

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO**

**Monday, April 26, 2021**

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

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:03 p.m. by Council President Michael Nenadovich.**

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** I would like to call to order the Regular Council Meeting for Garfield Heights on 4/26/2021 to order.

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

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Let the record show that the Council Meeting roll call shows 6 members present, 1 absent due to a vacancy.

**READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:**

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** I would like to make a motion to accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for April 12, 2021 for Garfield Heights city to be considered as read. Could I have a motion on that?

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I'll make a motion to accept the minutes of the city of Garfield Heights Council on April 12, 2021.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Do I have a second?

**CLMN TAGLIARINI:** I will second that.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you Mr. Tagliarini. Barb, would you take a roll call starting with Mr. Vaughn.

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

That passes 6 to nothing with one absence due to a vacancy.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:**

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Written Communications to Council in the past is letters that were received by Council members on problems in the city. The Communications to Council is a communication if you have a problem, discuss it with your Councilperson. Write them a letter. That is as far as it will go right now. If there's we will cross the bridge as it comes. It's Communications just to Council. Barb, are there any Communications to Council?

**CLERK:** Yes.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Is it a letter or a phone call? Go ahead.

**CLERK:** I don't know if that's considered communication. No phone calls.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** I mean, drop that. Forget that. Is there any written communication to Council?

**CLERK:** There were some emails.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Some emails?

**CLERK:** Yes.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** And those were written to the Council members?

**CLERK:** Well, yes. Not all of them at once. But sometimes, sometimes to all of them. Sometimes to only one.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Okay, the reason I'm saying this is there's a lot of letters coming in and people are demanding to be read on the floor and I have no problem with that. I will listen to all the letters. They can be read. But I believe I discussed it with our Law Department. These letters can be read at the end of the meeting by Comments by Citizens. They could read their letter. We're not going to stop them. They have that right. That opens the transparency that we're listening and we have communication. But right now, if you have something to say to your Councilman, this will just be Communications to Council. So if you have a problem, email your Councilperson. Other than that, all other letters will be read at the end of the meeting. So I will give everybody a chance. I don't want anybody to say we're not giving anybody a chance. Okay, anything that the Council wishes to read on the floor that they got from the residents? If there being none, we will move on.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Is there any legislation coming out of committee? Okay. Yes, go ahead.

**CLMN BLAKE:** Mr. Chairman, I have a report from the school district.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Okay, go ahead, Clmn Blake.

**CLMN BLAKE:**

"During the week of April 19, 2021 the Garfield City School District celebrated Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Week. Students participated in a variety of activities during school. Parents and students participated in evening activities and staff, administration and board members participated in a professional development session and a review of our district's equity audit.

The highlight of the week was the drum circle. You can view that on our city Web or on our YouTube page. The 2021 seniors will graduate on June 3rd at Rocket Mortgage Fieldhouse. Students will receive five tickets per family. More details will be shared soon with all seniors.

During our board meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated our annual Roses for Teachers. The top senior scholars were recognized for the academics and they recognized their favorite educator with a rose.

Our next regular school board meeting will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. You can view the meeting via our YouTube page.

Humbly submitted,  
Millette King, Garfield Heights City School District Board Vice President and City Liaison.”

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** I thank you very much for that report and I'm glad to see that they're starting to have Recreation Board meetings.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Mr. Chairman?

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Yes.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I have a committee report from the Safety Committee.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mr. Vaughn, go ahead, the floor is yours.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** We'll be holding a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on May 3<sup>rd</sup> via Zoom. The topics to discuss are the recent gun violence in Garfield Heights, the Police Department facilities, manpower in the Police Department. And the other one, the last thing that we will discuss, are the issues going on with certain liquor establishments in Garfield Heights. Again, that will be May third at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. I will be sending out notifications this week to that meeting. All right, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** That will be posted in the Neighborhood News too, Mr. Vaughn?

**CLMN VAUGHN:** We can do that.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** But first, let me get with Tom here. Tom, get a hold of Barb after the meeting and get that meeting scheduled so we have it in the Neighborhood News so all citizens are aware of it.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Very good.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Tom. Who called my name please?

**CLMN BLAKE:** I did.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** You have the floor.

**CLMN BLAKE:** Also, as we said in Caucus and you mentioned before, second week of May, potentially May 12, 2021, we'll be having a Recreation Committee meeting to discuss recreation activities moving forward in 2021.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Very good, I appreciate that. Get a hold of Barb. Make sure that one gets in the Neighborhood News. I want all these special meetings and stuff in the Neighborhood News, even if it's just the committee. I want everything in the Neighborhood News. So you got to make sure that we're informing the citizens and that's not speaking sarcastically. They need to be informed. I agree with them. I really do. Okay, next. We will move on to legislation out of committee.

**REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTORS:**

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Reports of the Mayor and the Directors. Mayor, the floor is yours.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. President, members of Council. I just have a brief report tonight. I just want to let everybody know that on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at St. Therese's Parish we will be having an event coordinated by Pastor Vonteen Smith in regards to National Prayer Day. I want to say thank you to Mr. Weldon Hastings ahead of time. He is actually going to live stream the event for us, which is great news and I think it shows that we as a community can work together to have something nice done for the community.

The other thing I wanted to make an announcement for is the River Sweep 2021 Neighborhood Cleanup Event is going to be held Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It's basically the city of Garfield Heights invites volunteers to participate in the annual collaborative cleanup. Participants receive a commemorative River Sweep t-shirt. Supplies are provided. You can pick up the supplies at Garfield Culinary, 4803 Turney Road, Garfield Heights, 44125 in the parking lot behind there. Pre-registration is required at canalway partners.com. If you have any questions you can call Pat Salemi at the city (216) 475-1100, extension 2425 or you can email her at psalemi@garfieldhts.org.

I also wanted to let you know that I got an announcement from FEMA that if you have any expenses related to a death or somebody passing away due to COVID-19, they are offering financial assistance for funerals.

We are continually monitoring the Governor's orders. Ohio can completely open if the cases are 50 cases per 100,000 people. It's something that I get a phone call probably every day on. Can we open the buildings? How can we do it? So far as of March 3<sup>rd</sup> and I was trying to get a little bit more up to date information, but as of March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021, we have been in 179 cases per 100,000 and it doesn't look like those numbers are improving at all. But just know that we're trying to stay on top of things. I have a meeting on Wednesday with the other Mayors and Managers of surrounding communities to find out what their plan is for opening the buildings. You know, we're trying to get on top of that, I know, there's going to be a lot of mandates that we're going to have to follow, a lot of protocols that are going to have to come up. We've been asking the questions are you going to have to have mandatory vaccination for the people who work in the city if you open the buildings? Are you going to have to check everybody's temperature when they come in? What kind of protocols are going to be had? As far as I know, no one has opened any of their facilities unless it's by appointment only, I want to reference that I had actually sent an email out on March 24<sup>th</sup>, to all of Council and copied in the city and basically just reiterating that the building is closed. However, if you need something as a Councilmember, you know, you should call the Director and they will be happy to assist you. Otherwise, they will be more than willing to speak to you on a Zoom call or by telephone. But just please be careful. I've already, you know, reiterated to everybody that works here that they need to have their masks on if they're not within six feet. Just so you know, you know, we have had appearances by the Public Health Department in the past, and we've passed. So that is something that is very important to all of us. We want to be able to open the buildings. We want to see people here. It's just we have to follow protocol.

I want to thank Nichelle Daniels and the owner of the Wine Down Bistro, Larry Lane, for putting together such a great cleanup event on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. I participated in it. I showed my support for it. But I got to tell you, Ms. Daniels put on a great event. She coordinated the whole thing. I have to give her so much thanks for literally taking the bull by the horns and getting that done. She had a great set of followers that came out and helped. I know some of them are on the call this evening. I want to say personally thank you for representing the city of Garfield Heights the way you do and helping us to clean Turney Road up.

I attended the cultural event at the high school on April 22<sup>nd</sup> that evening, as well and I was able to get there just in time for the drum circle. Just for the record, I am no drummer and you can tell that by the video that was out there that surfaced that we took and my sister's videos of me doing stuff like that. I think she's trying to make fun of me. But anyways, I have to tell you about my personal experience was that was very incredible.

And it brings me to something that we've been talking about here. I've been talking to both Noreen Kuban and Pat Salemi and also with the Rec Director, Paul Birk, in regards to, in the past Mayor Collova and the other Mayors had always had a summer concert series. It's been tough to find people that want to perform. The price to have people perform is astronomically high. What I'm proposing and what I'd like to get together and we're going to work through the Community Relations Committee to try to make it happen is to have a Summer Cultural Series, where we actually have every Sunday, instead of a summer concert to make that whole Sunday about a different culture. I would actually love to have this gentleman who led this drum circle to actually come in and do what he did because you thought you were beating on a drum and you were being taught how to count and be in rhythm. And by the end of the presentation you realize you are working together as individuals as a diverse group. And I think this is something that is beautiful for the city. I commend the school system for putting it on. And I'd love to take the ball and try to make something happen with it. So be looking for hopefully a Summer Cultural Series. I hope that we can do it this year. I'd love to get it going. I know I've been getting some pushback on the COVID and things like that. But I'm hoping we can make this cultural series available or make it reality because I really think it would definitely be.

I also want to welcome JTL Construction. I see that Jason is on the call. I just want to say welcome to the city of Garfield Heights. I know you're an alumni of Garfield Heights and I'm glad to have you back here and glad to see that you're reinvesting in our community, Mr. Effner.

Mr. Effner. Thank you.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Glad to have you back. And then with that, let me get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance number 37-2021 is something we do every year just to be able to buy the rock salt we need for the wintertime. Ordinance 38-2021 is addressing the fine for people that are littering. Ordinance 39-2021 is an enterprise zone agreement between Garfield Heights and JPL Contractors in regards to 9601 Granger Road and what they want to do to their property. I've seen the renderings. If you need to see them, they're online; they actually look beautiful. I can't wait for that building to be done. Ordinance number 42-2021 is renewing our agreement with Court Community Service. Ordinance 41-2021 is a bond that we're actually going to refinance to try to resurface some streets. If you have any questions, Barb Biro can get into that. Ordinance number 42-2021 is for a Chevy Silverado for the Fire Department for fire inspection. I think there are some questions that were brought up at Caucus about that. Interesting and I want people to know that the funding for this is actually through BWC funds that we had, where we got funds back from last year where we either overpaid or we earned funds back. So that is not something that's coming out of the city budget that we originally had on the books for this year. It's actually money that we got back from the Bureau of Workers' Comp.

Resolution 17 is Council summer session. Resolution 18 is for a no parking/tow away zone plan over on East 110<sup>th</sup> Street. Resolution Number 19 is ratifying the appointment of Frank Przybojewski. Hopefully I did that right. I'm sorry if I didn't Mr. Przybojewski. And then Resolution Number 22-2021 is the appointment of Patricia Wasikowski, both for members of Civil Service. Finally, Resolution Number 21 is to appoint Doug Piascik as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. And with that, you have my report. Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Are there any questions by Council on the Mayor's report? Mr. Dudley, you have the floor.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** All right. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mayor, I want you to take a second and repeat the information for the day of prayer?

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** It'll be held on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at St. Therese Parish. It was actually put together by Pastor Vonteen Smith and Father John Snyder. There is an awesome lineup of individuals

that will be on here just to talk about different scripture and to pray. It is the National Day of Prayer is that particular day and I look forward to this event. I think it's going to be something that will help bring the community together.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you. Are there any questions by Council on the Mayor's report? There being none, are there any Directors that want to say anything?

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR PAUL BIRK:** Clmn Nenadovich.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mr. Birk.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR PAUL BIRK:** I just want to remind everybody about t-ball signups. This was going to be the last week however, I decided to extend it to May 5<sup>th</sup>, so almost another full week. We got off to a really good start with that however, sort of hit a snag. Today was very promising--a lot of people called in for information on it. So just want to remind everybody about that.

The pool will soon be opening June 12<sup>th</sup>. The guys are working on it as we speak. I also wanted to touch base with Clmn Tagliarini. He called about some concerns today up at the tennis courts. There are some bleachers missing some boards busted up stuff like that. We were already headed in the works to get that taken care of. I only have three full timers in there. All three been tied up with getting the pool ready, but that will be addressed. Want to say Wednesday or Thursday we had some kids vandalize the fencing at the tennis courts. They rebuilt the fencing wide in regards to two holes he was inquiring about, I think they were just trying to get the bikes inside there and that's what it was. We also have that addressed as well.

Finally, we've been trying to work on some things to do at the Rec Center. We're just in early stages of it, but we are going to eventually have a survey put up on the city's Website as far as activities that the community would like to see in the city. Don't have it setup yet. When we do, I will make sure that it's there and people can kind of voice their thoughts on some other different activities they would like to see in the city. And with that, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Any questions for Mr. Birk from Council on his report? Okay, there being none, gentlemen,

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Mr. Chairman, this is Tim Riley.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Go ahead, Tim.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** I think there's little bit of confusion about what you indicated about the letters that are going to be read. I think I just want to let everybody know that a Council meeting has a set procedure and a set of rules, it has an agenda. And it's mainly for the city's legislative business. Now, traditionally, the letters to Council or Communications of Council, were things, in the past, like thank you letters and short little things. It was not discussion of agenda items or any other items that you have discussed with your Councilperson because those are addressed in two other areas of the agenda.

As you can see, the next thing on the agenda is Comments by Citizens on the Agenda. Okay. And in that section, there's a rule. It basically says, you can only talk about issues that are on the agenda for tonight. Then you go through the legislation. Then you have Comments by Citizens. Okay, at that point, that is where comments are to be read by a certain rule, which is a five-minute rule. And you also had to

address the problem with either a Councilperson or a Director. Now, what is a problem that I spoke about with the Council President is, people have been writing in letters and basically avoiding the rule, because now you don't have the five minute requirement because you're reading a letter. And also, there's no requirement that you spoke to a Councilperson or a Director about the problem that you're addressing and you cannot bring up a new item.

So what me and the Council President discussed is that these letters, if you want to read a letter in the Council, as long as it fits into those rules, you have every right to read that letter during Comments by Citizens. Okay. But you cannot just send in a letter to skirt the rules of Council because a meeting has a process, it has an agenda, and it has rules, and they have to be followed. So nobody is taking away anybody's right to say something at a Council meeting pursuant to the rules. As long as you are following the rules, you can read any letter you want, but you can't avoid the rules by sending a letter in and the Council President has indicated that. So we're not just going to read letters that everybody sends in because then you're not following the rules nor the agenda. So everybody has that right at that time during Comments by Citizens to say what they want either by letter by reading it, or just by making comments.

Okay, so I wanted to clear that up. There seems to be some confusion on that. If you don't have a set agenda at a meeting and don't have rules, then you cannot run an orderly meeting. And that is what the Council President is attempting to do here. So if anybody has any questions on that, during Comments by Citizens, I'd be glad to answer them. Okay. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Riley. Oh, from what we talked on, you said it a little bit better than I did. I did not come across completely as you did and I have a few other things going on right now with the ordinances and things. But thank you for that explanation. That is what we talked about before, prior to the meeting and I appreciate that. I hope everybody understands what Mr. Riley said. I thank you very much. Okay. Where we're at in the meeting right now is we just finished reports by the directors. At this time we have an addition after point six. What's the Mayor's?

**SERVICE DIRECTOR MARK SIKON:** Mr. President?

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Hello.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR MARK SIKON:** It's Mark.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Go ahead, Mark. Sorry about that. Yes.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR MARK SIKON:** Oh, just a little follow up a couple of little points, a follow up to last meeting. I did speak with the Mayor and my foremen. We are going to be adding some extra city cans mainly along Turney Road, the Boulevard and East 131<sup>st</sup> some extra city cans to help with some of the trash problems. So we will be adding those shortly. I did speak with the Mayor. I know we had a work session on the trash issue as far as people bringing their cans, bags, etc. We were scheduled another meeting but that's when it got pushed up to the side with some of the Council you know some of the things that have been happening. So we wouldn't be re-addressing that probably within a couple of weeks. He's talking about we're going to have another Work Session on the trash issues.

Patching is progressing nicely. Probably the second or third week of May we'll be adding a couple of crews via the part timer. So we'll be getting more guys out there and making more progress. We're doing okay now, but it's never fast enough. I do understand that.

The grass cutting positions I believe are filled. We started getting extra crews out as of I believe today, I will meet with Court Community Service tomorrow to come up with a game plan, addressing some of the properties and stuff that have to be cut. Driving around, especially even today, noticing a lot of especially

landscapers again, putting the grass in the streets. I stop. I speak with people all the time, I would just encourage people and if you know anybody, simply just turn the mower the other way, just putting it in the street does nobody no good as a clog and sewers and causing some flooding issues and stuff. Sounds like an easy enough fix just to keep the grass on the property.

We also still do have our sweeper out and again, I'm planning on keeping it out as long as we possibly can, manpower permitting.

And also not being at home and I truly apologize I can't remember the name of the group and the folks that put on the COVID shots. The second shot went up, I believe two weeks ago. I couldn't attend myself but speaking with my foremen and the workers I had there said it was flawless and what a professional group and they had ran everything like clockwork and went off without a hitch. So shout out to those. And I again, I apologize I don't have my notes with me because I'm not at home. So I can't remember the group. But those folks were extremely professional. So that would be my report. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Sikon. If I may at this time, that was the Church of Christ. But Mr. Dudley, the couple that ran that, their name escapes me right now. Could you state their name?

**CLMN DUDLEY:** What was that again?

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Church of Christ.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Pastor McHenry and his First Lady Tomika ran the campaign, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Dudley. Thank you, Mark. I really appreciate it. Any questions for Mark? I'll make a note on Mark's comment. I received a letter from Mr. Leonard on the trash. And I contacted Mark a while back and told him that and he reacted on it by having another meeting. So we are moving forward on that. Just to let you know that we do call the Directors if you do send us a letter. It's not like we're turning you away. But the meeting is scheduled and I look for 64 people to attend it. It's interesting.

Okay, now getting back to business at hand. At this time per our Mayor's request, we appointed two members to the Recreation Board. One of the members had to be from the School Board and one of the members had to be from Council.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Yes.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** I just want to clarify that that is something in the Charter. It's not at my request. It's a qualification in the Charter. Something you're bound to the Charter.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** I understand it, but you brought it to light so we could act on it, because it was needed. And I thank you for that. At this time, we picked two candidates, one from the School Board, and we picked a candidate from Council. There'll be two-year terms for both candidates. One of the candidates is Mrs. Ashley Thomas, resident of Ward 3, by the way, and she's on the School Board. And the other person is Clmn Jason Blake, who has also been appointed to the School Board. I wish them well, I wish them a lot of success in what they're going to be doing on our Recreation Board working with Mr. Birk. I think they're going to make a lot of advances. I think we got a couple of good minds there. I believe that we're going to be moving ahead. Mr. Birk, good luck with your new committee. Ashley and Jason, I want to welcome you aboard. I appreciate you volunteering after I spoke with both of you saying you'd be more than happy to help. I appreciate that. Thank you. Okay.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:**

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Next on the agenda is Communications from Citizens on the Agenda. That's our Ordinances and Resolutions. And it'll be just on the agenda. Barb, would you please read the rules?

**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:** Thank you, Barbara. Are there any citizens wishing to speak on tonight's agenda?

**CLMN BLAKE:** Ms. Renae Bolton has her hand up.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Ms. Bolton, the floor is yours. State your name and address please.

Renae Bolton, 5749 Turney Road. My question is regarding the appointments to the Civil Service Commission. Well, not specifically to that. But regarding that, I want to know if it can be a standard procedure, that when there are openings for the various committees, boards, commissions and what have you that they will always be posted in the Neighborhood News, on the city's Website, when that gets set up correctly. I did not hear anything about this. I have spoken with several residents in Garfield Heights who were interested in being on some of these committees. So Mr. Burke, when you say you called people. I think that's very limited, because you're only calling people who you have a wide knowledge of. I'm just wondering if there is a way to set a standard procedure for what happens when committees or its commissions have a vacancy so that the general population in Garfield Heights will know that those seats are open.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mayor, you have the floor.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Yes, Ms. Bolton, to be honest with you, I contacted probably six people in regards to the Civil Service Commission. And to be very honest with you, I was told by quite a few people, that because of the current conditions that go on Council and the way the Council meetings are going, they did not wish to participate. There is nothing in the Charter that says that we have to post the boards and the Commissions. However, I listened to what everybody was telling me. I listened to the community. I tried to be proactive about it by posting it on the Website whenever we had time and also to reach out to people. People like Lanene Jones for instance, you know, and never heard back from her whether she really wanted to be on there. I know she'd lost a family member. But, you know, I know for a fact that a lot of the Council people, including myself, when I was in Ward 6, we would share this information and let people know that we have these boards that are available.

If you know several people, please give them my number, because I think I still need two people for the Rec. I would be more than happy to listen to anybody who is willing to positively help the city of Garfield Heights, to help us grow, to help make this community a better community. But, you know, there will be a standard policy, as far as I'm concerned, to try to get those jobs posted for you so people know, but I'll be quite honest with you. There's a lot of people that don't want to participate and I just don't understand why. But I did try my hardest.

**MS. BOLTON:** Can I respond?

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Yes. Oh, you still have the floor.

**MS. BOLTON:** Okay, so my question was, for future seats that are vacant? Can there be a standard procedure of letting the residents of Garfield Heights know that seats are open for people who are interested to be able to reach out? Or know how to go about getting appointed to one of those seats? My

question was not who did you call? Who did you not call? I'm asking for a standard procedure. So that it's fair to everybody, not just the people you know, because basically what I see looking in from the outside, because I'm a regular person, outside of all of the goings on of local government in Garfield Heights. I'm a regular person. And what I see from the outside is you call people, you know, you pick people, you know and that's it. If somebody doesn't contact you, then oh, well, too bad. So sad. But I think that there are more people. There are so many people in the city. So how can you honestly say none of them are interested when they are not all given the same opportunity to participate in activities like the Commissions and all of that, because they don't know about it? That's what my question is, I want it to be fair for everybody, not just the people you know.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** And Ms. Bolton, I promise you, I will make it fair for everybody. I will put some kind of standard procedure in place, and I will ask Council to consider adopting it for the Charter in order to, you know, make it fair and equitable. I thank you for that. I'm sorry I didn't answer your question at the beginning but, you know, I'm just trying to do this as honestly and as equitable as I can. What do you do when people don't respond?

**MS. BOLTON:** Okay, thank you.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you very much. Mayor, I would like, when you have those meetings, being Council President, I would really like to get on that, especially for the Charter Review. And as a Legislative Chair, also to get this application sort of started. Okay. Mr. Blake, is anybody else asking a question?

**CLMN BLAKE:** Actually, Clmn Dudley wants to make a comment.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Okay, Mr. Dudley. Go ahead. The floor is yours.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to make the comment that the conversation did come up in the Caucus room. I did bring it up. And it was also in reference to the fact the Civil Service Commission, we had an individual who was being reappointed. At that time, the Mayor mentioned that he had posted like he said in the Neighborhood New, and it was on the city Website. But I also asked that members of Council be notified as well that the positions are becoming available so as we talk to people in our community, that we may be able to push some good people who may have slight consideration towards them position.

And also Mayor, I don't want to say it that the sole reason that nobody wants to sit on the committees is because of what's been going on in Council. I don't want Council to take the brunt. That would be unfair to say that's the only reason they don't want to be put on them because we didn't record your conversations, Mayor. So I don't want it coming down on us heavy on us alone. With all due respect. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Dudley. Mr. Blake.

**CLMN BLAKE:** Cliff Kelley.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mr. Kelley, you have the floor state your name and address please.

Mr. Kelley, 12312 Eastwood Blvd. I am looking at Ordinance 39-2021. I'm hoping that this is a piece of legislation that will, that Council will consider. To me it looks pretty good. I mean, we're looking at it if this is the building that I'm thinking of, it's a vacant building that is sitting there for a while. No one's doing anything with it. We have a gentleman here who left another city and came to ours to build it up.

So he, you know, he's looking to, you know, thrive in our city. So I hope there's no problem with this piece of legislation. I'm looking at it, the payroll that he is projecting here and how it would be beneficial to the city as we're moving forward. I really hope and pray that, you know, there's no problem with what's going on with this piece of legislation here and that's really all I have.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Kelley. Mr. Blake, anybody else?

**CLMN BLAKE:** Jen Lake.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Your name and address, please.

Ms. Lake. Hi, Jen Lake, 5303, East 133<sup>rd</sup> Street, Garfield Heights, Ohio. I have two things, and I'm not sure if one of them is meant for now or a little bit later on. One, I appreciate it and want to say thank you to Mr. Riley for the additional information just the clarification on when letters would be read and all that good stuff. And I also would like a little bit I just personally because I just found this out myself. About the committees and that.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** If I may stop you. This is just on the agenda.

**MS. LAKE:** Okay. I'll wait.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** We'll give you time at the end of the meeting. I appreciate that. Thank you for considering.

**MS. LAKE:** All right.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Anybody else?

**CLMN BLAKE:** I don't see anybody.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** If there's nothing else, we will move on to ordinances and resolutions. We'll start off with Ordinance 37-2021. Barb, would you read the title please?

ORDINANCE NO. 37-2021

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASING PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A, WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM CHLORIDE (ROCK SALT) FOR THE 2021-2022 SEASON.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** That passes six to zero.

ORDINANCE NO. 38-2021

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 527.06, LITTER THROWN BY PERSONS IN VEHICLES; FINE, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Before I vote, this was brought to my attention by a resident that our fine for throwing garbage outside a car window is \$10.00. Not paid in 72 hours it went to \$25.00. This was written some time in the late '70s. So with that we decided that the maximum fine on this now will be \$500.00. With that, I vote Yes.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Before I vote, I want to just say long overdue, Councilman. It was a great thing to do, because hopefully that's going to slow the process down and stop the garbage. And I vote Yes.

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

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** 38-2021 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 39-2021

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, TO EXECUTE AN "URBAN JOBS AND ENTERPRISE ZONE AGREEMENT" BETWEEN GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO 44125 AND JT LEONARD CONTRACTORS LLC AND JTL GRANGER 9601 LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN URBAN JOBS AND ENTERPRISE ZONE.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Before I vote, I would like to welcome the new business into Garfield Heights. I'm sure you're going to do great things. And plus, the one thing I care about is the building is full again. We see activity on the property, so we don't have to worry about it being vandalized and somebody breaking into it and taking what doesn't belong to them. I welcome you aboard. I say I vote Yes.

**CLMN BLAKE:** Before I vote, I would just like to welcome JTLeonard Contractors for coming to Garfield Heights and choosing to grow their business here. I think it's a great opportunity and with that, I vote yes.

**CLMN TAGLIARINI:** Before I vote, I would like to welcome Jason's construction into the city of Garfield. And also mention that an issue this large needs to be brought out not on the Friday before we vote, but the Director and the Mayor could have give us a little more time. As you see tonight, we had many questions that weren't answered. We had to make a split decision. We had plenty of time in advance I'm sure when they were drawing up this agreement to allow Council to review it and make questions available. And with that, I vote Yes.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I just want to welcome JTLeonard Contractors back to Garfield Heights. We're glad you're here. And I hope your future is bright and be able to fill that building without any problems. With that, I vote Yes.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Before I vote, I just want to do the same and thank JTLeonard Contractors and tell them thanks for choosing the best city. With that, I vote Yes.

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

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Okay. With that again, welcome aboard. That passes 6 votes Yes.

ORDINANCE NO. 40-2021

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS WITH COURT COMMUNITY SERVICE.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

**CLMN TAGLIARINI:** Before I vote again, I would like to have a little more time to review this. Some of the numbers don't look real good. I did not have enough time with the other things that we're addressing today. Asking the Directors and the Mayor to give us more information earlier. With that, you have my vote. Yes.

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Before I vote, this was a much-needed service to the community. God rest his soul, when Mr. Liotta worked with this, I could not believe the amount of trash that he picked up just from small area 100, 200, 300 bags and it helps keep the city clean. I think it's well needed. With that, I vote Yes.

**CLMN BLAKE:** Before I vote, I agree with Clmn Nenadovich's comments. I remember when Tim McLaughlin was the Service Director at the end of the year, he would usually give a total of all the things that they accomplished and they are a very good service to use and I'm glad we're renewing. With that, I vote Yes.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I echo what my fellow Councilmen said. And I vote Yes.

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

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** 40-2021 passes with 6 Yes votes.

Right now, I would like to ask Mr. Blake and Mr. Vaughn to sort of keep track because I may miss something. I'm getting very dry right now and I may have missed something. If I missed a Waiver of Rule 24 or something like that, please caution me to go back again, please.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thank you, Mr. President. Since you're a little bit under the weather, why don't you have Clmn Dudley finish the rest of the meeting for you?

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Oh, no, I have no problem with that. I can finish the meeting. If I can't, I will have Mr. Dudley step in as Pro Tem. Thank you for the suggestion. I appreciate it. Okay, next on the agenda is Ordinance 41-2021.

ORDINANCE NO. 41-2021

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,800,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVING STREETS AND ROADS IN THE CITY BY RESURFACING, GRADING, DRAINING, CURBING, PAVING, AND IMPROVING,

RECONSTRUCTING AND CONSTRUCTING CATCH BASINS, AND MAKING OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Ordinance 41-2021 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 42-2021

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2021 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 1500 4X4 FROM TIM LALLY CHEVROLET, INC.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Ordinance 42-2021 passes with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-2021

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR ONLY ONE COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD ON THE SECOND MONDAY, DURING THE MONTHS OF JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST, 2021.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Before I vote, we've been doing this for quite a few years. If extra meetings are needed, we have no problem calling special meetings and I think this year will be no exception. There will be special meetings on a lot of different topics, rather than just legislation but I look forward to getting the meetings taken care of and moving ahead with the city and I will vote Yes.

**CLMN BLAKE:** Before I vote. I agree with Clmn Nenadovich and summer session is allowable per the Charter. In the past, when they've gone into summer session, they've always had more meetings than regularly scheduled, it seems. But with that, I vote Yes.

**CLMN TAGLIARINI:** Before I vote, I'd just like to echo to my colleagues. And with that, I vote Yes.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I know it's unusual for me to be presenting legislation for summer session. But in light of the way things are right now and with this COVID going on, I'm a firm believer that at this time

this is needed. And as my colleagues have said, we will definitely be calling special meetings if needed. And with that, I vote Yes.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Before I vote, I believe all my colleagues done covered everything and they are correct. July and August can be a pretty busy time for us. Most of the time it is more than two meetings that is held for that month. Not all the time, but most of time and like the Chairman said if there's something we need to address the meetings will be called and all the colleagues they hit it on the head and with that I vote Yes.

AYES: Nenadovich, Blake, Tagliarini, Vaughn, Dudley

NAYS: Donahue

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Okay. Ordinance 17-2021 passes with 5 Yes votes and 1 No vote.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 18-2021

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DESIGNATING VERNON AVENUE BETWEEN TURNEY ROAD AND EAST 110<sup>th</sup> STREET A "NO PARKING / TOW AWAY ZONE" BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 10:00 PM AND 6:00 AM.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLMN TAGLIARINI:** Before I vote, I'd like to say that I hope that this resolves some of the problems for the residents in that area. I know they've been having a lot of problems. And with that, you have my vote Yes.

**CLMN DONAHUE:** Before I vote again, I'd like to say this is mainly for the safety of the residents. I vote Yes.

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

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Resolution 18-2021 passes with 6 Yes votes.

Oh, Council, if I may, we addressed this at the last meeting. I would like to take a five-minute break at 8:15 p.m. and resume again 8:20 p.m. If that's okay, I would like to make that motion on that. I'll need a second.

**CLMN BLAKE:** I'll second.

Thank you, Jason. Barb, would you take a roll call?

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

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** That passes with 6 Yes votes. We will resume again at 8:20 p.m. or 8:21 p.m., depending on how this clock goes. So the meeting stands adjourned right now. I believe I did that in the right order. So we'll see you in five minutes.

*(Council paused for a five-minute break at this time.)*

Okay, everybody. It's 8:20 p.m. Thank you for the much-needed break. At this time, I would like to make a motion to resume the Regular Council meeting of Garfield Heights city for 4/26/2021 at the time of 8:20 p.m. I have to make a motion to resume the Council meeting for April 26, 2021 at 8:20 p.m. take a roll call starting with myself.

**CLERK:** Sir, do you need a second?

**CLMN DONAHUE:** I'll second.

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

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you very much. That passes with 6 votes affirmatively. We will now continue on with the Resolutions for the meeting. We'll start off with Resolution 19-2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-2021

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF FRANK PRZYBOJEWSKI AS A MEMBER OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** I'd like to call on Mayor Burke right now. Mayor Burke, does this involve any kind of payment?

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** I believe it is a paid position mandated by the city Charter.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you.

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Before I vote, Frank, are you with us?

Mr. Przybojewski. Yeah.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Just for my own clarification, how do you pronounce the last name?

Przybojewski.

**MR. PRZYBOJEWSKI:** Shi-vo-es-t.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you very much.

**MR. PRZYBOJEWSKI:** That's the phonetic spelling.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you. And with that, I say welcome aboard and I vote Yes.

**MR. PRZYBOJEWSKI:** Thank you.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Before I vote, I want to thank Mr. Przybojewski for doing this for us. Civil Service is a very important job in the community. And with that, I vote Yes.

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

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** That passes 6 Yes votes. Welcome aboard. Thank you for volunteering for this and getting on board with the civil service. We look forward to some great decisions.

**MR. PRZYBOJEWSKI:** Thank you very much.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2021

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF PATRICIA WASIKOWSKI AS A MEMBER OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Ms. Wasikowski, like I said before, welcome aboard. And I vote Yes.

**CLMN TAGLIARINI:** Before I vote, I'd like to welcome both of them aboard. I will not try their last names. With that I say Yes.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Before I vote, I want to wish Patty good luck and welcome her to the Civil Service Commission and with that, I vote Yes.

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

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Resolution 20-2021 passes with 6 Yes votes.

#### RESOLUTION NO. 21-2021

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF DOUG PIASCIK AS A MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** I vote Yes. Welcome aboard.

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

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** That passes 6 Yes votes.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:**

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** This ends our Ordinances and Resolutions for the evening.

Next, we have 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:** Thank you, Barbara. I will open the floor up to the citizens to speak as per the rules. Tom, you'll be keeping time for us. Mr. Blake, you will be watching the hand raising. And I believe the one that we had to cut off the quickest was Ms. Jennifer Lake. So I would like to start with her. Jennifer, the floor is yours. Jennifer, there you go.

**MS. LAKE:** Hi. I wanted to start by thanking Mr. Tagliarini. He did reply to my email and I got in touch with Mr. Birk, from the Parks and Rec, which I appreciate. I did just have a couple follow up questions regarding that email. One was a approximate date given about when we could see the nets for the tennis courts, fixed and replaced?

And then my next question too. And just along with that, the other things that are in disrepair at that particular park, the skate park, the tennis park area, the city park off of Granger and I do appreciate and I did hear Mr. Birk say that they are running on a three-man crew. So I understand that they're getting ready for the pool season. I understand that that, you know is time consuming. But if I could get an update on an approximate time when especially the tennis courts will be fixed?

And then my other question would be a question for the Rec Committee maybe when they meet, maybe something they could consider would be having like a youth worker oversee that park to better engage with those families and those young people who frequent that park, just as an extra measure just to show the youth that we as a community value them.

I also put in the email that it would maybe be good to involve the citizens a good community project. And if it's something that if there's things that the Parks and Rec Department think that, you know, citizens could be involved in, I personally can come. I'm willing to help with that. Just some of those projects seemed like a larger scale than I'm willing to tackle. And so, but let me know.

And then, my second question was, first, again, thank you, Mr. Riley, for the additional information about the reading of the letters. And then I believe I just recently was given a list of the committees and commissions with openings. And so if he could share more information on how fellow citizens can get that information, that would be much appreciated. And that's all I have. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** I really appreciate that. Thank you very much for your comments. I will make one statement before I turn it over to the Recreation Department. This new committee has been formed. This new committee has been formed. I look for good things to come from this. I look for the direction of Mr. Birk, who is in charge of this committee and Mr. Blake and Ashley Thomas, the school board member for youth involvement. I look forward to a very progressive type of meeting. Mr. Birk, I will turn it over to you right now.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR PAUL BIRK:** Thank you. In regards to the two bleachers, the wooden bleachers that are in need of repair. Those I am even hoping within the next couple of days, we'll have those two bleachers repaired. The netting, I wanted to double check on. The conversation I had with Mr. Tagliarini throws a couple other nets had holes in them or are ripped. I know the far end one is missing. There is one of the poles that holds it up--it is like a tensioner pole and that pole has to be ordered. I guess the other one broke. I don't know. I'm sorry. You're so good. I can't speak how far back it was. I didn't order it yet. We're diverting our attention to the pool and everything else. But that is an easy enough fix. It's just a matter of ordering the tensioner pole and buying new nets.

The skateboard park. We were working on it last year in the fall with the help of the Service Department. We had ordered about, I think, it was a dozen planks. It is a special type of wood for the ramps itself. We actually ran out of material, which we didn't think we would. That will be addressed as well. Again, I don't want to speak for the Service Department when they can help me out with that because they're busy doing potholes and stuff like that, but I can assure you that it all will be addressed. I can't give you an exact timeframe with the ramp itself but the netting will be taken care of sooner. Hopefully the next couple days those two concrete bleachers with the wooden planks will be addressed.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Birk.

**MS. LAKE:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Anything else, Jennifer? Okay, I got you. Mr. Blake, you have some other candidate?

**CLMN BLAKE:** Victor Torres has his hand raised.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mr. Torres. If you will come on. State your name and address. The floor is yours.

Mr. Torres. Victor Torres, 12900 Woodward Blvd.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** The floor is yours, Sir.

**MR. TORRES:** Okay, thank you for the opportunity to speak. I've talked to my Councilman in regards to my statement tonight. I wanted to ask the question as a taxpayer to the Council and to our legal department, that the former Councilwoman from Ward 4, has, in fact, admitted to violating Section 9 of the city Charter, that the wages given from the time of being sworn in to the date of resignation be returned to the citizens of Garfield Heights.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mr. Torres?

**MR. TORRES.:** Yes, Sir.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** That subject is finished, Mrs. Shayla Davis turned in a resignation. She was not removed from office. Therefore that issue is closed. All correspondence on that with regards to Mrs. Davis, are closed right now. That issue is in the past. If you want to bring something up as far as other issues on that, I would say first, let's talk with Mr. Riley and get an opinion on him at a special conference. But right now, Mrs. Davis has resigned. The issue has been closed. That's why the meeting was so abrupt. There was nothing to discuss, because she graciously resigned.

**MR. TORRES:** Okay, because I was just wondering.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Mr. Chairman, this is Tim Riley. We can resolve this issue very quickly. I have done preliminary research on the issue and we cannot recover those funds from her. She did serve in the position. She did the work. She was de facto as a Councilperson. So therefore, you cannot recover the funds. We would spend more money attempting to recover the funds than we would ever get back. Plus, I don't think we would prevail. So that closes that issue out. Just so you know.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Riley.

**MR. TORRES:** So we can't charge legal fees?

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mr. Torres, there's nothing we can do.

**MR. TORRES:** Okay, sounds good.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** The issue is closed. Thank you very much, sir. Mr. Blake?

**CLMN BLAKE:** Mr. Kelley.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mr. Kelley, you have the floor if you would state your name and address please.

Clifford Kelley, 12312 Eastwood Blvd. This letter I've submitted to Council, I submitted to my Councilman, Frank Tagliarini. We did correspond over it. But it concerns me because it speaks to the tone of these meetings. And even the Mayor mentioned something about some people having a problem in serving because of the tone of some of the meetings. So in my time, I'll read this as quickly as I can, and leave it go as that.

"Dear Mr. Mayor, City Council and all who it may apply,

Grace and peace be unto you all. Let me first say I'm delighted to have the opportunity to live and to be able to serve this city. While I say that, I say the same statement also gives me a

heavy heart. I have been a part of this community since 2008. I'm a product of Cleveland, Ohio. I grew up in Cleveland Heights. As a child, I played sports in the LEL. Therefore, we played against Garfield Heights for years. I visited family and friends for years in Garfield Heights. I have always been aware of the stigma in the past that has been associated with our community. The man that is now my father-in-law would tell me stories about the time when he was an employee at the Illuminating Company, when he would be sent out to read meters on the very street that my wife and I now live on. He would eventually be met by police every time because someone would call on him because he was walking up and down driveways on the street. Now that was decades ago.

But what grieves my heart is not that and what's going on in neighborhood now or that principality. What grieves my heart is the mentality of the Church, Christians, their waves, their complaints on these Zoom calls. I have sat back and listened to all these calls for months and what I have honed in on is that the vast majority of these complainers appear to be members of the Christian church somewhere. This is very disturbing to me, of what I've been hearing from those who should know better. Allow me for a minute too, as the Prophet Ezekiel said, show the house to the house. Now we are supposed to be stewards of God's mystery. We are supposed to be repairers of the breach. We are supposed to be handlers of God's grace and bring light to those who need it.

But what I have witnessed these past few months leads me to ask, where's the wisdom? Where's the witness? Where's the discernment? Where's the fruit of the spirit of us who's probably say we have it. It totally appears to me that the hearts are wax groves, the ears are dull of hearing and the eyes are closed to our purpose, which is to win people. Please explain to me how we are doing that with the following rhetoric. A resident charges corruption without listing the person or persons involved in this corruption, the action or actions and details in this present Administration. Their language about what he ate at a restaurant when that restaurant was dying and when the Mayor gives a plug, plugging the restaurant, the business hits a spark and it bumps up. That business owner was hurt by those political comments.

A resident charges the Mayor of selecting new diverse employees working in the city as tokens to make his own self look good when he himself is biracial. A resident charges the Mayor of being insensitive to equity, diversity and inclusion, because the woman who he described is bilingual. And assume that this type of family is the only family that understands diversity, when the word that was actually used in describing this person was truly not only there's a great difference between the two words. When we use words seasoned with salt, we don't later have to go back and apologize for what we said originally. As Jesus told his own disciples, you know not what manner of spirit you are of.

Now, will you be humble enough to stop while you're behind or be arrogant and continue to push false narratives and unproductive rhetoric? This rhetoric is foolishness at best. It's like a person who wants a job with a company and he keeps pointing out the bad and the boss and in the company. Keep pointing out the negativity of the company. But all the while you're applying for positions with the company, still pointing out the bad, but then tell your boss."

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Yes, Mr. Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Mr. Kelley, I'm going to give you two more minutes. I make a motion we give Mr. Kelley two more minutes.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Okay. On the motion by Mr. Vaughn to grant Mr. Kelley two more minutes. Can I have a second?

**CLMN TAGLIARINI:** I second.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Okay, Barb, would you take a roll call, please?

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

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mr. Kelley, you have exactly two minutes. Start the clock, Mr. Vaughn.

**MR. KELLEY:**

"But then apply for the company and continue to bad mouth the boss and the company while convincing the boss that you will change things if hired. Let's get back to corruption of our city. Where were these people in their energy when Mayor Longo allegedly had ghost employees working for the city? Where were you when money allegedly allocated for Transportation Blvd. was allegedly spent elsewhere? Where were you when it first was learned that Mayor Collova allegedly was working in two different capacities violating the Charter? Where were these strong voices in high energy when we suffered red lining, steering, white flight? Where was your discernment and your vetting process and the person who you support every meeting after meeting, but then learned that the person that you were supporting violated the Charter themselves.

Now, as we say in the street, take a seat, many seats. Now you want the Charter changed to suit your agenda. If our city is going to move forward, let's understand that we all want the same thing, which is a city that is safe for ourselves and our children, a city that focuses on how to move forward and not live in the past of our mistakes and sins. A city that values one another because no one person is able to accomplish the weight of our city on their own, a city that focuses on all of its citizens and not of their own selfish agenda. Please, let's be quick to listen and slow to speak.

In His service,  
Reverend Clifford D. Kelley, Jr."

If you want a copy of this, let me know and I'll email it to you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mr. Kelley, I would like a copy of that and your time is up. I thank you for your comments, Sir. Jason, the floor is yours. Who's next?

**CLMN BLAKE:** Norman L.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Okay. I believe that's Mr. Leonard. Mr. Leonard. Or Norman L. Would you please unmute your mic and state your name and address?

Norman Leonard. 4893 East 84th Street.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Okay, the floor is yours for five minutes, Sir.

**MR. LEONARD:** I've been a resident of Garfield Heights for over 16 years and I've seen some improvements, such as City View and the new library. I've also seen countless things that made me questioning why things are the way they are. And maybe you know, some of those things, such as the animosity now that I've seen from the city government towards the school district, a lack of communication from the city to the community about city information, meetings, events, and resources.

I realize that everything rises and falls on leadership, which has made me pay much more attention to our leadership of our city over the last year.

It's been very disappointing and sad to see how the leadership of the city has treated citizens condescending and smart remarks when citizens have brought up concerns or just tried to shut citizens down altogether, just because they didn't agree. Or because they took it as a personal attack upon themselves. Recently, over the last few weeks, you know, I've seen Council pick and choose what letters from citizens they read or not based on what fits their narrative, and what they agree with. It's just another way of trying to shut down the voices that have residents.

Let me say this. Just because something doesn't happen to you, doesn't mean it's not happening in this city and that goes for everyone. Because, you know, just because an issue was brought up to you, it doesn't mean that we blame you for the issue. It means that we believe that you could possibly do something about the issue. So instead of taking the concerns of citizens as personal attack, how about you personally take it upon yourself to attack the issues that are brought up. Whether it's the Mayor or City Council or the Governor, these are serving positions and your job is to listen. It's not the community's job to come up with solutions for their issues, or to find money to fix issues. That is what you are paid to do. We are all imperfect and made mistakes. What I've seen over the last months have been shameful. Now there was an inquiry sent to investigate about the Sunshine Laws being violated. And the response that we got was I asked those involved and they said that they didn't violate the laws. They said that, but yet, we had a Councilman specifically say last week that one Councilman has consistently stopped everyone from breaking the Sunshine Law. He was saying it for the first time and to do unto others you have them do unto you. I said all that to say, don't do what's best for your comfort level of yourself or your peers or what's best for your political goals? Do what's best for the city and for all of the people who live here. I'm praying for all of you and I'm praying for our city. That's all I got. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Leonard, I need a favor from you. I would like for you to go and give me a call. My number is on the Website. I would like to talk to you right after the meeting, if you can? You're in my Ward and I would like to address a couple issues with you. Right now that you wrote in the letter, that it's nothing critical to city. It's not an issue that would cause criteria to be well misconstrued. I'd just like to like to speak to you as a resident and I do this for several people. But I would like to speak to you after the meeting if you would call me please?

**MR. LEONARD:** I'll give you a call.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you. Okay, Mr. Blake, anybody else?

**CLMN BLAKE:** Shayla Davis.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Ms. Davis, state your name and address. The floor is yours.

Ms. Davis. Thank you, Shayla L. Davis, 10813 Penfield Avenue, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125. I'm going to read a letter on behalf of Mrs. Melissa Peters, who had to get off of the call.

"I am very concerned about the character and integrity (or lack thereof) of our council members. Every council meeting I have attended in the past year"

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mr. Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Who did she bring this up to first of all? Who did she bring us up to her Council representative referencing to another member of Council? If she don't have one she should bring it to the Administration or somebody else before this letter has been read. That's a point of order.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mr. Dudley, if I may, Mrs. Davis indicated that she's reading a letter for somebody. If she deviates from the letter and gives us her own opinion, because I know of nobody that she spoke to. Have any of the Councilmen spoke to Mrs. Davis?

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Was the letter submitted to Council?

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Okay, but if she's reading a letter for someone, I will confine her to that letter. When the letter's done, our conversation is over. I will give her that permission. So Ms. Davis, you may read the letter from Ms. Peters and only the letter from Ms. Peters. The floor is yours.

**MS. DAVIS:** Mr. Chairman, I do want to pause you. I requested to do nothing other than read, which is exactly what I was doing. So I don't understand, but thank you. I'll start from the top again.

"I am very concerned about the character and integrity (or lack thereof) of our city council members. Every council meeting I have attended in the past year I leave feeling frustrated and gravely disappointed in the lack of professionalism in our council members.

When I researched city council members role and responsibilities this is what I found repeatedly listed and prioritized first:

-Actively listen to residents concerns and wishes, putting public interests first, being responsive with residents concerns, being objective, respectful and transparent with citizens, BEING A TIRELESS ADVOCATE FOR YOUR WARD/DISTRICT!

None of our council meetings reflect this code of ethics & values. Council members are repeatedly disrespectful to citizens, by making residents feel they are being yelled at like children if they are even able to be heard in the first place. The last meeting, Councilman Donahue yelled "SHUT UP" to a resident and I did not hear any member of council say a word. Every time a resident tries to bring up a concern they are cut off usually by Councilman Nenadovich as he goes out of his way to find "reasons" to NOT hear the concerns of the residents who elected you to these positions in the first place. Council President Nenadovich has repeatedly responded to citizens with "This is OUR meeting, do we want to hear from this person or not?" making residents feel dismissed, which is the exact opposite of a public servant's job. Council members repeatedly become defensive and make excuses for themselves without taking ownership for their actions. They repeatedly validate themselves without validating citizens issues or offenses which just continue to make your residents feel unheard and unvalued.

I would have hoped to have heard and seen these elected officials showing responsiveness & respectfulness to residents with action plans on what they will do to make our city better. Showing they value our opinions and concerns, Garfield Heights residents deserve to see these ethics and values in all interactions with elected officials. I am deeply saddened to see this continue meeting after meeting with no sign of any change even after repeated input and correspondence from many residents asking for better, asking for change. I truly hope Garfield residents choose better at our upcoming election, or we will never see change!  
Disappointed Resident,  
Melissa Peters"

Thank you. Thank you, Clmn Nenadovich.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** And I did receive that letter. So Ms. Peters did communicate with me and I believe she communicated with all of us. Ms. Davis, thank you very much for reading that for her. I'm sure Ms. Peters as well was grateful for the fact too. So with that being said, Mr. Blake, does anybody else have their hand up?

**CLMN BLAKE:** I am not seeing anyone.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Would you check a second time just so we don't miss anybody. Please?

**CLMN BLAKE:** I don't see anybody.

Mr. Fruits. I'm on audio not able to raise my hand.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Who is this?

**MR. FRUITS:** This is James Fruits, 13600 York Boulevard.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** The floor is yours. You have five minutes.

**MR. FRUITS:** Thank you, Clmn Nenadovich. You know, I'm just incredibly saddened and grieved at what I have heard tonight, and the continued lack of any ownership of any kind of the discussions that are taking place. But in fact, more blame tonight was placed on the residents who are concerned and are bringing up concerns. And it continues to dismiss and it continues. The refusal to read Mrs. Peters' letter is just another example of that. It's as though you're going out of your way to figure out how to get us un-involved in this process. What I would like to say is that, for myself, I can't speak for others but for myself the reason why I have most of these conversations on the city Council meetings is because I feel like in the past, things have been said off the record that our Council members aren't willing to say on record and so there's a lack of trust for myself so therefore, I feel like all conversations with Council need to happen on the record. And the way that residents continue to be dismissed and blamed and there is no ownership or responsibility owned from Administration or from Council is incredibly, incredibly concerning and incredibly disheartening.

And I would also like to ask, why it is that we do not observe the three rule reading because I have questions on the legislation that was passed tonight, but there was not time for me to fully digest because this legislation comes out so closely to when it is passed. That is the intent of the three reading rule is that there's no legislation that's just passed quickly. And that is the way we do it every time in Garfield Heights. Every time the three reading rule is waived. And I would like to pose a question of why that is. I feel like our Administration, our Council can do better to plan out ahead of time so that residents have more time to ask questions and so that things are not so rushed.

Like for instance tonight one of my questions is that the Civil Service Commission and the people that were appointed to the Civil Service Commission. We've been asking questions about this for a long time and about when a new police chief will be named and the Civil Service Commission is the one who does that choosing, and there have been issues of racism and specifically, issues of Black people in our community being concerned. I want to know if there are there is any Black representation now on our Civil Service Commission or now any room for Black representation on our Civil Service Commission that will choose our next police chief? That's the question I have, but that question really doesn't have time to unfold, because we've waived that three reading rule. I am incredibly, incredibly upset that tonight, when it seems to fit the Council's agenda, people are given more time to speak. And it again just speaks to me of how voices are trying to be silenced instead of our Council members trying to hear our voices. I'm quite incredibly saddened. I'm incredibly grieved, but I'm not going away. I would also state that I've not heard from any Council members reach out to me or any of the people that I hear speaking up with concerns outside of Council meetings as well. So why not? What are you doing, instead of reaching out to

citizens who are speaking up with concerns because we love our community and we want the best for our community. We want the best for everyone in our community. I think it's time that there are some changes made and that our leadership looks deep within themselves and asks what changes you guys need to make. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Fruits. If I may quickly answer just a couple of items that you brought up. One of them is the installation of the new police chief. That can't be done until Mr. Byrne our former police chief, retires. He's got a couple more months to go. He has to finish out his program so that he can get his full retirement. So technically, he's still employed by the city. Soon as he retires, which I believe will be either June or July, the test will be given and decisions will be made from the test that's given. The test is open to everybody that's on our police force, I believe and it's up to them to take the test.

As far as the issue of communication, I ask you, have you conversed with your Council representative? Because you say nobody talks to you to answer your questions. If you address your Councilperson, I'm sure the Councilperson would give you an answer or check into it of some sort. But just to say that nobody ever gets back to you? We don't know what the other Council people know you're talking to your Councilperson. So you can't blame us for that.

As far as communication, I believe, Directors and then Council people as it should work out, are the chain of command. So going from there. I will leave it at that. And if there's any questions that anybody else wants to answer, as far as Administration, I'm talking about, as far as civil service, the diversity. I don't know what it is made up of? I know just a couple of people on the board. I do not know them all. But I'll leave it at that.

Mayor Burke, do you have any input as far as diversity on the Civil Service Commission?

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** I do. I actually tried to recruit when I wasn't getting any response from anybody in reference to their interest in the job. I did try to reach out to a few individuals who make it diverse. One individual didn't call me back. The other one did not fit the qualifications because you actually have to have either one Republican, one Democrat and one Independent. Two republicans and one Democrat or two Democrats and one Republican. We had quite a few Republicans already on the Civil Service Commission. So to get somebody else on they would have had to have been a Democrat. The only other Black/African-American person that I spoke to was a Republican. So I'm just trying to be as transparent as possible.

We don't really have to have that in the Charter. The Charter doesn't say that we have posted these jobs, and I'm trying to work with the residents. In doing so, I just try to be transparent with everybody. I make myself available every single Saturday morning for a Call with the Mayor. It's open to every single resident in the city of Garfield Heights. This is one of the high answer questions. This is when I try to address things. This is when I ask for help from the residents, the city. Before I even was put into this office, I always put myself out there, through my Community Awareness meetings. I tried to be as transparent and as visible as possible to everybody and I will continue to do so. It's something that I believe in.

So I hope that answers your question. I try to be as positive and I try to be as put out there in the forefront as possible. And to be honest with you, there are still two members of the Rec board that I need to find. So I just want people to know that, you know, and if you know somebody or if you're interested, please contact my office. We're still looking for two members of the Rec board. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Mr. Chairman, this is Tim Riley. I just want to make it clear that the Civil Service Commission does not select the police chief. I don't know where that misconception came from. The civil service mainly, all they do is set up the test and the process for the chief. You know, what type of test is going to be given, who the testing company will be. And it is a competitive test between you start off with captains and you go to lieutenants and sergeants if you have to. So who's on a Civil Service Commission, they have no impact on who becomes the chief. They mainly just set up the test. So I think everybody needs to know that it's a competitive test to determine from people within a department who's going to be the next chief.

**MR. FRUITS:** So Riley, may ask a follow up question with that?

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mr. Fruits, go ahead.

**MR. FRUITS:** I may have gotten the wrong understanding, but that was the understanding I took away from when the police chief first retired from what Mayor Collova had said. I asked and there wasn't a clear there's been very unclear direction and so when I kept asking that question, Mayor Collova said that the Civil Service Commission you know, appoints the new police chief. So is the test there's no other considerations other than the test and whoever scores highest on the test is the next police chief? Is that correct?

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Yes, it can be both a written and a oral type test the interview process. They usually hire a company to do that, you know, retired chiefs and people of that nature that interview and they score each of the candidates.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** I did not know that. Thank you for clarifying that for us. Mr. Blake.

**CLMN BLAKE:** Ms. Renae Bolton.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Renae, you have the floor for five minutes. State your name and address again and the floor is yours.

Renae Bolton, 5749 Turney Road. So I spoke with Frank, Mr. Tagliarini, about this before I do this every time. I spoke to Mr. Tagliarini about this last week, I think and conversation tonight has made me feel that this is actually I was not going to speak on it on the floor but I think that it should be addressed. So I previously requested a list of all the committees, commissions and boards that are currently available in Garfield Heights are open in Garfield Heights, as well as the residents who are on those boards. I took that information along with information that I gleaned from the Charter to try and compile an actual list of each committee or board or commission. How many seats are on each one, the terms and all of that. So I could get a clearer picture of what the committees actually look like and what their responsibilities are. One of the things that Frank, Mr. Tagliarini, said, was that, you know, when citizens have issues that they should go to whatever committee is over, that would deal with or handle that specific situation.

So my question is, if there is no committee, or board or commission that handles something such as just community unrest and people want to have an opportunity to express how they feel about things going on in our local government or in our community, where are they supposed to go to be able to do that? We can't do it on city Council meetings, because these are, as you have stated, and Mr. Riley has explained, these are legislative meetings only. So where should citizens go? Where should the residents go to talk about these things? Is there a committee that's specifically for that? Because I don't believe that there is, but I could be wrong. So I just want some clarification on that.

And I also would like clarification about the committees that are available. When I did talk to Mr. Tagliarini, he did explain that the list that I have is outdated. I did know that Mr. Riley was going to send me a list. Just send me whatever was available at that time. But how can we go about getting updated

lists of the committees, who's on them? How many seats are still open? How to go about being appointed or considered for one of those seats? Is this something that can also be posted for the general public to be made aware of? That's all.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you. Ms. Bolton, to answer one of your questions, if I may. Information put out the citizens concerned about the condition of the city, on the way the city's going, personal problems that they're having with communications with anybody. The Mayor has a page on Saturday mornings, that he has on a Zoom lesson. Mr. Vaughn has a very, very large Block Watch meeting on Ward 7, held at St. Monica's Church, Mr. Blake has a Community Awareness meeting, where things like this are talked about, that's not confined to just committees or stuff. It's an open forum to where you can address your concerns like say, you have a concern about kids running in the street, or you want to talk about the condition of the parks, other than going to the Director. This is all like a sounding board where you can go to these meetings. I tried to start mine up in my Ward, but my residents are a little reluctant after we had an incident many, many years ago and they don't want to start it up again. But you have three other avenues where you can sound these meetings. The Mayor on his Zoom calls, I believe are on Saturdays and he posts that. You have Tom Vaughn, who posts to the Neighborhood News. And you have Mr. Blake, with his Community Awareness meetings. Mr. Dudley, he has a few meetings every once in a while, where he gets a group together too, so we have the avenue to express and find out the answers. And if you don't get them there, as far as the issues that you were talking about, because there is no committee that can cover distress in the city, trust issues and things other than you know, you got a building permit problem or something like that, then it can help you.

But I will tell you this. I will let you know what committees are available. I will research this for you. I will find out who's on the committee that allows citizens to be on it, because we have several committees, but it's all Council members. It's the committees of Council and there's eight of them. That's by Council only, but other committees like Civil Service or Zoning Board or Planning Board, I will get that information to you. Give me a week, call me. Let me know that you're waiting for this because I've got a few things going on right now. I'm looking forward to working with you and getting you satisfaction from what you're requesting. So give me a week, call me and we'll go from there. Okay?

Mr. Blake. Oh, I see. Gisele's got her hand up. Thank you. Gisele, state your name and address and the floor is yours.

Hi. Gisele Gainer, 4957 East 81<sup>st</sup> Street, Garfield Heights, Ohio 44125. I might as well finish. Really quick questions. So I hear a lot, not just in this meeting, but meetings prior about the committees and who's on them? What's available, etc. Is it possible to make that part of the announcements on these Regular Council meetings so people know what is available? If they like to express interest, they can follow up accordingly. It would also be helpful to know ahead of time, if there are vacancies that may not be for residents, but are appointments, you know, based on actual experience, so we know ahead of time, what to expect and what qualifications we should look for in those individuals. Even though certain roles may not be open for residents, it would be helpful to know who is actually taking on those professional roles, I'll say, but you know, overall, I think it would be helped to kind of put this to rest somewhat, if those appointments could be shared on this call as part of the announcement fees. Just a recommendation.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Okay, Ms. Gainer. I want to get with our Mayor, Mr. Burke and talk to him about getting this on the Website. We have a very good IT man now and he's doing a great job--both of them are. I believe that we're putting more and more on a Website. I would like to see it a little bit friendlier, because it fights me all the way. But I would speak with the Mayor and see what we can do about this. Because he's making a lot of transparencies with Zoom calls, the Website he has and the way the communications are being started. I think we're moving ahead. Not fast enough for everybody, but as I said I will talk with the Mayor.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Please, Mayor Burke.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** I just want to say I hear you, Ms. Gainer. It's one of the biggest challenges I've been facing since I've been here it is actually getting the Website where we want it. One of the things that I have on that radar is to actually have a page that will show you every person that's on what committee. It'll also tell you if there's a vacancy on that committee. It's just it's so difficult because there are so many things that need to be done to that Website.

When I took office here, there was a slew of people that were termed out. I'll be honest, I've been trying to get as many people as I can that want to serve. You take a look at that Community Relations Committee. That was an appointment of six people and one designee that literally took like five days and countless hours of interviewing, just to get to that point. I'm doing the best I can. I'm going to try to get that Website up and running so that it's easy for residents. You'll be able to click on and see that.

If you look at some of the Websites out there like for instance, I looked at the city of Mayfield Heights the other day, I looked at Westlake. We even looked at the city of Berea. They have that on there. That's something we need to get to. It's something I have on my radar. So I think when that happens, it'll answer a lot of questions that people have about committees. Who's on them? How do you get appointed to them? We're probably going to also have a drop down or a form submission on that page that if you're interested, you can go ahead and upload your qualifications, your resume, your letter of intent or your letter of interest. I'd like to have that all on the Website. So hopefully we get there one of these days. Thanks.

**MS. GAINER:** Sure, no, thank you for that information. I think that that's great but I know that you guys have been saying for quite some time, you're working on that. I understand it's a lot of components that go into that and a lot of vested parties, but to drive some peace in the meantime. I'm sure that information is transcribed somewhere, even if it's just on a piece of paper, just to say very quickly, hey, these are the openings that we have, or these are the appointments that we're looking at. Just so people have some transparency, because I don't think that the intent is to hide the information from the residents. However, I think for people, at least based on my understanding of calls that I've been a part of on, or Council meetings that I've been a part of, I think that people have that or draw that assumption. So that's why I was just bringing in this question just to help drive some peace.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mrs. Gainer. Your question will not fall on deaf ears. I guarantee you.

**MS. GAINER:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mr. Blake. Is there anybody else wishing to speak?

**CLMN BLAKE:** Mr. Chairman, Father David had his hand up briefly. I don't know if he still wanted to speak.

Father David. I'm still here. Am I on?

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Father David, if you would state your name and address and the floor is yours. You have five minutes.

**FATHER NESTLER:** Father David Nestler, Holy Spirit Church, 4341 East 131<sup>st</sup> Street. I want to comment on the letter that Ms. Shayla Davis just read about 15 minutes ago. No one's commented on that letter.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mrs. Peters' letter.

**FATHER NESTLER:** You asked Ms. Davis read it. That letter was articulate and well written. I wanted to know why no Councilperson has responded to it. When I have an issue in the city, I call Mr. Dudley. He's my Councilperson and he responds immediately. Thank you, Mr. Dudley, for wearing a tie tonight. Appreciate that. He always responds immediately. When something has gotten me hot. I've been hot a lot these last couple of weeks. When something has gotten me angry, I've written to you, the Mayor included and no one has answered me except Mr. Dudley. When I write all of you, I expect I got your message. I expect at least I got your email. I don't know where my letter went. I know every one of you got it in your in your mailboxes as City Council. I expect a response and I have not gotten and that's my complaint tonight. Let me go back to where I began. That the letter that Ms. Davis read tonight from Ms. Peters--I think that's what you said--why no one had anything to say about the content of that letter. That disturbs me. I'm done.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Thank you, sir.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Mr. President. Father David, for the record, I apologize. I did not get a letter from you. So if you could please resend it to me I would love to have it and I will send it back to you. I did not see one come through on my emails. If you sent it through email or if you actually sent a physical letter I have not received it.

**FATHER NESTLER:** It came to you on email and from the Postal Service. You should have received it both ways.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** I did not receive it. If you want to email me, I'll be looking for it.

**FATHER NESTLER:** Thank you. Got it.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mr. Donahue, you raised your hand?

**CLMN DONAHUE:** I am sorry, Father David, but we were being accused of every time something said about us or to us. We are just trying to defend ourselves. I don't want to do that because especially coming from me, it seems like everything I say causes a problem. If I did something wrong, and it was in the letter, I already apologized for it at the last meeting for telling Mr. Fruits to shut up. I can't say anything more about it. I apologize for it. It was a mistake. I was a little hot. Because when I explained because it was about my daughter. I don't know what more to say. But again, I'm sorry. That's all I got. Thank you.

**CLMN BLAKE:** Father David. Mr. Chairman, I'd like to respond to Father David. Father David, I did hear, you know, the letter being read and I don't want to be accused of, you know, saying anything just to make myself look good, but I have always on any meeting that I've been on, any communication with residents that I've had, I've always done the best to handle myself in a courteous and professional manner. I would believe that if you went back and looked at the, you know, the meeting write-ups and videos of the meanings that that would hold true. So I've always done my best to, you know, deal with people respectfully and courteously. If that hasn't been the case, I would hope that somebody would let me know, but I haven't been told otherwise. And like I said, I do my best to be courteous and professional, you know, to the people that I deal with.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Blake.

**FATHER NESTLER:** I appreciate that, Sir. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mr. Blake. Do we have any more hands up?

**CLMN BLAKE:** I did have one message. I know Mr. Fruits spoke earlier, but there was one question that he had that did not get answered and I don't know if that can be revisited?

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** One chance to speak and one only. I have to abide by the rules, because I don't want to be accused of breaking them. So we'll leave it at that. If there are no other hands being raised?

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** We will move in to miscellaneous comments. We will start that off with going with the best. We'll go with Mr. Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** All right, Mr. Chairman, and I thank you, Father David, for coming out tonight. Really appreciate that. Also on that same note, I would like to thank Holy Spirit Church and Father David, along with Christian Kingdom Assembly and Pastor Johnson down there. They do a lot for the community and a commitment to the community. It's just us getting to speak on it. We do appreciate that from both of them. Two great community supporters within our community. Both of the churches are great and I appreciate also the leadership in the church for what they do to help us out not just in Ward 1, but the city as a whole. So we appreciate that.

One thing I wanted to do before I started speaking because I know it's getting warm outside and we know as we see the violence just picking up everywhere right now. I want to encourage people, when you have something going on outside your house, or somebody's coming and they want to, you know, fight you or fight your children or somebody do not let your children go outside. You do not go outside. You call the police. You stay safe in your home. If you go outside, it takes two to tango. Call the police. Do not let your child go out and confront nobody. Don't you go outside and confront nobody for your safety. Listen to me. I worked security almost all my life as well. Do not do that. That's a problem waiting to happen and somebody can be hurt, if not even killed. The police are there to protect you. So you safe while you're in your home, leave Junior home, you're safe, call them to let them confront the outside. But don't let your child go out there whether you think your child is going to win the fight or not. Do not send them out there for their safety as well.

All right, Mr. Chairman. As we go on right here, I do want to mention and I'm not going to be repeated on this being said, It's been a long meeting. But we did talk about in case people talk about the commission position for the civil service. That was something that was addressed. Actually, in the Caucus, I brought my concerns up. My questions were answered that it was placed on the city Website. And it was in the Neighborhood News. I did bring that up, and I was notified that it was there. That takes care of that issue right there.

Also, I want to mention the problem we also have, and I noticed, we got a lot of young kids and I mean, little kids, are walking dogs who are really walking them down the street now. There's no way that somebody's children can have control over the dogs that they are walking down the street. I'm asking parents, if you got a child who's like 10 years old there is no way they can control a Rottweiler or Shepherd, a pit bull or any type of them dogs. Do not let them walk their dogs out there in public. It is a problem waiting to happen, we almost had an incident with a dog pulling a little boy to get to another dog and lucky the other dog got away. But it could have turned out bad for the dog or somebody else. Only allow a person who's capable of handling your dog walk your dog for you.

Next thing I want to mention, once again, when we talk about the violence that is going on out here in our city, as well as other cities in the nation as a total, I want to thank once again, Holy Spirit. We will be having what we call a Stop the Violence Rally. It is going to take place on Saturday, May the eighth 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Holy Spirit Church, 4341 East 131<sup>st</sup> Street. We're going to have a great speaker there. We're going to do some balloon races and we're going to ask you to recite the names of all that we have who has lost their lives in the city of Garfield Heights through an act of violence. Even if they

were visiting our city it caused them to lose their life, their name will be mentioned. We are trying to gather that information as we speak. We definitely are looking forward to your coming out there. We got to keep the prayers. You got a prayer vigil going on with a call a day out for prayer, where people is going to be there learn with other fathers and pastors along with the Mayor will attend that as well. Prayer is a powerful tool, people, I'm telling you it is a powerful tool. Never stop praying. Once again, this is going to be a good event. We got to call attention to the violence.

We got to do something, we got to stop it. I tell people sometime you got to try to stop it at home, you know, and that was my conversation on the child going out. But you got to know when you have issues even with your children growing up, you got to address it. Like I say it's two ways you raise a child we done raised nine in Garfield Heights, either you going to raise that child or the street is going to raise that child. You are better off if you raise that child, instead of letting the street raise that child. I'm talking I've been in a marriage for 40 plus years, and raising eight kids. We raised eight kids me and my wife and a community assistant and I say a village will raise a child. But I won't let you go on that note. Once again, we will be having it advertised in the Neighborhood News. But do not go out your house, if it's going to be problematic. Stay in your home and call those individuals to come out and take care of that problem for you.

And with that, I would like to tell everybody just have a safe week here. Take care of yourself. Keep our city in prayer. You know, never stop praying. At the same time, you know, don't pray for just your government. Pray for yourselves, pray for our community and pray for this nation as well. I look forward to seeing you all at the day of prayer. I look forward to seeing you all also at the Stop the Violence Rally. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Clmn Dudley. Clmn Donahue, do you have comments?

**CLMN DONAHUE:** You know, really. I don't. I got in enough trouble the past two months. I think I'll just leave it with that. Go have a good night. Please be safe.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you. Okay, seeing as I won in Ward 3, I'll go next. I believe we made some headway tonight. A lot of things were straightened out. I appreciate the Mayor getting ready to do some changes on the Website. I think the comments by the citizens, especially yours, Ms. Bolton and yours, Ms. Gainer, will put some positive spin on what we're going to be putting on the Website. It takes time. We're working with a very limited amount of space. We got things we got to change on our servers I believe but we are moving in the right direction. I think somewhere you're going to see a lot of changes in the Websites, etc. He's a little bit more versed in it than I am. I'm still trying to get through Excel, putting in stuff without erasing it. But Matt's pretty much up on that stuff. I want to thank Mr. Riley for reiterating what we had talked about earlier. I know I didn't make it very clear. I'm having a little dry throat reaction. I think Mr. Riley for stepping in there and clarifying what was going on.

I want to congratulate all the people that were appointed tonight on Civil Service Commission, the Rec board and different positions that were filled.

I think we are making headway in the communications on the Council meetings. I do like the fact that we had almost 85 people here tonight in the participants.

One more thing I have to say. It's on a rather sad note. One of our very, very active past residents in the city. He lived in our Ward. Mr. David Mays passed away this morning at four o'clock after a long battle with cancer. And that's about all I'm going to say on that because I respect the family but Dave Mays was a good friend. He helped Council a lot and he's going to be missed. Keep the prayers with the family. His pain is over. He's at peace right now. And with that, I move on to Mr. Tagliarini.

**CLMN TAGLIARINI:** Thank you very much. First of all, that's the first I heard about Mr. Mays. My condolences go out to him and his family. I did take his spot on the Zoning Board of Appeals for him after he moved and then came back. My condolences go out to his family.

Next, Doug here, took my place on the Zoning board. Take care of it, do a good job. And the other two-- Patricia and Frank. Congratulations on your appointment, wish you best of luck.

I'd like to go back a week when they had the citizens that all signed up to pick up all the trash and stuff on Turney Road. I commend each and every one of them did a great job. I drove down Turney the next day and it looked fantastic. Unfortunately, I drove down Turney today and I'm not going to say it is as bad as it was, but it didn't look like it did when they were done. I encourage everybody, take it upon yourself. Go one or two houses on both sides of you once or twice a week and just pick up a little bit of paper. It would make a huge difference in our community. I ask everyone to do that. If we could just get 10% of the people to do it, it would cover 60% of the city, which would make a huge difference. And with that, that's all I got to say. Everybody have a great night.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mr. Blake.

**CLMN BLAKE:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'll be brief tonight. Just want to congratulate Ashley Thomas, Mr. Przybojewski, Ms. Wasikowski and Mr. Piascik on their appointments. I know they'll do a good job. I also look forward to working with the Recreation Board with Mr. Birk and Mr. Kelley. I do my best.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the day of prayer event.

And lastly, I would like to extend my condolences to the Mays family. And with that you have my report.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mr. Vaughn, the floor is yours, Sir.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Father David, I'm sorry if I offended you by not replying. I was aware that Mr. Dudley, your Councilman, was in discussion with you with that letter. I will do better in correspondence, I promise.

I, too, would like to express my sympathies to the Mays family. Mr. Mays was a good man. He will truly be missed.

We're going to be holding a Safety Meeting to be held on May 3<sup>rd</sup> via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. We're going to discuss gun violence in Garfield Heights, the safety force, Police Department, talk about whether or not we're going to be building a new police station, manpower, those types of things. The third thing we'll discuss is the issues we've been having with some of the liquor establishments along Turney Road. This meeting will only be between seven and nine p.m. We're going to put a time limit on it. So we're going to stay on course and focused. It's something that's very much important and needed to do.

Now, tomorrow night, at 7:00 p.m., I'm bringing back my Block Watch. We've been gone for over a year with the COVID pandemic, everything that's been going on. Supposed to be a beautiful night, they're telling me 80 degrees at seven o'clock tomorrow night. So we're going to be meeting in the pavilion, facemasks, social distancing, the whole bit. Bring a lawn chair if you don't want to sit on one of the picnic tables, but we're going to be there. The best thing we can do is get to know each other as neighbors. This again will be at St. Monica pavilion tomorrow night at seven o'clock. Supposed to be a beautiful night. Somebody called and wanted to know if we are having hotdogs and hamburgers. We're not going to do that until probably August, by the time the majority of people will have had their shots and feel more comfortable.

Folks, we learned a lot tonight. Everything's a process. We've got to work through it. We're moving forward. Please pick up the phones. Call us. That's the first way we can do this. If you don't want to talk on the phone, I'll meet you somewhere for coffee. We'll sit down and we'll talk. Please, please pick up those phones. Mr. Chairman.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Mr. Chairman.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I'm sorry, Mike, go ahead.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mr. Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I just want to mention one thing quick so people know. Just quickly, I want to give my condolences to Mr. Mays because we all knew him to his family. And second of all, I wanted to know we did address the issue of Terrace Construction on 131<sup>st</sup> and Bozeman. It was done in the Caucus room so we not going to be repetitious on that. The Chairman has moved it to go to the Landfill Committee, which is chaired by Clmn Frank Tagliarini, so we will get back with you all, but we're not going to go back into the detail. But that's something that was addressed tonight in Caucus. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you, Clmn Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** No problem. Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mr. Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** At this time, I think it's timely we adjourn this meeting at 9:48 p.m.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** On the motion by Mr. Vaughn to adjourn the meeting for April 26, 2021 at 9:48 p.m. Do I have a second on that?

**CLMN TAGLIARINI:** I will second that.

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

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** And with that, we have 6 votes that say we adjourn. I adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m. Barb, make note and thank everybody. Very good job. Thank you very much. See you at the next meeting.

**APPROVED:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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