot of people that are experts on diversity, equity and inclusion. Specifically, in coming up with these questions. One of them happens to be the Dean of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for a major college here in our Cleveland area. I trust what they say and I will tell you, every single person that I spoke to, that was even interested in being on this particular committee, I say they're neutral. I think they're going to debate with one another. But they all have one thing in common, they all want to see the same thing. When they say they're neutral, they're not coming in here with a predetermined disrupt city or let's try to disrupt the progress. And I'm not calling anybody out here for that. What I'm looking for, is I'm looking for a group of people that want to put the work in to actually make this community better. And I'll tell you, when I spoke to Pastor Ian Cox, Pastor Ralph Faulkner, Ms. Sara Lyons, Ms. Vanessa O'Malley, Mr. Bob Stemnock, and Minister Kevyn McHenry, they all had great things to say about what they'd like to see about the city of Garfield Heights and where it's going. But when I spoke to Marina Bach, that was a special conversation and I think she's going to be great as a designee. And just so you know, I believe all seven of these individuals will work together. And Ms. Bach is going to run the scheduling of the meetings, she is my designee. I felt the need to do that so that this committee will be working for the people from day one. That's all I have to say. I hope I addressed this concern.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mayor.

MR. FRUITS: Yes, thank you for answering. I appreciate it.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Anybody else have any questions for the Mayor? Okay, there being none. We will move on to the Directors. Do any of the Directors have a report?

CLMN BLAKE: Mr. Chairman. Paul Birk, Recreation Director, has his hand up.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Paul Birk, as indicated by Mr. Blake, you have the floor.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR PAUL BIRK: Thank you, Councilman. A couple weeks ago, as the Mayor said, we had our 52nd annual ice show that was live streamed for the first time that went very well.

We had an inaugural Robert Dobies Bulldog Award which will be given out every season to one figure skater and one youth hockey player. This year's recipients were twin brothers Kai and Kelang Fabian who won the Youth Hockey and Laney Korpowski won the figure skating. Savannah Urban also won the Mayor's trophy, was a trophy winner.

T-ball ages five to seven and Co-ed Softball ages seven to 15 registration is now taking place. Started April 1st and will go on through May 5th during open hours, which we will keep the office open on Monday and Tuesday evenings till 7:00 p.m. during signups for the convenience for everyone this season.

All practices and games will be played on city fields this year due to the Metro Parks not providing or offering permits at this time. Our crews are already getting fields ahead of it; you know staying out of the game, getting them in shape.

Today is our last day of ice-skating before we close until September.

As we wrap the season up and bring it to a close, the work on prepping the swimming pool has started. Our tentative opening date for that would be Saturday, June 12th. As we close our rink and get ready for the pool. I'm sorry. We'll be open on Mondays through Fridays. Closed on the weekends. Office hours are subject to change. To check the city's Website Facebook page for updated times.

Pool passes and ID cards will be going on sale beginning June 1st after Memorial Day. Prior to the pool open we'll be offering evening hours from June 7th to 11th to be decided.

Finally, we are currently in the process of hiring lifeguards and seasonal help. If anyone is interested job applications are available online. That is my report. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Any questions for Mr. Birk? There being none. Are there any other Directors wishing to speak tonight? Mr. Sikon, you have the floor.

SERVICE DIRECTOR MARK SIKON: Thank you, Mike. Good evening, everybody. A couple of points of interest here. We put out new trash signs. We struggle with the one-day-lates because of the six holidays that occur during the year. So we put out 17 permanently mounted trash signs that say "Trash Regular Day". Then when they're going to be one day late, we're going to mark them with red signs so it'll catch your eye. I'm going to try and get with Pat and add those to the Website and just try to help with that because we do get plenty of calls on what the trash is on time or if it is one day late.

Couple other points. I had a couple of residents complain, not complain with a letter that somebody had written about the city cans and there, he felt that they weren't getting emptied. So I did have a conversation with our refuse place. And they told me that they would keep an eye on that and make it a priority. I spoke with their supervisor; he is also going to check on it as well as my foreman. I also did have a pretty good conversation with a resident about adding some cans in maybe some higher traffic areas to try and help with some of the pollution or people just throwing stuff on the ground. So we are checking on the prices of some cans and we're going to try to strategically place a few more out there and try to help alleviate some of the trash you know being on the grounds and such.

Also, Court Community is out there four days a week. I was looking at their sheets the other day and they're averaging about 40 bags of trash a day we're picking up in the city. I know a lot feel that maybe it's still not enough and quite honestly it's not, but I want to let the residents know that we are picking up nearly 40 bags of trash a day in certain areas and we do rotate throughout the city for that.

A couple other things on the trash front. I drive around and I notice how people put their trash out. At times, it's really nice and at times, it's just thrown out there. What we're asking everyone to do is to make sure everything's secure, tied, bundled, in bags, in your cans. Make it easy for the garbage people to pick it up. I also noticed that the recyclable cans I see the stuff sticking out of the recyclable cans. And it's quite interesting. I seen logs, hoses, a Barbie doll. Just a bunch of miscellaneous stuff. If you go on the Website, especially solid wastes, they will tell you that the only things they want in the recyclable cans are cans, cartons, glass, paper and boxes, plastic bottles and jugs. I think at times people over think it. You know like what's recyclable? Well it is but that's not what they want in the recyclable containers. So if you look on the lid as well, they'll tell you right on the lid, what's supposed to be in there.

I do know that they want no bags in the recyclable container. So in other words, don't put all your recyclables in a black plastic bag, tie it up and then throw it in recyclable container. Because they don't know whether it's trash or not and they're not going to sit there, open up each individual bag. So we were asking people just to put the recyclables in there. As far as the regular can goes, that they encourage you to put those all in bags. So when they do dump from the truck to the hopper, there is less chance we have that trash blowing out and causing more paper and debris to be on the road.

As far as the streets go, we are out patching. I wanted everyone to know that and to slow down around the workers. You know, they all want to go home to their families as well. But sometimes people just race around because they don't have time to wait. And then I'm asking them, if they would be, you know, cautious out there, our guys, you know, again, they want to go home to their families.

We are also in the process of hiring part time patchers and part time grass cutters. I'm checking with my foremen today, we still need to hire two part time patchers and four grass cutters. It's about \$15.00 an hour. They want them to be about 18 years old, good way for some young adults to come out, you know, learn a little bit about us and get some sun and work off a few calories as well. So if you guys know anybody I know it's out there. But we're still looking for a few. That will end my report. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Any questions for Mr. Sikon?

CLMN BLAKE: Mr. Chairman?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: I saw it, Jason. Thank you. I'm sorry. I should have let you speak.

CLMN BLAKE: Jen Lake has a question for Mark Sikon, I believe.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Jen. The floor recognizes you.

Jen Lake. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First, I have a praise. I've seen the new signs for the additional city trashcans, I appreciate that. I believe that was Renae Bolton's suggestion at one of the prior meetings. Thank you for taking care of that. My kids even noticed them. So thank you. Also, I've noticed the street sweepers being out really regularly. So that's been really nice to see. Thank you.

I do have a question about the and maybe this doesn't fall into this category, but there is a donation bin out in the Turneytown parking lot in front of what used to be like where the Salvation Army store used to be and the donations are piling up in front of that. What would your recommendation be for taking care of that pile of donations? Is somebody responsible currently for checking that? Or can we call like Goodwill and have them come and get it? Or is it safe for, like, say my family to, you know, mask up, put on gloves and stuff and take those things down to them? I don't know how that works. So I'm questioning that because I did notice that those are piling up.

SERVICE DIRECTOR MARK SIKON: That's private over there. That's part of the shopping center. I will personally take a look at it tomorrow. I will contact the Building Department and have them get a hold of the landowner over there and make sure that gets cleaned up.

MS. LAKE: Okay, if there's anything that, you know, like I said that our family can help, you know, with that, let me know.

SERVICE DIRECTOR MARK SIKON: Okay, I appreciate that. And yes, by the way on the sweepers. Yeah, we are keeping those out. And I don't plan on bringing those in. So as long as we could keep those out and keep them running. It helps everybody.

MS. LAKE: All right. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Mr. Blake. Anybody?

CLMN BLAKE: Mr. Tagliarini had his hand up and then he put it down. Frank?

CLMN TAGLIARINI: Quick, quick question there. The signs that you put up? Are those being made in-house at our facilities? Or are they being purchased on the outside?

SERVICE DIRECTOR MARK SIKON: We work with, we do do a lot of our own signs but in this particular case, we do work with a local in-city owner that does this printing stuff. So he did those for us. But we do still do make a lot of our own signs besides that.

CLMN TAGLIARINI: All right. One other thing I just want to compliment the Service Department on when we had a big windstorm a couple weeks back. I believe it was Ward 7 really got their trash was all that day. The Service Department really did a good job. I just wanted to commend. I appreciate that. And I also did contact Court Community Service for them to help us out. That's a little bit of flexibility that we have with them. I can move them from area to area. You know knowing that with the high winds and then you have the trash run, you know where the big problems will be? Yeah. Thank you. That's all I have.

CLMN BLAKE: Mr. Chairman, Renae Bolton has her hand raised.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Renae, you have the floor.

Ms. Bolton: Good evening. Thank you. I just have a quick question for Mark, I'm sorry, Mr. Sikon. I had conversations on the phone and you get familiar with people and then you get into a situation like this.

SERVICE DIRECTOR MARK SIKON: I understand.

MS. BOLTON: I just wanted to ask, regarding the recycling, is there any way that you can put something in the Neighborhood News to remind people not to use bags for their recycling?

SERVICE DIRECTOR MARK SIKON: We have avenues. I could talk with our HR girl on that. But I wanted to talk to Pat Salemi as well and see if we get some more, you know, notification out on the Website, and possibly use the board out in front of the pool there in front of the library, so that we have different avenues that we can approach. I just think information is key. So we'll be working on that. Try and get it out as you know, as many different places as we can.

MS. BOLTON: Okay, thank you.

SERVICE DIRECTOR MARK SIKON: Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you both. Jason.

CLMN BLAKE: Clifford Kelley has his hand raised.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Mr. Kelley, you have the floor.

Mr. Kelley. Oh, good evening, everyone. I'm actually on a road driving right now headed out to Cincinnati, but so I'm trying to listen. But anyway, regarding recycling, do you know when we're supposed to have another paper-recycling period? I know we did it twice last year. Or was it three times last year? I know one time it was delayed. Do you know when that's coming back up again this year?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Mr. Sikon, go ahead.

SERVICE DIRECTOR MARK SIKON: Yes, it's coming up here in May. I don't have the exact dates with me. Mr. Kelly, though, if you reach out to the office, I'll get you the exact dates and I do believe they're on the Website as well. If not, I'll make sure they are but I believe it's coming up here. Our first one is in May and I believe the next one is in September.

MR. KELLEY: Thank you.

SERVICE DIRECTOR MARK SIKON: If you contact me, I can get you those exact dates.

MR. KELLEY: All right. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you. Mr. Blake.

CLMN BLAKE: I am not seeing anybody with their hand raised currently.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Okay. If there are no other Directors wishing to speak tonight, we will move on with the proceedings. We will go into Comments by Citizens. Barbara, would you read the rules please?

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: Anybody wishing to speak on tonight's agenda? How we looking, Jason?

MR. FRUITS: This is James Fruits. I have a question.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: On tonight's legislation?

MR. FRUITS: Correct.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Go ahead.

MR. FRUITS: This is about legislation in general.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Tonight's legislation--not in general.

MR. FRUITS: Council, this is a very short question. This is specific to what's going to happen tonight. Yes. When ordinances are brought up in tonight's meeting, there are never any seconds asked for before

the ordinances. I was just wondering, what is that? I was wondering the reasoning behind that. There's always a motion for a roll call and then the votes start taking place. There's not a second and I didn't know what the reason. That's been standard procedure, apparently looking back through the minutes. I just wondered if I was misunderstanding that there should be a second for everything.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: That's my fault. I do take the blame for that.

MR. FRUITS: No, no, Clmn Nenadovich. So the question is, are any ordinances that were passed without seconds? Are those did those actually pass? Are those actually legal ordinances?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Mr. Chairman, there's no need for a second on the ordinances. They're already sponsored by somebody and the title is read so you don't have to second them. So Mr. Fruits, all the ordinances that have been passed that way which have been passed for years are proper.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you.

MR. FRUITS: Thank you. I appreciate that. I just didn't understand that the sponsor was what made that difference. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: You are very welcome. Okay, any other questions?

CLMN BLAKE: I do not see any hands raised at the current time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: We'll move on to Ordinances and Resolutions starting with Ordinance 32-2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 32-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND DISPOSAL 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, Blake, Tagliarini, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Davis

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Davis

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: That's 32-2021 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 33-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) CATERPILLAR HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR, THROUGH OHIO CAT, AN APPROVED VENDOR UNDER

SOURCEWELL, CONTRACT NUMBER 032119-CAT AGREEMENT NO. 38936, PER THE ATTACHED PRICING QUOTATION

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Next, I would entertain a motion for one of the Council people to at this time withdraw Ordinance 33-2021.

CLMN BLAKE: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: At this time, I would like to make a motion that Ordinance number 33-2021 be withdrawn from tonight's agenda.

CLMN TAGLIARINI: I'd like to second it.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Mr. Tagliarini, thank you very much.

CLMN BLAKE: Starting with Mr. Vaughn. Barb would you take a roll call?

VOTE ON WITHDRAWAL:

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

ABSENT: Davis

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: That passes 6 votes to withdraw.

ORDINANCE NO. 34-2021

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS WITH DAVID KROCK, CITY ENGINEER, PER THE OHM ADVISORS CHANGE ORDER ATTACHED HERE TO AS EXHIBIT "A", IN REGARDS TO THE BROADWAY WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Nenadovich, Blake, Tagliarini, Vaughn, Dudley

NAYS: Donahue

ABSENT: Davis

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: That's 5 Yeas and 1 No. And that still passes with a 5 to 1 count.

ORDINANCE NO. 35-2021

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR A GRANT AVAILABLE THROUGH THE ROGER SHARRER "GROW HOCKEY" PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING HOCKEY EQUIPMENT TO BE USED AT THE DAN KOSTEL RECREATION CENTER

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Ordinance 35-2021 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 36-2021

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH PRO-VISION, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BODY WORN CAMERA SYSTEM INCLUDING ALL REQUISITE SOFTWARE AND MAINTENANCE

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Ordinance 36-2021 passes with 6 votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 15-2021

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION APPOINTING SIX (6) MEMBERS TO THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Resolution 15-2021 passes with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 16-2021

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF NORMA BANKS AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO DURING THE PERIOD COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Davis

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Davis

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: That passes 6 Yes votes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: That concludes tonight's Ordinances and Resolutions for the Council Meeting. Next, we will move on to Comments by Citizens. Barb, would you 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 NENADOVICH: Okay, before we go into the citizens comments, I would like to reiterate what Barb just said. Because it becomes a rhetoric if we just listen to it every week. This has to have been previously talked about or submitted to a Councilperson or Director. Nothing of the first time nature can be presented on this. And again, Councilperson or Director. If a lack of service after you've gone through these is not adequate. Now you can bring it up as long as you've discussed it.

We're going to have to time this. Tom, if you would. Could you keep time tonight, Tom?

CLMN VAUGHN: Sure.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you. Are there any citizens wishing to make comment?

CLMN BLAKE: Mr. Chairman, Renae Bolton has her hand raised.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Blake. Renae, the floor is yours.

MS. BOLTON: Thank you. I wanted to speak about the Community Relations Committee, which was.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Would you give your name and address please?

MS. BOLTON: Oh, sorry. Renae Bolton, 5749 Turney Road.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Did you speak with your Councilman? Or a Director?

MS. BOLTON: I would like to speak about what was.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Ms. Bolton, did you speak with a Council representative or a Director?

MS. BOLTON: No, I'm speaking about something that was discussed this evening on the agenda.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: But did you speak to anybody about it prior?

MS. BOLTON: How can I do that when it was just discussed this evening?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Mr. Riley, I defer to you. Can that be a part of the agenda?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: I think the problem is that it was on the agenda and there was Comments for Citizens on the Agenda and it wasn't discussed at that time.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Right.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: So this section of the agenda has been traditionally for, as you pointed out, questions about services for the city and other things which have already been brought to somebody's attention and nothing has been done. Because we don't want somebody to say, you know, there's a bunch of garbage in the yard next door to me, but you never called the Building Department or you never called anybody. You know what I mean?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Yes.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: So, you know, it's up to the Chairman, whether he's going to let this go forward. But if it was on the agenda, there was a place on the agenda for you to speak about that issue.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: I agree with that.

MS. BOLTON: That was my mistake for not speaking up during Comments from Citizens on the Agenda.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Ms. Bolton, this one time. I will allow it. I give you the floor right now but it's limited to five minutes, please. Go ahead. The floor is yours.

MS. BOLTON: I could have been done by now.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Please go ahead.

MS. BOLTON: I wanted to speak about the Community Relations Committee and specifically the language that's in the ordinance that was passed this evening. I know that the Community Relations Committee was formed as a direct response to the Council members' declaring that racism was a crisis activity in Garfield Heights. And the Community Relations Committee was formed specifically to start addressing those issues. But the language in the ordinance reads more like the long version of All Lives Matter. Instead of specifically addressing the Black Lives Matter that this committee was formed to start dealing with. I wanted to ask, I know that we talked about this many, many times, this committee and everything, I'm glad that it has finally been formed and that they're going to be meeting and all of that. It's great.

My question is, is a subcommittee going to be formed, which will specifically deal with racism issues in Garfield Heights, as it was initially intended to do? And then my other question about the Community Relations Committee was no, it was just that one.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Mr. Chairman, can I answer that since I prepared this legislation? Ms. Bolton, the language in this legislation is taken directly out of the ordinance that was passed and debated by this Council. So we took the words, word for word and placed it in there. So we don't have any other choice. I can't change the language of the ordinance. That was debated and passed by this Council. So I don't understand why you are complaining about language in there when it comes directly out of the ordinance.

MS. BOLTON: Well, excuse me, Mr. Riley, but first of all, I'm not complaining about anything. I am bringing up a legitimate concern and my question had nothing to do with changing the wording in the ordinance. My question was, specifically, will there be a subcommittee created that will deal directly with the race relations in Garfield Heights, which is what the Community Relations Committee was initially formed to discuss. That's what my question is.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Ms. Bolton, if I may? When that committee meets for the first time, any committee they wish to form as a shoot off of that or a subsidiary of that committee, that would be up to them. We've done our part. The Mayor went through extensive interviews and he had a hard time getting more than three people for months. We finally get a committee. If they wish to have a subcommittee, like any other committee in the city, they can address that issue. It would not be up to Council. We gave them the avenue; they got to walk down the street. That's up to the committee. We don't govern that committee. Council doesn't govern that committee. That's a Citizens Committee.

MS. BOLTON: That's the thank you for answering my question. I think that it's very rude and it's disrespectful when residents are given the opportunity to ask questions about what's going on in our local government and our questions are being dealt with like we're complaining or causing issues. That's what the whole democratic process is supposed to be about is residents being able to be involved in local government.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: I understand that, Ms. Bolton, and we did give you a chance at comments on tonight's agenda. I graciously gave you the floor a second time. Thank you for your comments. Anything else?

MS. BOLTON: No, thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: You're very welcome. Thank you. Mr. Blake.

CLMN BLAKE: Melissia has her hand up.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: You have the floor, Melissia.

Ms. Leonard. Hi, before I get shut down, yes.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: You're not going to get shut down. I really didn't appreciate that. Go ahead.

MS. LEONARD: I'm only saying that because of the way that everyone has handled Renae's question but I just wanted to clarify that I have spoken with a few people this week and so I'm following the rules is what I'm saying, Mr. Nenadovich.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: You're not going to get shut down then.

MS. LEONARD: Okay, great. Thank you. So my first, you know, I just want to say I'm really disheartened to hear that the letter was not read. During the Caucus meeting, everyone decided not to read the letter from the citizen. I have no idea whose letter that was or what that says, but I feel like Council is picking and choosing which letters will be read. The only time that anyone opposes a letter to be read is when it doesn't fall in line with what the mainstream agenda is of Council. So on behalf of whoever wrote that letter, I'm requesting that you guys reconsider that letter.

In addition, during the March Legislative Committee meeting, Section 9 of the Charter was reviewed for a potential amendment. And the outcome was scheduled, you know, to have an additional Legislative Committee review meeting, which you and I talked about the other day. And again, to my knowledge to date, no additional meeting has been scheduled. I'm just still wondering the status of scheduling another committee meeting for that. You know, you reported that you met with Ms. Schillero to talk about the chicken ordinance but my concern is there are certain requests that are being prioritized over others. Review of Section 9 has been put on hold for over a month now and I'm assuming it's going to continue to be put on hold. So my question to that is when will the meeting be scheduled?

In addition, as a citizen, I'm concerned, there have been numerous unethical behaviors occurring within our City Council and previous Mayor. For example, Mayor Vic Collova (to his own admittance) was not only employed as a Mayor but also the Safety Director receiving a salary from the city as Mayor and Safety Director and which he openly admitted occurred from 2017 to 2020 until which time he stepped down due to a lawsuit that was being filed This was a direct violation of the city Charter.

Also, when citizens brought concerns about a certain Councilman's behavior, inappropriate, inappropriate perceived racist Facebook post, altercation in Giant Eagle parking lot, not one single member of Council requested a special meeting to discuss these issues. Each member gave their opinion on the matter. And one Councilman stated I stand by this Councilman. It is a stark contrast to how everyone responded to this incident revolving Ms. Davis. It was almost as if everyone had a line scripted in a play and a cue as it was premeditated. Not only that, but no one gave any support or affirmation for Shayla. Shayla has been a threat to the status quo of this City Council and the Mayoral campaign.

In addition to these issues, there have been multiple violations of the Ohio Sunshine Laws and Open Meetings Act, where members of this Council have repeatedly met without following these laws. Chapter 8 of the Ohio Open Meetings Act requires public bodies to provide openness, notice and minutes of meetings. But despite this law, members of Council have repeatedly met with multiple members of Council as well as the Mayor without following these laws. It seems as though City Council is trying to make an example out of Shayla, but in doing so you're actually showing that there's a double standard within the City Council. There's been a pattern of gross misconduct and unethical practices within the City Council on leadership roles for years and this is the first time that city council has decided to take action on what they felt was a violation. This was done prematurely without knowing all the facts.

Yet the one difference between the previous violations and the supposed current issues is that the previous violations occurred with middle-aged White men. I reached out to Ms. Sowers in HR to get an update on the Diversity and Equity and Inclusion training. I was informed that the training was rolled out to employees on March 23rd. But based on the behaviors and remarks that I've observed today and even the comments by Mr. Burke this evening, my concern is that the online training program was not sufficient and ongoing training needs to be implemented.

Out of the heart, the mouse speaks and I would challenge each and every Councilperson to examine their heart, their conscience and their behavior because our community deserves better.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: In answer to your first question, Melissa, there was a letter I said would not be read tonight. It will be read at the meeting that it was intended for and that is the special meeting that would have been held tomorrow. Apparently you didn't hear that part of the conversation. The letter will be read. But this is not the venue for it. This addresses a certain subject, and that subject is the special meeting that was supposed to be held tomorrow night and we could have still held that meeting, but as a courtesy, we want our Clwn Davis there. She has something to say on this, too. Just like every other Councilmember.

And as far as the chickens with Mrs. Schillero, anybody's welcome to listen in on that meeting. I invited Mrs. Schillero to a private meeting with myself to discuss it because she seems very, very knowledgeable on it. She's done research. She's made advertisements, she's found out different types of bins to go. And if you wish to be invited to those meetings, call me up. I'll let you know when the next one is for the chickens with Mrs. Schillero and you are glad. I will pay for the coffee and the donut. There's no question about that. That's what I did the last time.

And then, as far as Mr. Donahue, the citizens spoke on that. They went out, they tried to get a petition signed. They went out, they were supposed to get 10% of the votes from the last voting. They did that. The Board of Elections rejected it. So they did not wish to submit it again and that was the end of it. The citizens dropped it. It was not Council that dropped it.

And let's see, where else did you ask me? As far as Council meeting and having secret meetings, when we go out to breakfast, there are many of us there but we don't talk city business. We do not talk city business. We talk about our wives, our families and we can meet like that, just as long as we don't violate the Sunshine Law. If I meet three people in the parking lot and it happens to be Mr. Burke, Mr. Dudley and Mr. Donahue, we could talk about whatever we want, as long as we don't discuss city business. And we don't discuss city business. And I'll tell you what. The biggest advocate of that is--Mr. Vaughn, he's very quick to say, hey, we can't talk city business and we drop it. Mr. Vaughn watches us. He's very, very much aware of the Sunshine Law. We do not talk amongst ourselves. You're allowed, I believe, to discuss with one other Councilperson, but you can't do it in a group. Then it has to become a public meeting.

So you made an accusation and it had no ammunition, Melissa. I'm very disappointed you didn't research that, like you researched everything else. I mean, it really hurts me when you tell me I'm breaking the law and you can't prove it. That would be like talking about you. I don't talk about you. I invited you with open arms. Anytime you want to come to any meeting we have. If you want to meet us Wednesday for breakfast, come on down. We meet at L.A. Pete's. You can listen to the conversation. We talk about Jim Feeney and his guns, we talk about mine. It's a whole plethora of information. We don't talk politics and what's going on in the city. I'm sorry that you felt that way. But I'm going to keep quiet now. Because I'm getting a little upset of being accused of stuff that we did not do.

And I can't talk about Ms. Davis right now, because we have a special meeting and I want Ms. Davis to hear what has to be said. So I'm going to leave that at that. But I am very sorry you have those feelings.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Mr. Dudley? Go ahead.

CLMN DUDLEY: Mr. Chairman, I just want to make this comment. You know, it's not about coming on here and talking about everybody's against somebody for the status quo. I believe that we work with each other. We have good relationships and everything. When I was not just elected--when I was sworn in--I want you to understand this, Ms. Leonard. Okay. When I'm sworn in, I take a left hand, I place it on the Bible. I put my right hand in the air and I swore to protect the Constitution of the United States, the Ordinances in the city of Garfield Heights and the City Charter. That is what I swore to protect. And I said at the end, so help me God, and I'm not going to lie to God, I'm going to protect what I swore to protect.

I don't like getting into politics on the floor, Ms. Leonard and sometimes people come on comments about who they favor going to determine what they say on the floor. I don't mind people speaking but some of the things, I'm saying, is disrespectful to the members of Council. You have a right to say what you want to say and I very seldom actually respond to anything of that nature. But in the case of this Ms. Leonard, we have a job. I do my job. I don't put nobody on Council above me. The members of Council have talked to me late at night. I'm always available to people, but we swore to protect the Constitution, the Ordinances of Garfield Heights and the city Charter. The Charter is made by the people. You all determined the Charter, not us, Ms. Leonard.

Our job is to enforce and make sure that this Charter is in fact followed and I tell you at the end of the day some things you say, Ms. Leonard (and I have never said that in my 13 years) I think it just showing a favoritism, Ms. Leonard, with all due respect to you, on who you like and support because I'm going to tell you, nobody is worried about anybody. I'm not thinking about anybody. My mind when I come home at nighttime is on the agenda. I will not politic on the floor. And really some of the comments are pure apology. We're not worried about nobody's status quo. I don't think no member even had that on their mind. I'm first foremost for the people of the city of Garfield Heights. Our job loyalty is to them. If I do something, I don't mind my colleagues call me, want to correct me on it. I don't have no issue with that. But that's who we are. So to say that, hey, we trying to punish or hurt somebody because of the status quo, I beg the difference because you included me in there, too.

And another thing, Ms. Leonard, I have never at any event, unless it was a Christmas event, or something like that, that I will sit and talk with more than two members of Council. But if he say if I walk in the room, and three of them are sitting there, I'm not going to run to the other side of the room. I will not discuss business. I will not get on a phone and discuss any type of business with members of Council unless we are in a one on one conversation. So you know, it made me kind of watch, you know, you put us out there and you want to make us look like the bad guy. We got a job to do and we are doing our job. And I have never broken rules. I've been here going on 14 years. And you very seldom hear me complain about anything Ms. Leonard. But to use the status quo and accused as singling an individual member of Council, I beg the difference on that, Ms. Leonard.

So you know, sometimes you got to take a step back yourself before you make a comment. I'm going to tell you, you know, I thought you would have done great on the Community Relations Board. I have talked to the previous Mayor and I had honestly recommended you to the previous Mayor, believe it or not, but you know, the stuff you're doing right now just sending a different note. So I want you to know that I did recommend you to the previous Mayor, but the process wasn't completed while Mr. Collova was here.

But don't come up and throw everybody in the same boat. You don't have a clue. You've never sat in this seat. But if you ever sit in this seat, Ms. Leonard, remember, your duty is to the community first. You do not work for the Council, you do not work for the Directors, you do not work for the Mayors. So you give that some thought you know and stuff. Don't put everybody in the same boat. To me that is like categorizing people and that's something I don't do. You're not saying individual members of Council. You're throwing us all under there with the exception of one. So you got to dig yourself for a minute. You got to take a step back and look at Ms. Leonard. Because you can't come at me like that, Ms. Leonard. I ask you not to do that. And I don't want to respond to you on anything else.

But at the end of the day it is about God, family, community in that order. I take care of it like that, Ms. Leonard. But don't come out with some comments disrespecting me and throwing me in a group. That's the problem with racism. They throw everybody in the same group and they discriminate against them. Don't do us like that. If you got something to say, say it. But don't tell us what you think that we are doing unless you know what we doing. And I can guarantee you I done battled for members of Council, I would absolutely never let anything like that occur. But I will enforce the ordinance. I will enforce the

Charter. So that's what I got to say, Ms. Leonard. I don't want to take out the clock. It's been more than 10-15 minutes on the same subject, Mr. Chairman.

MS. LEONARD: Do I get a chance to respond at all, because I didn't go past my five minutes?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Melissa, I'll tell you what. I'll give you a couple more minutes. You have time.

CLMN VAUGHN: How much time are we giving?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: She has about two more minutes to go.

MS. LEONARD: I just have a quick rebuttal. It's not that long, really. I didn't realize that everyone was going to take that so personally and offensively. So if I've offended you I truly and heartedly apologize for that. I didn't realize I was offending anyone. I was really just calling out the facts as I know them, such as a review for Section 9 still hasn't been held. There was previous issues with a city Council member, including the Mayor. So some of those issues, Mike Dudley, I don't know why you took that so personally. My concern was not you. My concern is that there have been issues going on in the City Council which are verified and true and that it wasn't handled in the same way that it's being handled now. So I don't know the agenda that anyone has. The only thing that I'm saying is things are not handled the same way and there's a double standard and I'm not here to toot my own horn or select anyone specifically.

I'm still undecided in the Mayoral campaign who I'm voting for. Okay, it's not about that. It's about what is going on with the city? And are we holding each other accountable on this city Council and I'm a citizen. I don't have any power other than my voice. But you guys have the power and to make changes, and what I'm saying is that everyone should be treated fairly. So I didn't want to call anyone out. But since you know, you brought up, you know, Donahue, like that wasn't handled the same way that this situation is being handled. And that's my only concern is just that everything is fair and equitable and transparent for our community's sake, because we all deserve it to be fair, so I apologize again, take it or leave it. I mean, you have to decide whether or not you forgive me. And if you're going to take it personally, but I just expect that things would be better in our city and sorry, if you disagree and if you took it personally.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Apology accepted, and I forgive you.

CLMN DUDLEY: One minute, Mr. Chairman, I want to tell you, I didn't take anything she said personally. But when she got to the part on the accusation that we lined up against a member, one of our colleagues, Ms. Leonard, the rest of the stuff is behind me and I have no problem.

I'd said what I had to say for all the other comments you made as they occurred in real life term. So I wasn't referring to that. I was referring to one thing when you made the accusation that we were stacking up against a member of Council because we're concerned about this person in a Mayoral race. I don't do politics on the floor. That's the only thing I had a problem with, Ms. Leonard, your rest of your stuff. I don't mind if you speak up. If you know me, and you know, my history, I will speak up on the floor. I'm the only person carrying that conversation, and my colleagues made it. But I did take it personally. When you made the accusation when you said you basically said we are stacking the deck against somebody, that was troubling and that was concerning. I wanted the people to know my point of view.

Like I said, once before, I have no issue with you, if I'd had an issue, I would never have recommended you for the Community Relations Board. I did recommend you for that. You know, so I get that part. So it's just that that last accusation, we are not stacking the deck against anybody. I did have a good

relationship with every member. I see every member of Council. I don't think with none of them I didn't ever not have good relationship. We had a disagreement. One thing everybody knows when I walk in the parking lot Ms. Leonard, same thing with you. I tell you take care and have a good evening. But that's all I want to say. It was nothing you said. It was just that one incident where you accuse us of stacking the deck and we don't do that.

CLMN VAUGHN: Time.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Dudley.

CLMN BLAKE: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Mr. Blake. Go ahead.

CLMN BLAKE: James Fruits.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Mr. Fruits, you have the floor. Name and address, please.

MR. FRUITS: Yes. James Fruits, 13600 York Boulevard. I'd like to make this very simple for you guys. City Council does refuse to police itself. Mr. Nenadovich, you said the people dropped the ball and that is inaccurate, my friend.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: When did I say dropped the ball? I'll check the notes on that.

MR. FRUITS: Yes. You said that the citizens dropped the issue with Clmn Donahue.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Yes, I did say that. Yes, I did.

MR. FRUITS: I'm speaking in my five minutes, please. The only reason we took up that issue is because Council failed. They said this is not for us to decide. We're not to remove a Council member. If the citizens want to recall him, they can do so. Mr. Nenadovich, you led the charge on that. And so I want to know, why is it different now? What is different now? That's two members now. The same two members that said that the people want him out that they then they should get the petitions and have him recalled now you're calling for a meeting, which we all know you're going to ask for removal of Clwn Davis.

No one is trying to make you all look bad. We are doing our job as residents to hold our leaders accountable. And there is so much politicking going on in our Council meetings every month and every time there is a meeting. Mayor, Mayor Burke at one of the recent meetings said I thank you for the criticism and if people don't want to vote for me, they don't want to vote for me and I guess I'll be looking for a new job. We're talking about votes on City Council floor. You are politicking. And Clmn Dudley, did you or did you not read a letter at the last meeting from Mrs. Brown who serves on your campaign? Is that not politicking? It seems so to me.

And so I'm going to make this really easy for you guys though. I am reading a post from Chuck Donahue from the Next Door app, that's going to make it real easy for you guys. If you don't call a meeting, at the end of me reading this for a special investigation into whether or not Clmn Donahue needs to stay on Council, then we all know what's happening. Here's what he said:

"Hit and run this morning around 7:15 a.m. the corner of Claremont Avenue, 126th Street and McCracken my daughter's car was struck by some impatient piece of crap."

Clmn Donahue's words, not mine.

"She waited her turn at the stop sign as she crossed McCracken a light brown or beige colored car drove into the rear driver's door backed up, drove down Claremont Avenue, through the stop sign at Southern Avenue and kept going. I'm not posting this for help. If anyone saw what happened. Because most people don't want to get involved."

Listen carefully.

"I'm posting this so that the lowlife who hit my daughter this morning knows that he doesn't have to worry about the police finding him. He has to worry that I don't find them. 20 years in the military taught me a lot. That's the second time now. Enough said."

So now these are my words. That's the second time now or third. I'm not sure which that Clmn Donahue has threatened other people. He's calling them lowlifes. He's calling them pieces of crap. How as Council members, do you want him sitting among you, representing you? So I believe I've made it very easy for you tonight. And you will call a meeting to discuss Clmn Donahue's behavior because the only difference I see. There are much more. I take it back. I see much, much many egregious things that Clmn Donahue has done and you're refusing to address it.

That night, when we addressed it on the Council meeting. Many of you barely even said he shouldn't have said it. Many of you didn't even say he shouldn't have said those things. The difference right now, what is going on right now is that we're in election season. And that Clmn Donahue is not a Black woman. That's the difference. That's why Clwn Davis this meeting was called all of a sudden, when this letter was read on the Council floor about this.

And so I would like to say also, that the Sunshine Law, I think you should probably check with the Law Director, because even the appearance that Council members are meeting together. Even the appearance that they may be discussing city business in a group together, I believe is prohibited by the Sunshine.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thumbs up, Mr. Fruits. And before Mr. Donahue chimes in, if you could tell me what section of the ordinances or Charter that Mr. Donahue violated, we would act on that. And again, I don't believe he violated anything. And in reference to your Sunshine Law, are you telling me that three or four Councilmen and their wives cannot go out to dinner? Cannot go out to dance? Cannot go out to a fundraiser together? Are you telling us we can't do that?

MR. FRUITS: I will say I believe that's how the Sunshine Law reads. You're not lawyers.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: As long as you do not discuss city business. You can't say this. And we don't.

MR. FRUITS: I'm suggesting that you check with your Law Director about that.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: He's right here on the phone. Mr. Riley.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: I will look into that and get back to you. I don't believe the fact that Council people are together in and of itself is a violation of the Sunshine Law. I do know for a fact that if they discuss city business it is. So I don't know if the appearance I would have to check into that. I don't believe so. But I'm not going to say for sure until I actually look at it.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Riley. There's your answer, Mr. Fruits. And again, like I said about Mr. Donahue, if he violated the Charter, or he violated the ordinance, what you're talking about are not legal matters. Those are police matters. And I'll tell you, Mr. Fruits, too. If somebody ran

into your wife, or your daughter, or one of your children, I'm sure you would use the same kind of language.

MR. FRUITS: No, Sir. I would not threaten anybody. I would never threaten someone in a public forum.

CLMN DONAHUE: You threatened me.

MR. FRUITS: I did not threaten you, Councilman. How did I threaten you?

CLMN DONAHUE: You made accusations to me? How was I threatened?

MR. FRUITS: Yes, you may.

CLMN VAUGHN: Time.

CLMN DONAHUE: Mr. Fruits, your time is up. But Chuck, if you would like to respond, I have to give you the opportunity.

CLMN DONAHUE: I deserve an answer of how I came.

MR. FRUITS: Shut up and I'll give you an answer.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Calm down, please. Thank you.

CLMN DONAHUE: I'm going to give you your answer. You threatened me by telling Council they need to throw me off Council. That's how you threatened me. My daughter. Listen, my daughter was hit. The guy backed up and pulled off. To me, yeah, he's a piece of crap. I didn't use any dirty language. I said he was a piece of crap. Yeah. And you would say the same thing if somebody hit you?

MR. FRUITS: No.

CLMN DONAHUE: No response.

MR. FRUITS: You're going to go after him because you have military training. That's different.

CLMN DONAHUE: That he didn't want me to get a hold of him because of my military training. That's right.

MR. FRUITS: That's threatening language Clmn.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: This is getting out of hand. I got to take charge of the meeting again. Chuck. I respect your opinion. I really do. And I probably would react the same way. Mr. Fruits, your time is up right now. I would like to ask Mr. Blake if there are any other citizens that have comments tonight.

CLMN BLAKE: Mr. Kevyn McHenry has his hand up.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Mr. McHenry, how you doing? The floor is yours.

Mr. Kevyn McHenry. Maybe it's not my time because I know my subject does not deal with the Council. But it's something that was out a month ago, I just wanted to remind everybody about the second shot. Is this the wrong time for that?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: You can give a reminder. It was brought up on Council floor before.

MR. McHENRY: Okay, because this Saturday, we want everybody that received their first shot at the Garfield Heights Civic Center. It is imperative that you come back out to receive your second shot or else the first shot is no good. So we want everybody that came out the first time to come out. Please come within 15 minutes of your previously assigned scheduled time. I'll say that again. Come within 15 minutes of your previously assigned scheduled time. This will eliminate you from waiting a long period of time or seeing others come out and go before you. So if you come out at your time, within 15 minutes, we can get you in and get out a little quicker. That way your whole Saturday is not inconvenienced by a waiting period. But this second shot is critical to the first shot or you have to start the process all over. So please don't do not forget to come back out this Saturday and receive your second shot to complete your COVID 19 vaccination. Thank you all just for that brief moment of time.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Mr. McHenry, I have a question for you before you're on mute again, when will you be doing another round of vaccinations?

MR. McHENRY: On the 24th. But the location will probably not be Garfield, but we are doing another round. It is at the church where we are located. I don't even know what that address is. 13304 East 126th. We're going to do it on the 24th of this month. Now this is for the 18 years and up. So we know children or young adults ages 18 I believe they're welcome to come and get vaccinated as well.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: I thank you for your work. You and your wife.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Yes.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: I just want to thank Pastor McHenry for bringing that up. I did write it down on my notes and I failed to mention that. We do have some of our auxiliary officers will be on hand to volunteer, they said they would this time and so I will be out of town this weekend. I won't be there. But I know you're in good hands, Pastor McHenry. I thank you again for really coming to the table with that vaccine and helping the citizens of Garfield Heights.

MR. McHENRY: Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Mr. Blake.

CLMN BLAKE: Ms. Millette King has her hand raised.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Ms. King, your name and address please.

Millette King, 9615 McCracken Boulevard. Thank you. A couple of things. I'm not sure it was addressed. But what is the next steps in revising, reviewing and revising the Charter? I know that Mrs. Leonard brought up, you know, in particular the review of Section 9, but I'm not sure we got a thorough answer on what the next steps will be.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Ms. King, if I may right now, I'll give you more time because I'm answering you. The Charter Review Board meets every four years. The last time we met was in 2018. Next year, we form a Charter Review Board to look over the Charter again. If anything that we would change right now, it would not take place with this Council, because the election is in November and it would take place at the beginning of the year. So it would not be fair to leave and have a Charter Review now. But next year, the Charter Review Board will meet and citizens will be selected for that Charter Review Board by the Council members. And I believe the Mayor chooses two and the Council all choose

one. So that's just for that. That's just for the Charter Review. You may go on. What's your other questions, please?

MS. KING: One is a statement. It was in the last exchange, or actually President Nenadovich, you asked what section that Mr. Donahue was violating. It would be Section 9 where it talks about the professionalism and standards that are to be upheld by Councilpersons once they take the oath. So I believe that the misconduct would fall under Section 9.

Also last summer, when we were talking about the social unrest and the racial tension that was in our city, we were told that this would be addressed by the.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Community advisory committee.

MS. KING: Yes, thank you. I want to make sure because it's not part of, and I understand from Mr. Riley that the Resolution was taken directly from the Codified Ordinance, but I want to make sure that it is on record somewhere somehow that that was promised to us as a city as a way of helping our city heal and bridging those gaps that we have in terms of racial equity in our city.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: I have nothing. I mean, the committee is formed by the Mayor, he does have the committee together and we are working. The hardest part Ms. King, before I let the Mayor speak, was trying to get people to volunteer. And it was the hardest thing. We had a lot of volunteers. As soon as he said it was a volunteer job, half of them walked away. So I mean, well, the partnership has to be there with people that like the Mayor says that really are looking forward to community. Mayor, I relinquish the floor to you.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: Let me just say this, you know, and I think, you know, a lot of people need to calm down a little bit, because this has been a very tough meeting. But I took this Community Relations Committee very, very serious, to the point where I said, hey, if I'm not here in November, and I don't mean to politic, but you know, that this is one of the things I felt was we had to have this committee up and running. And I thought, that's the only fair thing to do. Now, I would just please ask, we've got seven professional people here, seven professional people. Let them do their job, like give them a chance. I think right now, we're already trying to put them on trial. You know, the language that's in Chapter 136, is pretty explicit. That's what that committee will work on, but I think we need to give them a chance to do their job. When they call a meeting, that's when you'll be able to come in and ask those questions. I really think right now, you know, we need to really do that. You know, I just think that's the professional thing to do. I think that's the right thing to do.

And we've got a lot of emotions flying around tonight. I don't really understand why because this is supposed to be a meeting of Council to address legislation that was already in the works. Any type of debate is usually done in a committee setting. But hey, if the residents want to debate on Council floor, that's up to you, Mr. President. I mean, this is your meeting. I just think that you know, it's, I'm just asking people to please just let this committee do its job. That's all I'm asking. I hope nobody has a problem.

MS. KING: Well, I know that the committee it took a while to get the committee up. And going that is, is definitely not my issue. You guys have kept us in the loop and up to date with that. I'm just going back to where we were last summer. We were trying, you know, we as a community, were asking our community leaders to address the issue, the way that our community leaders indicated they were going to address the issue was through this committee, if it wasn't going to be through the committee or that's not the intent, then we should have continued to work as leaders of the community and community to figure out how we were going to move forward. So I just want to make sure that this is on their agenda. I know, it may not be the first thing that they address, because they have to, you know, build a relationship among themselves before they can even do work. But I just want to make sure that it is on

their agenda, you know, as this new team. I'm not sure I saw the list of individuals that were chosen. And I'm not sure if they were a part of some of those conversations last summer. So just making sure that they know what they are expected to do, including Codified Ordinance 136.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: If I may, Ms. King, this committee, we tried to get this started in January. We didn't have any responders and the movement of the Mayor to relinquish his job and give it to Matt Burke, President of Council. He says, well, I'm going to let Matt work with that, because he's going to have more time with them. Then we couldn't get anybody. And we finally got enough people and Matt did make an appointment. I think he's done a great job, a lot of efforts.

But I will encourage one thing. I hope that when these committees start having meetings and they are going to probably be Zoo, and they'll probably have their own Website. I don't know if they're going to use the city's or what? I'm not up on that yet. And only the Mayor and Bruce Hobson would know that. I wish that participation would be the 56 or 72 people that we some times have at these meetings, to bring these ideas for it. And to say, hey, this is what the committee was supposed to do and actually help them help you. Don't let them make all the decisions just like you know, you tell us what to do sometimes and we move on some of the stuff. Some of the stuff we can't because we're bound by law, but I hope the community participation scheme is as great as it is right now. I really do.

MS. KING: I hope so as well.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Our mouth to God's ears. Mr. Blake, I relinquish to you.

CLMN BLAKE: Chairman, Ms. Barb Graves has her hand up.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Ms. Graves. Name and address please.

Ms. Graves. 13616 Bangor Avenue. I don't know who is on the committee. Can you tell me who's on the committee? The six members.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Yes, I can. Let me get my paperwork back over here. People that are on the committee: Pastor Ian Cox, Pastor Ralph Faulkner, Ms. Sara Lyons, Ms. Vanessa O'Malley, Mr. Bob Sternock and Minister Kevyn McHenry.

MS. GRAVES: Got it. Thank you.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: Mrs. Graves. We also have as my designee Marina Bach.

MS. GRAVES: I've got that. Thank you very much. I appreciate it.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you. Jason.

CLMN BLAKE: Mr. Chairman. Ms. Lanene Jones.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Ms. Jones, your name and address. You have the floor.

Ms. Jones. My name is Lanene Jones, 13204 Eastwood Blvd. I just wanted to make a comment. You know, I want to follow up with Mr. Dudley on an email that we had on March 7th. So my first comment is, I know that Clwn Shayla Davis put up a post that she was sick, she had COVID her, her daughter and her grandson. So I wanted to send our well wishes to them to her family and hopefully, she'll be ready by next week. But if not, I hope you guys give her enough time because those who have suffered from COVID. You know, there are some lingering effects of that sometimes too. So I want her to be well enough to, you know, be present for that situation.

But I wanted to follow up with Clmn Dudley, he said that. He, when we were talking about Section 9 of the Charter, he said that it was a dinosaur law in our email, that was March 7th, and that he was presenting legislation to have it changed so that we can vote on the November ballot. I talked to other members of Council and you guys also agreed it was a dinosaur law. I want to know what has changed now that you guys are not willing to put legislation through to change it since it's a dinosaur law. Where are you at with that? Are we not putting it through now? Are we waiting for the Charter Review Board?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Mr. Dudley, you have the floor.

CLMN DUDLEY: Like I said, it's a dinosaur law. Let me just share my background for a minute there Ms. Lanene Jones, so people know. In 2007 when I got elected to office, prior to coming to this office, I was in fact a State worker. I was a highway tech worker working for ODOT. I was made aware of this before I got elected. You can look into Garfield Maple Sun, take a look at it. I was making \$31,000.00 plus, which did not include the money I made from my winter plow when we went on 12-hour shifts. It was made perfectly clear to me then and I made a tough decision to walk away from that job if I was going to be on Garfield Heights City Council. I made the tough decision. It was a financial hurt. But I made that decision. Yes, I have had friends and lawyers and everything like that and they double-checked. And they went through all the scenarios of causation. And we couldn't find nothing that will allow me to get back to that.

As we move forward to it, as I like to see it changed, I really would. But the fact is, like I said we are in an election year, first of all. 2022 would be your year that you will make that change. I may not be with this Council most likely going to be a new Council either way. But that is so that it would change. But the law still applies. But the law still is in the same way as now. As of now it is Section 9 and it stays Section 9. When it's put between the people like I said the people would like to have it moved and change it. They can do like they've done with the rubbish. They can go out and they can gather the signatures and they can get it on a ballot. But you're still looking at the fact that there's an election there Ms. Jones. I think it should change. I believe that should be up to the people. But I do believe 2022 is the year that you should submit it before the Charter Review Board. It's not going to do anybody different. It is not going to allow me If we put it up it will not allow me to go back to public employment. I am an equipment operator for the State. I'm not going to be able to go back. It makes no difference to me.

But right now, I think the law is outdated. Once again, the Charter belongs to the people. It do not belong to Mike Dudley. Do I think it's an outdated law? An outdated part of the Charter? Yes, I do. I think it should be done. I did take it to the Charter review. I think it was in 2008. They took a look at it, they discussed it. It didn't go through. But I made an attempt before, but I followed the procedure. Ms. Jones, the procedure was to present it to the Charter Review Board. So I took it to the Charter Review Board. They reviewed it and it didn't come off the Charter. They didn't agree with me at the time, you know what? I respected their decision at the time, I brought it back again, because this time, I think that we have a good chance of getting it through the Charter Review Board. But the board don't meet until 2022. And once again, I don't think it is a good law, but it's the law that the people chose, we are a Charter city at the end of the day. If we could take it as Council, hey, we're going to pass an ordinance and everybody can work in public employment. You can't do that. We are a Charter city.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Dudley. Ms. Jones, you still have some time left.

MS. JONES: Okay, thank you. So in March, we were talking about you were going to actually submit some legislation so that it can be put on the ballot, so we can vote on it in November because that was an option then. So are we not doing that now?

CLMN DUDLEY: No.

MS. JONES: Because if we could vote on it in November, it would go into effect the following year.

CLMN DUDLEY: It is a piece of legislation that has to be that has been shared with the Legislative Committee, and that legislators committee is merely for discussion of this. And it gives them an opportunity to look at it. There's a legislation that were put together back in 2012, I believe, I think it's 2012 or something like that. And that will go to the Legislative Committee, where we will have an opportunity to actually discuss it. But it would not take effect this year. Either way, it will not change anything this year. It would not allow me or anybody else to work public employment. I understand your feeling because you are a public employee. I was a public employee. I said once before, you would have been a great person. And I don't take that back. But like I say, it will not change the outcome right now. It wouldn't change your outcome in November, nor would it change my outcome. So I'm following the procedures and following the steps. I want to take it through the Legislative Committee once again. I want them to get an opportunity. I want it to be to discuss it on the floor. Not on the floor, at somebody else's meeting. It doesn't matter to me. Then after we discuss it.

MS. JONES: Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Anything else, Ms. Jones? Okay, thank you, Jason.

CLMN BLAKE: Mr. Chairman, Malachi Fruits.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: State your name and address, please.

Mr. Fruits. Hi, my name is Malachi Fruits, 13600 York Boulevard.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Okay, go ahead. Floor is yours.

MR. FRUITS: Thank you. I want to start by saying my dad did not ask me to speak. This is me speaking as my adult self. I just wanted to say as a citizen of Garfield Heights, I honestly feel disappointed and kind of embarrassed by some of the people who are leading the city. I am not going to name names. I don't want to start any arguments, but they're there.

I do want to praise Mayor Burke for some professionalism he has shown especially when talking about the concern of some emotions flying. But there have still been several times during this meeting and several meetings I have attended before that just honestly make me upset. There is little professionalism by some of the Council members and as a 19-year old pointing this out. I don't know what to say. It saddens me. I do feel like there does need to be change. I agree with what a lot of people have said especially about some of the racist things that have been said.

I also wanted to talk about the issue that Mr. Michael Peters brought up about the new legislation. Specifically about the wording of only bilinguals. It is kind of disheartening hearing the word only being used for something that is supposed to talk about diversity, equity and inclusion. Because yes, while I do agree with you, Mayor Burke, that bilinguals do have problems with diversity, equity, inclusion, I disagree that they are the only ones. And I also agree with Mrs. Bolton on there, there has been language that's been used that does include the All Lives Matter, but prolonged.

And then something else I also noticed was at the beginning of the meeting, there was the rule that we needed to bring this up to a Councilperson. I apologize, I did not do that for this one. I would like to state that I noticed that that was only enforced for Mrs. Bolton. And I do thank you for letting Mrs. Bolton speak, but if there is going to be a time to enforce something, I do believe it needs to be enforced throughout everyone.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: I should stop you from talking. Right? I said I should stop you from talking then because you said you didn't bring it up to anybody?

MR. FRUITS: Well, I am done talking.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: I gave you the floor.

MR. FRUITS: I appreciate that.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: And I gave Ms. Bolton the floor too.

MR. FRUITS: I know. Thank you.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Yes.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: First of all, I have to say I am very impressed with Mr. Malachi Fruits. He speaks very intelligently. I have to say, if that is a reflection of the school system of Garfield Heights, I'm very proud. If it's a reflection of our youth, I'm very proud of that, especially to be able to say what you said and get it off your mind. And again, if I said that it's the only thing bilingual maybe I misspoke there. But I will say one thing, when you grow up in a household where you do live with somebody who has to speak two different languages and doesn't understand the English language like others do. It is very tough. It's a tough experience, especially growing up as a kid. Because there were a lot of times that I would have to go to the grocery store with my own mother and have to explain to her some of the things that other people were trying to explain to her because she didn't understand. You know, the world today is a lot differently than it was when I grew up. And I know that a lot of us have to adapt to it. And we do so. We try to. So I just want to say that, having that, the point of having a Community Relations Committee is to get that work done about the diversity, about the equity and the inclusion. It's very important that that be addressed, you know, but having somebody at the helm of it that literally can understand what it's like to grow up and be in a bilingual household, helps to make other people understand what that's like and I really think that that's where I was getting at. That was the point I was trying to make. I wasn't trying to single anybody out, but that was the point I was trying to make. And you know, Mr. Malachi Fruits, we are very proud of you. I really, I'm very enlightened and you made my night and I thank you for that. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Anybody else?

CLMN BLAKE: One second. I do not see any more hands.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Okay. What I was supposed to do at the beginning of this meeting, is say that after a couple of hours if the meeting does run that long. Some of us need to take a small break, but seeing as how we're getting to the end of the meeting, I'm going to ask you all to just bear with us. Next meeting we will call a break at one point in the evening and allow people to use the facilities.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: So what we'll do is we'll go into Miscellaneous Business by Council and I will start off this week with, as always, saved the best one first, Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: He's going to be the best this week and he wanted me to go last. Hey, first, like I say, I want to thank Pastor McHenry and Tomika First Lady. They done a great job in getting the shots out to everybody. The shots are definitely important, you know, and don't be scared at all because one out of 28,000 people is having a reaction to that. You can have a reaction just for getting, you know, your

normal regular shots that you get as a kid. But you got to take the shot, people have that. But definitely we need it like they say, it is not going to stop the virus. But if you do get sick, like they say, your survival chances are much greater and it won't be as bad you know. And trust me, I've been through COVID and I wouldn't wish it on my worst enemy. But I thank them for the effort that they put out there in making sure that it happens and everything. So we appreciate that.

Also, I wanted to thank my sons and grandsons. They got out this weekend, they picked up garbage up on MLK, they actually picked up 11 bags of garbage, just on MLK between Thornhurst and the Cleveland line. And they does and there's a great thing when they do because this week we had other individuals say they want to start helping out. They went down to 131st and they did 131st and the Forestdale playground. We picked up some other people who wanted to join them as well. But like I say, you know, they, it was not something I make them do. When I say hey, do y'all want to go out and volunteer? They say hey, Dad, we'd go, we'd go get it and stuff. We have fun when we do and they just about work, we laugh, we joke, we make a good time out of it. But it's all about community. And if you teach them younger, it works out better as they grow. They have a better sense of responsibility, but I thank them young men for helping out for what they do.

Second, I want to let y'all know that I have received a message from Mr. Stanley Miller. As we know that Mr. Stanley Miller now is actually the Community and Local Government Relations person for Metro Hospital. So what he sent over today and I had a conversation, is he has some Pfizer shots that they would like to give out to anyone in Garfield Heights to have an opportunity, because I think last time we might have ran short. But they're going to be given out in Maple Heights on Northfield and what we need to do, and it's not a thing that I want to do, like I told my colleagues, I want to definitely get a hold of some people because they're going to be issued that particular code number just for them and they'll be able to go over there and take that first Pfizer shot or whether the first or second Pfizer shot, they will be eligible to do.

So it's going to happen this coming Friday and this coming Saturday. So I'm going to provide the information with your Council people, instead of everybody trying to call me. Get in touch with your Councilperson so they can get your name and your number and stuff, I'm going to get it back to them and you will be issued your own particular code for you and nobody else. That's going to allow you to go over there and take your shot on Friday and also on Saturday. So after this meeting but no later than tomorrow morning, your Council members will have this information for you. And the only thing they have to do is giving the names and the count and I will give it to Mr. Miller, and he will send the codes back to us. But definitely get out and take those shots.

As for the testing we were doing up at Holy Spirit, they actually went back to Berkeley, California, they had to calibrate some machines that will include the new mutated virus, the way it's mutated, that they can test for that as well and still do the antibodies, but they are back now and they can be rescheduling testing as before, but due to the holiday that we had during Easter and that religious week, the goes prior to that there was no time to be tested because Holy Spirit is a busy church and we didn't have no room to fit us up in there. So definitely that is going to be rescheduled. Time to be determined and you will be notified of it.

And that's basically that I got. I'm going to make it short. So do reach out to your members of Council tomorrow. Get that information. Get up and get your shot. So I'm going to say Pastor McHenry is going to definitely be putting the shots out again, get there, get your shots. Like I said they lowered the age group and for the overflow you don't have to go a long distance. The information will be there. Go up on Northfield. It has been given by Metro Hospital. Don't cost you nothing. Get those shots in. So they going to be looking forward to it. Well now I really thank Metro Hospital as well as Mr. Stanley Miller and some of y'all may remember him as the NWAC Director in the local Cleveland chapter. He's a great guy. He's been around for ages. So we appreciate him then.

Also, I ask you all to keep my family in prayer, we lost one of our newest family members today this morning. And the reason why I'm here, I'm just going to get myself to keep myself busy. But I do keep them in prayer, you know, so we lost our newest family member. They would have joined the family today. So definitely keep us that.

I'm not going to touch on anything else that happened tonight. Because I know for one thing I say Garfield is going to get better, people. It's going to get better. I raised nine kids in Garfield Heights. I've been here since 26-27 years now. I lived all over the world and at the end of the day, I came at the end of my time I came right back to greater Cleveland and I came over to Garfield. Every city has its problems. Every city has an issue. We can nitpick all day; we can nitpick each other all day. But I tell you that you spend half the time--this applies to everyone--working on the positive and we do the negative it'd be a much better city than it already is.

So just give that some thought like I say, keep my family in prayer. Keep all the families in prayer. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Dudley. Mr. Donahue, the floor is yours, Sir.

CLMN DONAHUE: All right. The last time I talked in Council meeting I kind of got ridiculed like I said I would so I'm only going to say three things. One. Yes. I'm the one who brought up the fact that you should talk to your Councilman, Council member or public servant before you talk. Sorry, hurt anybody's feelings.

Two. I also said something about the Civic Center. Well, that got the Council people kicked out of the Civic Center. So I won't go any further on that.

Mr. Fruits. I'm sorry. I didn't mean to yell at you. I'm a very protective father. My daughter's 17 years old. I say things. I say things sometimes I shouldn't. But that is as a father. Would I hurt anybody because they did it? No. I would have probably just dragged him to the police station or called a cop and had them come take him. Because, as you know, I can't get in any more trouble. You brought it up, and you know why. So I apologize, Mr. Fruits. And with that, I'm done. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Donahue. Next we'll move on to Mr. Blake.

CLMN BLAKE: First of all, I'd like to extend my sympathies to Clmn Dudley's family.

Secondly, I would like to congratulate the members of the Community Relations Committee: Pastor Ian Cox, Pastor Faulkner, Sara Lyons, Vanessa O'Malley, Bob Stemnock and Minister Kevyn McHenry. I look forward to the things that you're going to do with that committee and I'm glad it is moving forward.

Then finally, I would like to thank Recreation Director Birk and his staff for the ice show that they put on. I'd like to thank the participants as well. They did a great job. And with that, that's all I have.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Blake. Mr. Tagliarini. You have the floor, Sir.

CLMN TAGLIARINI: Thank you. First of all, I'd like to send my condolences out to Clmn Dudley's family. I'm so sorry to hear that. If there is anything that me and Marge can do, let us know.

But I'd also like to thank Mr. Birk for putting on that ice show. I had a wonderful time. I was amazed and really, really enjoyed it. I got such a kick out of them little ones. It was so and really a well job.

I'd also like to thank Pastor McHenry for putting together the program with the COVID vaccine shots. I know he helped me and my wife. We were having a very hard time getting in anywhere and they made it so nice and convenient. Thank you very much.

For the new members of the community awareness. I would love to help any way I can. If there's anything I could do to assist you don't hesitate. With that, you have my report. And I thank you all.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: Mr. Nenadovich?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Yes.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: I just want to say seeing the chat, a text came by. I believe Marina Bach is on the call tonight. So she's asking if she can introduce herself and I don't want to jump in front of Clmn Vaughn or be disrespectful. But I just wanted to point that out. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Okay. I'll tell you what, we'll let Clmn Vaughn speak and then I'll let her jump in front of me.

CLMN VAUGHN: Mike, let her speak. Go ahead. Let her speak.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Marina, you have the floor. Name and address, please.

Marina Bach. Thank you, Clmn Mike, I appreciate your just opening the floor to me for a moment.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Would you give your name and address?

MS. BACH: Marina Palomino Bach. 5032 East 117th. Over here near the parkway. I'm very excited for this new endeavor. I'm a Garfield Heights mom, a former teacher, fully dedicated to issues of race and diversity, equity and inclusion. I'm just excited to get involved more in our community. Like I said in a few different of the Facebook groups as well, I've tried for a bit and haven't had much transparency, with like the dates and the times and the whens and the wheres. So I'm just really excited to get to learn from and with all of you, and then bring some of my experiences as well as an educator, as a mother, as an agent of change to our community so that we can get to learn from one another more. Thank you. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Welcome aboard. Thank you very much. We look forward to you. Tom.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to welcome the new members of the Community Relations Committee. I wish you a lot of luck. I think people are expecting great things from you and I know you will deliver great things. I'm asking the residents to be patient. Let these people gather together and let them forge forward so that we can move things along.

I'd also like to invite everybody to a Day of Prayer, May 6th at St. Theresa Church on 105th and Granger. If there's ever a time in our city's history we need prayer, we need it now. So let's all join together. I'll have more details on this at our next meeting. But again, that is going to be May the 6th at St. Theresa Church at 105th and Granger.

Some good news. The Block Watch is coming back on Tuesday, April the 27th at 7:00 p.m. in the pavilion on the campus of St. Monica Parish. Please come join us. Mayor Burke is going to be there. We're going to try to get caught up on all the changes and some things that have gone on in the past year. It's also about fellowship, it's getting to know your neighbors. You don't have to live in Ward 7 to attend. Other members are more than invited to attend. Please join us. We normally have a cookout in June. We're going to move that this year to August, because we're hoping the majority of people will have their shots

by then and feel more comfortable in an environment like that. So look forward to August, our annual cookout.

Hey, the ice show was fantastic. It was great. You guys did a great job. And most of all, I really enjoyed the tribute you all gave to Mr. Dobies. He would have been very proud and touched and it was very nice for the Dobies family to be there and to present the first Robert Dobies Award.

You know, as Mike Nenadovich and a few other people mentioned tonight, our city got hit with that terrible windstorm. And of course, it was garbage day in Ward 7. The City Court Community Service and residents themselves did a great job going out picking up the garbage and trying to make the neighborhood look clean and I appreciate that.

Mike Dudley, my sympathy to you and your family on your loss. If there's anything Barb and I can do, please reach out to us.

Mr. Malachi Fruits. Thank you for your words you shared with us tonight. It was very professionally, very well done. You are a great product of this city. With that, that's all I have for tonight, folks.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Tom. I'll keep it very brief. First of all, again, I'd like to express my condolences to my friend Mike Dudley. He's been going through a lot with me and my family. And I know what he's going to be going through now. Mike, I appreciate what you've done for me with prayer and everything and your support. Anything we can do in our family to help you, you know, you just got to ask.

I missed the ice show for the first time in 12 years. I had a few problems going on here. Most of my Council members know what it is. I won't go into detail, but I know they always put on a good show. I really feel sad that I missed the tribute to Mr. Bob Dobies, a very good friend of mine. I miss him a lot. I really do. His family was struck with a lot of tragedies in the past couple of years and I know how it feels.

Tom mentioned about the trash pickup in the city--the people were doing a good job. I still wish that the people on garbage day, our Service Department is getting after this quite rapidly. But when the truck dumps a lot of stuff on the street, they try to pick it up. But before the truck gets there, a lot of stuff on the windy days and we have been nailed by wind. It blows out of the cans because we overfill them and we have to, because we have a lot of trash to put in them. But you know when the trash is picked up and you're taking your can to the backyard, pick up maybe one or two things in the street. It saves that sweet sweeper a little bit of a more work, where it doesn't come down the street and get kicked in the water and kicked back in the street.

I want to make everybody aware that when you're cutting the grass, please don't blow it in the street. It makes a mess in our sewers. It blows on other neighbors' yards. If you blow it from your street across the street now the neighbor has the problem. If you had any weeds, they've got that problem. So I mean, clean up after yourself, pick it up. If you have to cut the first one by the street cut it where the lawnmower is blowing it back on your property. If you don't, use a bag to pick it up. When you're done, sweep up, rake the yard, do whatever you have to do, but don't blow the grass in the street. The same thing we ask you with the snow. Not to do anything.

And last but not least, the committee that Matt Burke worked so diligently to put together. Matt, I thank you, it was a lot of work. A lot of things going on. The people again, I ask that you support the committee, give them the ideas, sit in on the meetings. I'm looking at some new community leaders probably. Give them a hand. Give them ideas. Let's talk with them, yelling gets you nowhere, even though it got a little heated tonight. I think everybody was quite well, well. Well in consideration of the other person. I think that we're going to do good with this committee meeting. I think it's got some good

direction and I think they have some. No, I believe they have some very good ideas in store for us. I don't know what they are, but help them out. Give them all the help we can get.

And, again, Mike, my condolences. If there's nothing else?

CLMN BLAKE: Clmn Nenadovich.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Yes.

CLMN BLAKE: Can you please remind everyone the date of the meeting that is being moved from tomorrow?

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Yes. The next meeting will be April 22nd at 6:30 p.m. It'll be a Zoom meeting. That's the special meeting that was supposed to be held tomorrow night, due to the request of Clwn Davis. She's a little bit under the weather. She can't make it and I really believe she has to be there. So again, the meeting is postponed from tomorrow night to April 22nd. So that's a Thursday and it will be at 6:30 p.m. on Zoom. Thank you very much, Mr. Blake, for bringing that up.

Other than that, if my Council representatives have anything and the Mayor has nothing. Tom.

CLMN VAUGHN: Can I make a motion to adjourn, please?

CLMN DONAHUE: I second.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Chuck Donahue seconds it. On the motion to adjourn starting with Mr. Vaughn.

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

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Let the record show that at 9:23 p.m. on 4/12/2021 the Regular Council meeting of the Garfield Heights Council has been adjourned. Thank you very much. Stay safe everybody. Please stay safe.

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