

COUNCIL CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, July 12, 2021

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

Members Present: Michael Dudley, Sr., Councilman Ward 1
Charles Donahue, Councilman Ward 2
Michael Nenadovich, Councilman Ward 3
Jason Blake, Councilman Ward 5
Frank Tagliarini, Councilman Ward 6

Members Excused: Avery Johnson, Councilman Ward 4
Thomas Vaughn, Councilman Ward 7

Clmn Dudley moved to excuse Clmn Johnson and Clmn Vaughn from the Caucus Meeting and Clmn Donahue seconded. Motion was approved by 5 yes (Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Blake, Tagliarini) and 2 absent (Johnson, Vaughn) votes.

President Nenadovich stated Jennifer Sopkovich will be the acting Clerk of Council, the new Clerk of Council, Debra Sarnowski, scheduled a vacation last year and could not be here. Barb Molin retired last month.

Clmn Nenadovich moved to accept the Council Caucus Meeting Minutes for Monday June 14, 2021 as written. Clmn Blake seconded. Motion was approved 5 yes (Nenadovich, Blake, Tagliarini, Dudley, Donahue) 2 absent (Johnson, Vaughn) votes.

President Nenadovich asked if someone would take the regular council minutes on the floor. Clmn Blake will make the motions to accept Regular Minutes, two Special Council Meeting Minutes, (doing by order of dates) and the Ways and Means Committee meeting minutes during council meeting.

President Nenadovich stated that at last council meeting we agree that we will go back to individuals sponsoring legislation. They will make the motion to accept and considered by title rather than the President of Council.

ORDINANCE NO. 54-2021 Clmn Dudley advised that he would move to consider by title.
ORDINANCE NO. 55-2021 Clmn Donahue advised that he would move to consider by title.
RESOLUTION NO.26-2021 Clmn Donahue advised that he would move to consider by title.
RESOLUTION NO. 27-2021 President Nenadovich will make a motion to withdraw this resolution.
The Land Reutilization Program, admitting four new members.

Mr. Riley stated they are going to withdraw this resolution because they still have to find another person. There is supposed to be five members total, so it will be withdrawn and replace with a new one. There are two members on that committee whose terms will be ending this year.

Mr. President informed Clmn Dudley that Ordinance 47-2021 will be coming out of committee and voted on tonight.

Mr. Riley suggested that when we come to the committee reports that Clmn Dudley make a motion to take ordinance 47-2021 out of committee and place it on the agenda, then vote on that. Once that is done, just move on until it comes to the agenda, then vote on the actual ordinance at that time. Probably do it first because it's a lower number. He asked if Jennifer had a copy. President stated there are copies here. Then when it comes to reading the title, you'll have a different title on the agenda.

President informed council a few things are going to happen on the floor. Number one, we will be swearing in the new police dog and then there's a presentation being made by the Cuyahoga County and Planning Commission for our master plan. We will be scheduling a meeting for the Community Relations Committee on July 22, 2021 at six o'clock. We'll get that posted on the ordinance boards. And we'll have our legislative meeting on that to talk about Ordinance 53-2021.

Mr. Riley stated it is actually a Legislative Committee meeting not a Relations Committee Meeting.

President Nenadovich said it is a continuation of the one we had on the 24th.

Clmn Tagliarini has gotten several calls about the "backyard end issues" and it's been 14 weeks since we addressed that. President advised councilman that he is going to turn it over to the law department to be written up and refinements made. It will go for three readings so that people have a chance to discuss what's going on. If nobody's asking any questions then we can pass it right away. Someone asked if it had to go on the ballot. President said no because we are not changing zoning.

President asked if there was anything else. Clmn Dudley will do two things, pull it out of committee and put it on the floor to vote on tonight and then you're going to give a report by the School Board. Clmn Dudley asked if both going on committee reports. Yes, President asked if Ordinance 47-2021 will be put in the beginning and if we have to read that by title again.

Mr. Riley said to make a motion to be considered by title and then go through the rest of it and then waive the three reading and then vote on the adoption.

Clmn Donahue asked who will do the invocation. Clmn Dudley will do the honors.

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

Council President Nenadovich adjourned the Caucus Meeting on Monday, 07/12/2021 at 6:45 p.m.

Approved,

Respectfully Submitted as typed from recording,

Michael T. Nenadovich
Council President

Debra Sarnowski
Clerk of Council