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Yes: 7 No: 0
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ORDINANCE NO.: 78-2024

SPONSORED BY: ALL OF COUNCIL

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 136,
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE, OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS

WHEREAS, in Ordinance 102-2022, the Council created Chapter 136, *Community Relations Committee*; and

WHEREAS, at this time, the Council wishes to put forth an updated version of Chapter 136, *Community Relations Committee*.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio that:

SECTION 1. Chapter 136 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio, shall be amended as follows (**bold** indicates new language, ~~strikethrough~~ indicates language to be removed):

CHAPTER 136
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- 136.01: Creation
- 136.02: Term and Qualifications of Members of the Committee
- 136.03: Purpose
- 136.04: Duties
- 136.05: Support; Expenses

136.01: CREATION

As needed, the Council may ~~There is hereby~~ created a Community Relations Committee consisting of nine (9) members as follows: one (1) member to be selected by the Mayor, one (1) member to be selected by each member of Council, and one (1) member to be selected by the Council President (read: The Councilperson serving as Council President shall have two total selections). The selections shall be ratified through Council by way of city ordinance.

At its first meeting, the Committee shall select from among its members a chairperson to run the meetings and present reports and findings to Council. The Committee chair shall present reports and findings to ~~City Council~~ **quarterly** at Caucus before a regularly-scheduled Council Meeting.

136.02: TERM AND QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

- (a) Each member of the Community Relations Committee shall serve a term of two (2) years.
- (b) All members of the Committee shall be current residents of the City of Garfield Heights, and shall remain residents throughout the duration of their term. In the event a member no longer resides in Garfield Heights, wishes to be removed from the Committee, or is deemed no longer able to perform the functions required of being a member (including, but not limited to, failure to appear for meetings), the Committee shall advise ~~City Council at its quarterly meeting~~, and a new appointment shall be made, and submitted to Council for ratification by way of a vote.

(c) The members of the Committee shall be diverse and reflective of the diversity of community at the time of their appointment.

(d) No member shall be an elected official from either the City of Garfield Heights or the Garfield Heights City Schools.

- (e) No member shall be a City of Garfield Heights employee.
- (f) All positions on the committee shall be unpaid.

136.03: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Committee shall be to foster, encourage and stimulate the improvement of community and intergroup relations among and between citizens of all races, colors, religions, sexes, gender identity, ages, ancestries, familial statuses, physical disabilities, mental disabilities, and national origins, and all economic and educational levels, so as to provide all individuals with an opportunity to grow, participate and share to the best of their ability in the economic, educational, civic, social and judicial system.

136.04: DUTIES

The duties of the Committee shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (a) To advise ~~City~~ Council and the City of Garfield Heights on community and intergroup relations matters,
- (b) To educate ~~City~~ Council and the City of Garfield Heights in fields of community and diversity,
- (c) To promote communication and understanding between institutions, citizens, and citizen groups in the community,
- (d) To act as a catalyst in improving equity of opportunity in government, education, employment and housing in the community,
- (e) To conduct research and studies in the fields of community and diversity in an effort to lessen prejudice and discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, gender identity, age, ancestry, familial status, physical disability, mental disability and national origin,
- (f) To assist and encourage all citizens in the pursuit of their rights under the laws of the United States, the State of Ohio, and the Ordinances of the City of Garfield Heights,
- (g) To cooperate with City, State, Federal and other agencies in order to promote better community and intergroup relations.

136.05: SUPPORT; EXPENSES

The City shall provide in-house staff and related services in support of the Committee as may be required, with the approval of the Mayor, Additional expenses related to the operation of the Committee, including but not limited to postage, printing, and stationery, shall be included in the City's annual budget as approved by Council.

SECTION 2. Council declares this Ordinance to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare; therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon the adoption by Council and approval by the Mayor; otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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APPROVED: 
MAYOR


PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: 
CLERK OF COUNCIL

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SPONSORED BY: MAYOR MATTHEW A. BURKE
CO-SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT AVERY JOHNSON

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE MUNICIPALITY, IN THE MATTER OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED IMPROVEMENT AND REQUESTS THE COOPERATION OF THE COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, OHIO, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, the MUNICIPALITY has recognized the need for and proposes the improvement of a portion of public highway which is described as follows:

Reconstruction of McCracken Road from East 119th Street to East 113th Street including the intersection with Henry Street in the City of Garfield Heights (the "Project").

NOW THEREFORE, it be resolved by the Council of City of Garfield Heights as follows:

A. CONSENT

1. The MUNICIPALITY agrees that it is in the public interest and hereby consents to the COUNTY completing the above described Project in accordance with plans, specifications, and estimates approved by the COUNTY.

B. COOPERATION

1. The MUNICIPALITY will cooperate with the COUNTY in the completion of the Project.

2. The MUNICIPALITY will prepare construction plans and specifications, including necessary engineering reports, which shall conform to generally accepted engineering practices and principles.

3. The MUNICIPALITY will arrange for the supervision and administration of the construction contract.

4. The COUNTY will review the construction plans, estimate, specifications and bid proposal for conformance with section B-2 of this Agreement. The MUNICIPALITY shall not advertise the construction contract until the COUNTY has approved these documents. The COUNTY will inspect the completed Project to ensure the MUNICIPALITY's compliance with the terms of this agreement.

5. The MUNICIPALITY shall provide the COUNTY with a complete set of as-built plans upon the completion of the Project.

C. FUNDING

1. The MUNICIPALITY hereby agrees to participate with the COUNTY in the cost of the Project by using an allocation from the County Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund to pay the COUNTY's portion of the project.

2. The COUNTY shall contribute fifty percent (50%) of the unfunded portion of the actual cost of construction, construction engineering, construction administration, and construction inspection, subject to the COUNTY's determination that the costs are eligible for reimbursement pursuant to the Cuyahoga County Engineer's policies up to a maximum of \$250,000.00.

3. In the event MUNICIPALITY secures additional funding for the Project, the COUNTY's financial contribution will be reduced accordingly. In no event shall the COUNTY's financial contribution exceed fifty percent (50%) of the portion of the approved Project costs for which there is no supplemental funding.

4. The anticipated construction cost for this project is \$557,575.00. The MUNICIPALITY shall notify the COUNTY immediately of any significant changes to the scope of work and/or construction cost.

D. MAINTENANCE

Upon completion of the Project, the Parties' respective maintenance obligations shall be as follows:

1. The MUNICIPALITY will keep the highway open to traffic at all times.

2. The MUNICIPALITY will maintain the reconstruction in accordance with the provisions of all applicable statutes and will make ample financial provisions for such maintenance.

3. The MUNICIPALITY will maintain the right-of-way and keep it free of obstructions in a manner satisfactory to the COUNTY and hold said right-of-way inviolate for public highway purposes and permit no signs, posters, billboards, roadside stands or other private installations within the right-of-way limits.

4. The COUNTY shall continue to maintain the structural elements of any bridge (defined as a structure with a span of twenty feet or greater) located within the limits of the Project in accordance with the applicable sections of the Ohio Revised Code.

5. The Municipality shall follow and maintain post-construction Best Management Practices as outlined in the Municipal Storm Water Permit that is filed with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (O.E.P.A.).

E. TRAFFIC

The Parties agree to the following with regard to traffic on the improved roadway or highway upon completion of the Project:

1. The MUNICIPALITY will keep the highway open to traffic at all times.
2. The MUNICIPALITY will place and maintain all traffic control devices conforming to the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices on the Project in compliance with the provisions of Section 4511.11 and related sections of the Ohio Revised Code.
3. The street or highway shall be and hereby is designated a through highway as provided in Section 4511.07(A)(6) Ohio Revised Code; and
4. Stop signs affecting the movement of traffic on the improved street or highway located within the Project area shall be removed, and no stop signs shall be erected on same except at its intersection with another through highway where traffic does not warrant the installation of a traffic control signal but where the warrants for a "Four-way Stop" as provided in the Manual are met.
5. The MUNICIPALITY will not enact any rule or regulation that restricts the use of the improved road and/or structure by any class of vehicle or vehicle load permitted by the Ohio Revised Code to use a public highway and shall rescind any existing rule or regulation that so restricts the road usage.
6. The MUNICIPALITY shall prohibit parking in accordance with Section 4511.66 of the Ohio Revised Code unless otherwise controlled by local ordinance or resolution.

F. RIGHT-OF-WAY

1. The MUNICIPALITY shall make available for the Project all existing street and public right-of-way within the MUNICIPALITY that is necessary for the Project.
2. The MUNICIPALITY will arrange for the acquisition of any additional right-of-way which may be required for the construction of the Project.

G. PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

1. The MUNICIPALITY shall upgrade all existing ADA deficient curb ramps within the Project area to conform to the most current ADA regulations and standards.
2. If the MUNICIPALITY wishes not to replace any ADA deficient curb ramps within the Project area, the MUNICIPALITY shall provide acceptable justification to the COUNTY in advance for the COUNTY's approval.

H. UTILITIES

1. The MUNICIPALITY will make arrangements with and obtain agreements from privately owned public utility companies whose lines or structures will be affected by the Project, and said companies have agreed to make any and all necessary arrangements in such a manner as to be clear of any construction called for by the plans of Project, and said companies have agreed to make such necessary arrangements immediately after notification by said MUNICIPALITY.

2. The COUNTY will participate in the cost of alterations of governmentally-owned utility facilities which come within the provisions of Section 8301 (Utility Reimbursement Eligibility) of the Ohio Department of Transportation's Real Estate Policies and Procedures Manual to the same extent that it participates in the other costs of the project, provided, however, that such participation will not extend to any additions or betterments of existing facilities.

3. The MUNICIPALITY shall, at its own expense, make all rearrangements of governmentally-owned utilities and/or appurtenances thereto which do not comply with the Provisions of Section 8301 (Utility Reimbursement Eligibility) of the Ohio Department of Transportation's Real Estate Policies and Procedures Manual, whether inside or outside the corporate limits, as may be necessary to conform to the Project.

4. The construction, reconstruction, and/or arrangement of all utilities shall be done in such a manner as not to interfere unduly with the operation of the contractor constructing the Project, and all backfilling of trenches made necessary by such utility rearrangements shall be performed in accordance with the provision of the Ohio Department of Transportation Construction and Material Specifications.

I. MISCELLANEOUS

1. If the MUNICIPALITY includes the construction of sanitary sewers, waterlines, area sewers (drainage of area surrounding the Project), alternate bid items, or other items in the Project that are in addition to those now existing and not provided for elsewhere in this Agreement, the MUNICIPALITY agrees to pay, or make arrangements for the payment of, the cost of said additional construction, the cost of preliminary and design engineering and construction supervision.

2. The MUNICIPALITY shall be solely responsible for the certifications or obligations made or agreed to in Sections F-1, F-2, G-1, G-3, and G-4, and hereby agrees that the COUNTY shall be and is hereby released from any and all damages or claims of the MUNICIPALITY arising from or growing out of the certification or obligations made or agreed to in said Sections F-1, F-2, G-1, G-3, and G-4 hereinabove.

3. For matters relating to this Project, the agent for the COUNTY and liaison officer on the matter contained herein shall be the County Engineer of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and/or such members of his staff as he may designate.

4. The MUNICIPALITY agrees to make all pertinent contractual books and records and other documents pertaining to the Project available to the COUNTY and its designated agents for purpose of audit and examination upon reasonable request.



FISCAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION

Date: October 28, 2024

Ordinance 79-2024

It is hereby certified that the amount, or estimated amount, identified as follows:

Approximately \$307,000.00 City Share

Required to meet the contract, agreement, obligation, payment or expenditure, identified in the attached ordinance or resolution, has been, or is now being, lawfully appropriated or authorized or directed for such purchase and is in the Treasury of the City, or is in the process of collection to the credit of fund, or funds identified as follow:

#208 – Street Construction & Maintenance Fund

and is free from any obligation, encumbrance, or certification now outstanding.

Barbara Biro

Fiscal Officer/Finance Director

This Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure by reason of the need for expediting highway improvement to promote highway safety, and provide it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor, otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

Passed October 28, 2024

Attest:

Lottie Overby
Clerk of Council

M. J. B. C.
Mayor

Avery Pham
President of Council

CERTIFICATE OF COPY

State of Ohio)
County of Cuyahoga)
City of Garfield Heights)

I, Lottie Overby, as Clerk of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Ordinance adopted by the legislative Authority of the said municipality on the 28th day of October, 2024, that the publication of such Ordinance has been made certified of record according to law; that no proceedings looking to a referendum upon such Ordinance have been taken; and that such Ordinance and certificate of publication thereof are of record in Ordinance Record No. _____, Page _____.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Lottie Overby
Clerk, City of Garfield Heights, Ohio

MUNICIPAL SEAL

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ORDINANCE NO. 80-2024

SPONSORED BY: MAYOR MATTHEW A. BURKE

Co-Sponsored: All of Council

AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE AND PROCESSING OF ALL LICENSES, PERMITS, AND CERTIFICATES THAT WOULD ENABLE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SMOKE AND VAPE ESTABLISHMENTS OR SHOPS IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED SIX (6) MONTHS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, pursuant to the City Charter, as well as the Ohio Constitution, this Council has the power to enact planning, zoning, and business regulations and laws that further the health, safety, welfare, and peace of its citizens, including restricting or prohibiting certain business uses; and

WHEREAS, this Council desires to issue a moratorium on the establishment of smoke and vape establishments or shops in the City of Garfield Heights ("City") to allow this council time to review all information on the potential health, safety, and economic effects of their presence in the City, and review all relevant zoning, building, and business regulations regarding smoke and vape establishments or shops.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Garfield Heights, County of Cuyahoga, the State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. This Council hereby establishes a moratorium on the issuance and processing of all licenses, permits, and certificates that would enable the establishment of smoke and vape establishments or shops in the City of Garfield Heights for a period of six (6) months from the effective date of this ordinance.

SECTION 2. Council declares this Ordinance to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare; therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon the adoption by Council and approval by the Mayor; otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 10-28-2024

APPROVED: Matthew A. Burke

MAYOR

Avery Johnson
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Lottie Overly

EFFECTIVE DATE: 10-28-2024

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO
Tuesday – October 15, 2024 –7:00PM**

Call to Order: Council President called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: Let me say Good evening again to my colleagues, but most importantly, let me say good evening to the residents that are present tonight for the City Council for the Garfield High City Council meeting that's set for October the 15th, 2024, I now have approximately five minutes after seven, and we all will Be mindful that the Cleveland guardians play at 730 so we'll do our due diligence to get you out of here in a timely fashion so everybody can get home and watch that game as well. With that note in mind, Madam Clerk, can we have a roll call? Please? I'm sorry, can we have the invocation by Councilman Smith, please,

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

CLMN SMITH: *Eternal God, our Father, we come now, thanking and praising you for this opportunity to lift you up by way of this meeting, giving you all praise for waking us up this morning, starting us on our way, reminding us that you are still in control. We ask that you control this meeting. We ask that you lead us and guide us. Touch every heart that's gathered here in the name of Jesus, amen. Amen,*

Please turn your attention to the flag and we will recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: Madam Clerk, can we have roll call, please?

ROLL CALL FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS: All members present.

WARD 1: COUNCILWOMAN STACEY COLLIER

WARD 2: COUNCILWOMAN TENISHA MACK

WARD 3: COUNCILMAN MARK SMITH

WARD 4: COUNCILMAN AVERY JOHNSON

WARD 5: COUNCILWOMAN RACHELLE TONSING

WARD 6: COUNCILMAN CLIFFORD KELLEY

WARD 7: COUNCILWOMAN JENNIFER NEWRONES

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: We have quorum. at this time can we please have a motion for the reading and dispose of our minutes please?

DISPOSAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

CLMN KELLEY: Mr. President I'll make a motion disposal of our last council minute meeting, Monday, September the 23, 2024.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: There's been a motion for the disposal of our minutes for September 23, 2024. Can I get a second please? (Tonsing: I Second, it's been so moved in second by Councilwoman Tonsing. All those in favor yes. Any opposed say no. (7 yes – 0 No).

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Are there any written communications to council? There is no written communication to council. Are there any committee reports at this time? There are no committee reports. So we'll move right along with reports of the mayor and or directors.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS

MAYOR MATT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. President, before I give my report, I would like to invite up Dr Runyan to receive a proclamation.

MAYOR MATT BURKE: It is my great honor to present a proclamation recognizing October as Hindu heritage month. This special acknowledgement is made possible through the efforts of Rakesh Ranjan director of the Cleveland chapter of the coalition of Hindus of North America, Dr. Ranjan has been an integral part of our community for the past 37 years, practicing psychiatry in the Greater Cleveland area and operates an office right here in Garfield Heights. Thank you Dr. Ranjan, for your leadership and dedication. Together, let us continue to celebrate diversity that makes Garfield heights a vibrant place to live. And I wanted to say a few things about Hinduism, because a lot of people think that this is a religion, and it is a spiritual tradition that has become practiced like a religion over the years. It is really one of the third largest, what they consider religion in the world, with 1 billion devotees worldwide and nearly 4 million in the United States, Hindus strive to achieve Dharma with a code of conduct for living that emphasizes ethics, morality, righteousness, duty, responsibility, law and order, service to humanity, nature, environment, ecology and inclusivity, the Hindu heritage, culture, traditions and values, including yoga and medication or meditation, can provide solutions to many of life's challenges. 77% of Hindu Americans adults have a college degree. That's incredible. 77% and I just want to say, recognizing them for this is incredible, and I want to present you, Dr Ranjan, with this proclamation.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: we will have them stand before council so that they can be recognized

Dr. Ranjan: Well, I just want to thank Mr. Mayor and all of you for doing this. It really means a lot to us. We are a minority community, and we are very dedicated to the law and order and to contribute to the prosperity of this country, so that's what we're all about. So thank you again for recognizing our faith and our culture, our traditions by virtue of giving us this proclamation for Hindu heritage month. So thanks a lot. Thank you.

MAYOR MATT BURKE: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, members of council and Council President Johnson, may we please ask for a moment of silence for Jose Irvin Jr. who was brutally gunned down on October 4, 2024. Garfield Heights PD is actively investigating on this crime, and if anyone has any information, please contact the Garfield heights Police Department Detective Bureau. If I can have a moment of silence. {Moment of Silence recognized}

MAYOR MATT BURKE: I am pleased to inform you that significant improvements have been made to the Granger road Hill. As you know, water has been seeping up from under the road, making the road unsafe during the winter months, a series of drain systems were installed beneath the road diverting water to the catch basins after discovering underground springs during the reconstruction process. The road is now open for business. It's beautiful. I don't see any water coming up, but it has rained significantly the last two days, so we're about to find out if that really worked.

The Garfield Boulevard reconstruction project is progressing as planned, and it's moving right along. Additionally, improvements have been made to Debelak Park, including the installation of temporary basketball and pickleball courts. The skate park has been removed with plans to add more pickleball courts and community gardens in the area. New playground equipment has been installed at Forestdale Park in Ward one.

Once completed, we will be engaging the community for their ideas on some of our other parks, including the Cranwood baseball fields and Donovan Park. I will be sending out notifications when we do these community engagement meetings, so that we can get everybody's feedback. I would also like to thank the Cleveland Browns Foundation, the Johnson and Haslam families in the NFL for providing our city school district with a new turf field to track. They dedicated it last week, and it was certainly great to be part of a work of the work to get this done in our community. It is also exciting to be able to announce the opening of the new three- acre pond located at Garfield Park reservation. And if you haven't yet stopped there, please do and take a look at this wonderful amenity provided by the Cleveland metro parks. I stopped there about a week ago, and it is absolutely gorgeous. You'll have a spot. You can walk right along the bank of the pond. You can sit there and go fishing. It's just really nice. Just sit there and be at peace. It's quiet and hear the water running. It truly is something that I may be moving my office to that part. In other news, various events are scheduled in our city, including the free try it before you buy it, ice skating and hockey sessions on September 21 and also on October 30, a Halloween skate event is planned for October 25 and a town hall meeting on November 14, with Carl Cook from Project Save he is someone who can help with homelessness and our friends at the Cuyahoga County tax tour. Now the tax tour will encompass things like property taxes, the great estate planning, the scam squad. These are all great things that we've had meetings on in the past. So if you come to the November 14 meeting, you'll be able to walk around and go to all the different tables and talk to everybody. We also have on November 17, our holiday lighting ceremony that's coming up, and I look forward to seeing all the Christmas lights. I gotta tell you, I've been driving around and there. It is a house on ORM that has gone it's an incredible display for Halloween. I've never seen anything like it is great. The address is, the address is 130409, Orman, if you get a chance to drive by there in the evening, it is incredible. They've done a spectacular job. And then November 19, we will have our public zoning code update meeting, and I urge a lot of the residents to come and share their ideas. You know, we are tasked with making decisions as like how far our setbacks. We want to make sure that we protect our city from any environmental issues, but we also don't want to deter any kind of building that can happen in our city. But as you know, in the past, we've had, you know, countless people come in, buy properties and then really don't comply with what they're supposed to do with the zoning. So we want to make sure we spell it out, and we can definitely use a public meeting for that. I would like to address issue 19, because I've had a couple news reporters call me. This is upcoming on the November ballot here, and this issue aims to make I 480 safe. There's a number of high vehicles. There's a high number of vehicles traveling that corridor in Garfield heights, where they're going 15 or higher miles per hour over the speed limit. There's almost an accident every single day. I've seen where the cars have been flipped over on that freeway. I've seen where our or I've heard where our squads and our trucks have gotten hit on the I 480 bridge, because people are just going too fast. And as I say to the news media, this is about making I 480 safe. We're asking for the voters to consider supporting this and understand that 50% of the revenue collected will go to safety, fire, police, city infrastructure, recreation and senior programs and the other 50% will go to the operating expenses again, November 19. Or excuse me, November 5 is only about 21 days away, please do your exercise your right to vote.

Just remember your vote could save a life on I 480 and for any other for more information on any of these items that I talked About, you can check our website, [www.garfield, hts.org](http://www.garfield.hts.org), for more information, or just call the mayor's office.

I want to thank everybody who came out last week on the 10th for our town hall meeting to talk about the roads. It was really come and give the mayor a hard time as much as you can. And I stood there, took it and like a gentleman, and I heard everybody that night, and I think everybody had a clear understanding of what it really takes to get some of these projects done, certainly, I don't certainly, if you bring it to our attention, we will get it taken care of. In some cases, it takes 10 years, and in some cases, it's a lot faster. It all depends on how much money we have to operate with. I am pleased to say that every year for the last three years, our revenues have been up, so we've been able to put more into the streets, but it's still not enough. Our engineers tell us that if we had \$5 million a year to put towards our street, all of our streets, \$5 million a year in five years, those streets would be done. So you gotta keep thinking about that. You know, our revenue streams are there, but it's not anywhere near \$5 million a year. So with that, let me get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance number 71 2024 is an opt in for the NOPEC for natural gas. Ordinance number 72 2024 and both of these are in their second reading, is also a NOPEC opt in gas aggregation program for the city of Garfield heights. Ordinance number 74 is to go after the ARPA grant funding for the county for St John's basketball courts. I've worked on this with council president Pernell Jones to try to get this done, and I think we've got a good path to help the church who opens. Their basketball courts up to the to the youth to come and play recreationally. So if we can get them a new court, we're going to get them a new court. Ordinance number 75 2024 is just to increase the EMS rates. We do this periodically, just so that people know that if you live in Garfield heights, we take whatever the insurance pays. We don't, we don't Bill any more than that. And if you don't live in Garfield heights, well, I think we throw the book at you. I'm not sure, but I know that there's a benefit to our residents there. Ordinance number 76 2024 is being able to lease a postage machine for the Garfield heights Municipal Court through the presiding judge ordinance number 77 2024 is to purchase a 2025 Ford Explorer vehicle for our fire department, for the inspectors, and then resolution number 26 2024 is declaring October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the city of Garfield heights, along with resolution number 27- 2024 which is recognizing The month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Resolution number 28 2024 is to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission for our necessary tax levies, and then resolution number 29 2024 is requesting an advance in tax settlement and declaring that an emergency. And with that, Mr. President, you have my report.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: We'll move on to our law director, Mr. Milko Cecez please.

Law Director: Milko Cecez Thank you. Mr. President, real brief on my end, just with respect to ordinances 71- 2024, and 72-2024, regarding NOPEC the reason why we have in a second reading is because we had to have two public meetings between the last meeting that we had and tonight we did have those. So at this point tonight, if the council is so inclined, we are able to simply waive the three-reading rule and adopt these two ordinances. Moreover, if there are any questions, Mr. Tony Ramos is here to answer any if the council is so inclined to have him speak for about 30 seconds or so, just explain this. Since he's already here, I would, I would urge their council to do that.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: Mr. Ramos, the floor is yours, sir.

Tony Ramos: NOPEC Rep: Thank you, Mr. President, Members of Council, as I explained to you before, the changes that you're making to the plan of operation and governance for the natural gas program is simply making it easier for residents who previously opted out to come back. I conducted both public hearings today, one at 12 and the other at five o'clock at noon. I got to talk to quite a few residents. Nobody cared about gas opt in. They just wanted to ask general questions about no pick. And so I was happy to help them with those questions. And then at five o'clock, nobody so and I didn't expect ready to, because I'm not asking for more money. But so at this point, you, as a law director, is instructed or advised, you can go ahead and move forward, once they're passed and signed copies just need to be provided to nope, and then we will file those at the PUCO. So if anybody has any questions,

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: No questions. Thank you. Thank you. Mr. Ramos, appreciate that.

Law Director: Milko Cecez That's it for my report. Mr. President, thank you.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: Thank you from our law director at this time, the Chief of Staff, Mr. Jeff Jerome, do you have anything for council tonight?

JEFF JEROME-Chief of Staff: Thank you, Mr. President, but no report from me this evening.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: At this particular time, we'll move on to comments on tonight's agenda.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: Thank you, sir. We have no comments on tonight's agenda, so we'll move right into our ordinances and resolutions at this time.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 71-2024 (second reading) : Sponsored by Mayor Matthew Burke

Co- sponsor by Council President Avery Johnson

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ESTABLISH AN OPT- IN NATURAL GAS PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 4929.27(A)(1), OHIO REVISED CODE JOINTLY THROUGH NOPEC AS A NOPEC MEMBER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CLMN KELLEY: Mr. President I make a motion to consider ordinance 71-2024 by title.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: It's been so moved by Councilman Kelley to make a motion to consider by title 71-2024. Can I get a second please? (Tonsing: I second) It's been so moved and seconded by Clwn Tonsing. All those in favor say yes. Any opposed say No. (7 Yes- 0 no)

CLMN KELLEY: Mr. President, I make a motion of suspension of the three-reading rule.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: It's been so moved and second for a motion and suspension of three-reading rules by Clmn Kelley, can I get a second? (Tonsing-I second) It's been so moved in second by Clwmn Tonsing. All those in favor say yes. Any opposed say no. (7 Yes- 0 no)

CLMN KELLEY: Mr. President, I make a motion waiver of rule 24.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: It's been so moved a motion for the waiver of rule 24 by Clmn Kelley. Can I get a second? (Tonsing-I Second) It's been so moved and second by Clwn Tonsing. All those in favor say yes. Any opposed say no. (7 Yes- 0 no)

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: I'll call for a roll call on the adoption beginning with Councilman Kelley.

Roll Call on the Adoption of Ordinance 71-2024

Kelley-Yes, Newrones-Yes, Collier-Yes, Mack-Yes, Smith-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Tonsing-Yes

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: That passes Seven to zero.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 72-2024 (SECOND READING): Sponsored by Mayor Matthew Burke

Co-sponsored by Council President Avery Johnson

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PLAN OF OPERATION AND GOVERNANCE OF THE NOPEC OPT- IN GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF JOINTLY ESTABLISHING AND IMPLEMENTING AN OPT IN GAS AGGREGATION PROGRAM AS A NOPEC MEMBER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CLMN KELLEY: I make a motion to consider by title ordinance 72-2024

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: It's been a motion to consider by title by Councilman Kelley for 72-2024. Can I get a second? (Tonsing I second). It's been so moved and seconded by Councilwoman Tonsing. All those in favor say yes. Any opposed say no. (7 Yes- 0 no)

CLMN KELLEY: Mr. President, I make a motion, suspension of the three- reading rule.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: It's been so moved and second for suspension of three-reading rules by Clmn Kelley, can I get a second? (Tonsing-I second) It's been so moved in second by Clwmn Tonsing. All those in favor say yes. Any opposed say no. (7 Yes- 0 no)

CLMN KELLEY: Mr. President, I make a motion waiver of rule 24.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: It's been so moved a motion for the waiver of rule 24 by Clmn Kelley. Can I get a second? (Tonsing-I Second) It's been so moved in second by Clwn Tonsing. All those in favor say yes. Any opposed say no. (7 Yes- 0 no)

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: I'll call for a roll call on the adoption beginning with Councilman Kelley.

Roll Call on the Adoption of Ordinance 72-2024

Kelley-Yes, Newrones-Yes, Collier-Yes, Mack-Yes, Smith-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Tonsing-Yes
Vote outcome: 7 Yes - 0 No: Passed.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: That passes Seven to zero,

ORDINANCE NUMBER 74-2024: Sponsored by Mayor Matthew Burke

Co-sponsored by Council President Avery Johnson

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE AMERICAN RESCUE FUNDS ACT COMMUNITY GRANT FUND MADE AVAILABLE BY CUYAHOGA COUNTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Clmn Smith: Mr. President, I moved to consider by title ordinance number 74-2024

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: So moved by motion by Clmn Smith to consider by title 74-2024. Can I get a second? (Kelley- I Second). It's been so moved and seconded by Clmn Kelley. All those in favor say yes. Any opposed say no. (7 Yes- 0 No)

CLMN SMITH: Mr. President, I move to suspend the three reading rules.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: So moved by motion by Clmn Smith to suspend the three-reading rule. Can I get a second? (Kelley- I Second). It's been so moved and seconded by Clmn Kelley. All those in favor say yes. Any opposed say no. (7 Yes- 0 No)

CLMN SMITH: I move for a waiver of rule 24

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: So moved by motion by Clmn Smith to waiver rule 24 Can I get a second? (Kelley- I Second). It's been so moved and seconded by Clmn Kelley. All those in favor say yes. Any opposed say no. (7 Yes- 0 No) I will call for a roll call on the adoption, beginning with Clmn Smith

ROLL CALL ON THE ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NUMBER 74-2024

Smith-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Tonsing-Yes, Kelley-Yes, Newrones-Yes, Collier-Yes, Mack-Yes
Vote outcome: 7 Yes - 0 No: Passed

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: That passes Seven to zero.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 75 -2024: sponsored by Mayor Matthew Burke

Co-sponsored by Council President Avery Johnson

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO INCREASE THE RATES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

CLMN SMITH: Mr. President, I moved to consider by title ordinance number 75-2024.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: A motion to consider by title for 75-2024 by Clmn Smith. Can I get a second? (Mack-I Second) It's been so moved and a second by Clwmn Mack. All those in favor say yes. Any opposed say no. (7 Yes- 0 No)

CLMN SMITH: Mr. President, I move to suspend the three-reading rules.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: A motion to suspend the three-reading rules by Clmn Smith. Can I get a second? (Mack-I Second) It's been so moved and a second by Clwmn Mack. All those in favor say yes. Any opposed say no. (7 Yes- 0 No)

CLMN SMITH: Mr. President, I move for a waiver of rule 24.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: A motion for the waiver of rule 24 by Clmn Smith. Can I get a second? (Mack-I Second) It's been Moved and a second by Clwmn Mack. All in favor say yes. Any opposed say no. (7 Yes- 0 No)

I'll call for the roll call on the adoption beginning with Councilman Smith.

ROLL CALL ON THE ADOPTION ORDINANCE NUMBER 75-2024

Smith-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Tonsing-Yes, Kelley-Yes, Newrones-Yes, Collier-Yes, Mack-Yes

Vote outcome: 7 Yes - 0 No: Passed

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: That passes Seven to zero.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 76-2024: Sponsored by Mayor Matthew Burke

Co-sponsored by Council President Avery Johnson

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL COURT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH QUADIENT LEASING USA INCORPORATION FOR THE LEASE OF A POSTAGE MACHINE AT THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL COURT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CLWN TONSING: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion to consider by title Ord No. 76-2024.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: There's been a motion consider by title by Clwmn Tonsing for 76-2024, Can I get a second? (Kelley- I second) It's been so moved and seconded by Clmn Kelley. All those in favor say yes. Any opposed say no. (7 Yes- 0 No)

CLWN TONSING: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion to suspend the three-reading rule.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: It's been so moved for suspension three reading rules by Clwmn Tonsing. Can I get a second? (Kelley-I Second) It's been so moved and seconded by Clmn Kelley. All those in favor say yes. Any opposed say no. (7 Yes - 0 No).

CLWN TONSING: Mr. President, I would like to make a motion to waiver rule 24 .

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: It's been so moved for waiver of rule 24 by Clwmn Tonsing. Can I get a second? (Kelley-I Second) It's been so moved and second by Clmn Kelley. All those in favor say yes. Any opposed say no. (7 Yes - 0 No)

I'll call for the roll call on the adoption beginning with Clwmn Tonsing.

ROLL CALL ON THE ADOPTION ORDINANCE NUMBER 76-2024

Tonsing-Yes, Kelley-Yes, Newrones-Yes, Collier-Yes, Mack-Yes, Smith-Yes, Johnson-Yes.

Vote outcome: 7 Yes - 0 No: Passed

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: That passes Seven to zero.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 77-2024: sponsored by Mayor Matthew Burke

Co-sponsored by Council President Avery Johnson

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING A MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2025 FORD EXPLORER FROM MONTROSE FORD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CLWN TONSING: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion to consider by title Ord. 77 2024.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: A motion to consider by title by Clwmn Tonsing of 77-2024. Can I get a second? (Kelley- I Second) It has been so moved and seconded by Councilman Kelley. All those in favor say yes. Any opposed say no. (7-Yes- 0 No)

CLWN TONSING: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion to suspend the three- reading rule.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: A motion by Clwn Tonsing to suspend the three-reading rule. Can I get a second? (Kelley- I Second) It has been so moved and seconded by Councilman Kelley. All those in favor say yes. Any opposed say no. (7-Yes- 0 No)

CLWN TONSING: Mr. President, I would like to make a motion to waive a rule 24.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: It's been so moved for waiver of rule 24 by Clwmn Tonsing. Can I get a second? (Kelley-I Second) It's been so moved and second by Councilman Kelley. All those in favor say yes. Any opposed say no. (7 Yes - 0 No).

I'll call for the roll call on the adoption beginning with Clwmn Tonsing.

CLMN SMITH: Question, if I'm proper, if I'm improper, my legs off. Call me shorty. I notice here that ARPA funds were used, which is has been designated safety. And I can see that this is a safety issue. I'm my question is, how many, how much do, and I apologize I was not at the financial meeting, but how much, how much? How many dollars do we have available in that ARPA fund? And who's, who's has the discretionary who? At whose discretion is this being funded? Because I notice here that Barb Biro has signed off on this. Do we have any say so in these ARPA funds? Probably that's the short question. I don't know who I'm addressing here, but perhaps you don't do it.

MAYOR MATT BURKE: Yeah, Councilman, basically the ARPA funds, Barb would sign off on it because she's the fiscal officer for the city of Garfield heights, just declaring that the funds are there at the finance meeting that we had the other night. Barb said there's about \$800,000 sitting in the ARPA funds. I did talk with Sal today about how we can administer those funds and put them into how we can manage them better so that we can use them for future projects. That's something that we as a council have to sit down and talk about, and I would fully welcome a legislative or a Ways and Means Committee meeting in order to have that discussion

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: The legislative meeting already scheduled.

Councilwoman Collier: It's scheduled

MAYOR MATT BURKE: Just make sure it's on the agenda.

CLWN COLLIER: I will make sure of that, Mayor. It was already on there, but thank you.

Roll Call on the Adoption of Ordinance 77-2024

Smith-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Tonsing-Yes, Kelley-Yes, Newrones-Yes, Collier-Yes, Mack-Yes
Vote outcome: 7 Yes - 0 No: Passed

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: That passes Seven to zero. Thank you. Alright. Next is a resolution.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 26-2024 sponsored by Councilwoman Dr. Tenisha Mack,
Co-sponsored by Mayor Matthew Burke and Council as a whole
A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS BREAST CANCER
AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

CLWN MACK: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion to consider by title, resolution 26-2024

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: It's been a motion has been made by Councilwoman Mack for
resolution number 26-2024 Can I get a second? (Smith-Second). It's been so moved in second
by Councilman Smith. All those in favor say yes. Any opposed say no. 7 yes- 0 No

CLWN MACK: Mr. President, I would like to make a motion to suspend the three reading rules.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: It's been so moved for a motion of suspension of three reading rules.
Can I get a second? (Smith- I Second)It's been so moved in second by Councilman Smith.
All those in favor say yes. opposed say no. (7 yes - 0 No)

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: I'll call for the roll call on the adoption beginning with Councilwoman
Mack.

Roll Call on the Adoption of Resolution 26-2024:

Mack-Yes, Smith-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Tonsing-Yes, Kelley-Yes, Newrones-Yes, Collier-Yes
Vote outcome (7 yes- 0 No) Passed.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: That passes the Seven to zero.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 27- 2024 sponsored by Councilwoman Dr. Tenisha Mack
Co-sponsored by Mayor Matthew Burke and council as a whole
A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

CLWN MACK: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion to consider by title resolution 27-2024.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: It's been a motion to consider by title, by Councilwoman Mack, can I
get a second? (Smith- I Second? It's been so moved in second by Councilman Smith, all those
in favor say yes. Any opposed say no. (7 yes- 0 No).

CLWN MACK: I would like to make a motion to suspend the three- reading rules.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: Councilman Mack has made a motion for suspension of the three-
reading rules. Can I get a second? (Smith- I Second)

It's been so moved and seconded by Councilman Smith. All those in favor say yes.

Any opposed say no, (7 yes- 0 No).

I'll call for the roll call on the adoption beginning with Councilwoman Mack.

Roll Call on the Adoption of Resolution 26-2024:

Mack-Yes, Smith-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Tonsing-Yes, Kelley-Yes, Newrones-Yes, Collier-Yes:
Vote outcome: 7 Yes - 0 No: Passed

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: That passes Seven to zero. Move on to next resolution.

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 28-2024: Sponsored by Mayor Matthew Burke

Co-sponsored by council as a whole

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS IN RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CLWN NEWRONES: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion to accept resolution 28- 2024 by title, please.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: It's been a motion by Clwmn Newrones to considered by title Res. 28- 2024. Can I get a second? (Tonsing- Second) It's been so moved and seconded by Clwmn Tonsing. All in favor say yes. Any opposed Say no.(7 yes- 0 No).

CLWN NEWRONES: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion to waive the three- reading rule.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: It's been so moved by motion by Clwmn Newrones to waive the three-reading rule. Can I get a second? (Tonsing- Second) It's been so moved and seconded by Clwmn Tonsing. All in favor say yes. Any opposed Say no.(7 yes- 0 No).

I will call for a roll call on the adoption beginning with Clwmn Newrones.

Roll Call on the Adoption of Resolution 28-2024:

Newrones-Yes, Collier-Yes, Mack-Yes, Smith-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Tonsing-Yes, Kelley-Yes

Vote outcome: 7 Yes - 0 No: Passed

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: Passed Seven to zero. All right.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 29- 2024 Sponsored by Mayor Matthew Burke

Co-sponsored by council as a whole

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING ADVANCE IN TAX SETTLEMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

CLWN NEWRONES: Mr. President, I'd like to motion to accept Resolution 29-2024 by title.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: It's been a motion by Clwmn Newrones to considered by title Res. 29- 2024. Can I get a second? (Tonsing- Second) It's been so moved and seconded by Clwmn Tonsing. All in favor say yes. Any opposed Say no.(7 yes- 0 No).

CLWN NEWRONES: Mr. President, I'd like to make a motion to waive the three-reading rule.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: It's been so moved by motion by Clwmn Newrones to waive the three-reading rule. Can I get a second? (Tonsing-I Second). It's been so moved and seconded by Clwmn Tonsing. All in favor say yes. Any opposed Say no. (7 yes- 0 No).

I will call for a roll call on the adoption beginning with Clwmn Newrones.

Roll Call on the Adoption of Resolution 29-2024:

Newrones-Yes, Collier-Yes: Mack-Yes, Smith-Yes, Johnson-Yes, Tonsing-Yes, Kelley-Yes

Vote outcome: 7 Yes - 0 No: Passed

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: That passes Seven to zero.

Comments by Citizens

President Johnson: At this time, we'll have comments by citizens, and we'll have the clerk read the rules. Okay? There are no comments. Okay. There are no comments by citizens. Tonight, we'll move to our miscellaneous business, and we're going to begin tonight with our miscellaneous business on the opposite side. So. Going to begin with Councilwoman Newrones Ward seven.

CLWN NEWRONES: Such a special thing. Hi everyone. Thank you all for coming. Just a couple of announcements. I wanted to thank the service department and staff and Mr. Paul Burke for the grand opening of the courts. I hope you all go and check those out. It was really nice on Saturday. So thank you to everyone that was involved also. Thank you to everyone that was involved for the Fall Fest. It was a really good time. I hope you guys got to enjoy it. Really nice day for everyone. So thank you. On October 24 we have a block watch meeting at seven o'clock at St Benedict's in the cafeteria, everyone is welcome. Our guest for the month is Officer Tim CO and our new canine officer Ike. So please come on out and meet him also. On the 24th from 430 to 630 at the high school, there is a harvest Fest and trunk or treat. And October 25 the Halloween skate from six to eight is a \$7 fee, four and under is free. So go on out and do some ice skating. Also, as the mayor mentioned, the try before you buy ice skating will be October 30, from 630 to 730 with free skate rental. Parents must be present. So we have a lot of great events coming up in our city. I hope that you all take advantage of that. That's all I have for you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: At this time, we want to thank you, Councilwoman Newrones for your comments. Let's move over to ward six with Councilman Kelley.

CLMN KELLEY: Good evening, everyone. I don't have much tonight. I just wanted to announce Aaron and Janae wells have a food truck company, and they have been on some weekends. You may have seen them if you've come through Ward six, right there in the parking lot where Danny's is barbecue and catering is the name of the food truck. But on October the 31st they are planning a trunk, trunk and treat in the war, also from six to eight. And also, they wanted to announce that the organization tastes the love is giving out free hot dogs to the kids while supplies last, they're looking for 10 cars to volunteer to park, where they are as well. If you want to help in that fashion, I had the number right here. Give me one second if you want to help and be one of the volunteers in that fashion, you can call Janae wells at 216-816- 6336, and that is all.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: We move on to ward five. Councilwoman. Tonsing.

CLWN TONSING: Thank you. Good evening, everyone. Thank you for coming out and thank you to those are watching. I just want to say I'm just so excited on we had our Fall Fest, which was a wonderful event with a lot of people coming out and showing up. Our field was opened up for the football field, or at the high school, we had the pickleball courts and the basketball courts opening up and the playground and the pond. I'm so excited for our metro parks. What they did to our park here in Garfield Heights, and I just can't wait to get on there and canoe, because I do love that. But other than that, I just want to remind you that Marymount is having their drive through pantry, and that is from 12 to 2pm on October 23 and also Marymount on October 29 is having their first trunk or treat. That is from 5:30pm to 7pm, and that's on the corner of McCracken and 126th street in the parking lot. I just want to remind you that garbage is a day late today or this week due to the Columbus Day, and sometimes I know that they are a day late without having a holiday. I just want you to know if they don't pick it up, just leave it out there, I've had it done twice on my street, but they did come the next day, so and if they don't come, please do call Kimball. But on that note, have a great night and just stay safe out there and more. Thank you. Thank

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: Thank you Councilwoman, something at this time, we'll move right over to ward three with the Councilman Smith.

CLMN SMITH: Thank you, Mr. President. Very briefly, I just want to publicly thank the young man that spoke, Mr. Chris Schmidt, young man who took an interest in in the political realm of Garfield heights. I think it's incumbent upon all of us to encourage these young people to get involved. And truly, he was one that took an interest, and I was very impressed with him. That is a very huge push of mine to engage the young people. If we have no young person involved in any of our situations, our legacy will soon die. I'm looking at the room right now, and the majority of us, I think all of us have more years behind us than we do in front of us. So therefore I'm suggesting that you get young people involved in whatever endeavor you may have. That being said, thank you so much.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: Thank you, Councilman Smith for your comments. At this time we will recognize Councilwoman Dr. Mack out of Ward two.

CLWN MACK: Good evening, everyone. I would like to thank all my colleagues for their support with both resolutions and as we recognize October as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and Domestic Violence Awareness Month, I want to remind you all that the strength and resilience shows by survivors on both ends and also breast cancer affects women and men, touching the lives of countless families in our community. Early Detection saves lives, and we must continue to support research, treatment and awareness to fight this disease, domestic violence, too, remains painful, a painful reality for far too many. It strips individuals of their dignity, safety and their peace. We must work together to provide resources, protection and hope for those that's enduring such violence. Being a survivor of sexual assault, it is an experience that changed my life forever. So before, you know, you people go through a lot of different things in life, and you know people chill things that you might not know what they've been through before, but you know just you know, be patient with people. You know, you never know what somebody is going through, and that pain that I went through actually helped me find my purpose to stand up and to fight for all those who feel silenced or invisible. So I want to thank everybody you know just for supporting the resolution. And I want all survivors to know that they voice matters, and I will continue to advocate and for resources and change to help those that's impacted by sexual violence. As one of my colleagues stated, Marymount hospital is having the trunk or treat on October 29 from 5:30 to 7pm., I will be partnering with them and joining them for that day. So they are looking for more people if they want to come out and decorate, they cars and they trunks and things like that for a trick or treat. And I'm also accepting donations for anybody who wants to donate for my fifth annual spread to warm winter wear giveaway. I do it every year. I give away coats and sweaters and blankets and all that to people, and it's going to be on November 9th at 130 to 430. At 4995 Turney road. The Breast Cancer Awareness Walk that I had last Saturday, it was really nice. It was a really good turnout, and I enjoyed myself and I'm pretty sure everybody else enjoyed themselves there as well. I just want to thank everyone who y came out and came to the walk, and that's all I have. I

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: I want to thank Councilwoman Dr. Mack for her time comments at this time we want to recognize the council Pro tem Council, Ms. Stacey Collier.

CLWN COLLIER: First. I want to say. Dr Mack, thank you for sharing as a domestic violence survivor and a cancer survivor, I do appreciate everything you said, and I understand your plight, and I share in your pain and the ability to uplift from such negativity and bring some positivity out of it. Thank you. I applause You. Thank you, Mayor for giving us a moment of silence for Jose a Garfield heights alumni who was senselessly gunned down this past a week ago. With that being said, Rivers in the Desert and I are going to partner and bring their mobile crisis unit to the city of Garfield heights to give people an opportunity to have some healing and talk with some professional counselors and things because not this didn't just affect the family, but it affected the city as a whole, and we all have some healing to do from it. The date is to be announced. I will phone tree it out. I will also let my colleagues make them aware, and I will definitely post it on bringing back ward one. I I'm just to the family I Chloe. We love you, we support you. I want to talk about the fourth annual trunk or treat. Ward one's trunk or treat. Last year, we kind of it didn't quite go as well as it has in the past, but on the 26th of October, from three to four, we will have a trunk or treat. I invite my colleagues, if they would like to participate. Participate. They are welcome. It is not just for Ward one. The same as the Easter egg hunt is not just for Ward one, and we get people from all different all the wards to come to the Easter egg hunt. Every child in the city of Garfield Hts is invited to the trunk or treat. Programming I've always pushed and asked and said, and one of the things that I've campaigned about is programming for young people in the city of Garfield Hts, to not be a talker, but a doer. I again am going to talk about art, reaching kids. It's a program we were able to bring into Ward one, not just for the ward, but for the city as a whole. We currently have 70 young people who are participating in activities from drumming, bucket drumming, hair braiding, perfume making, dancing. And my own mother, Helen Collier, is teaching sewing. She has 20 young people who are learning how to sew. The classes are only \$15 you do not it does not require a rec ID, because it is sponsored by Ward one and Holy Spirit church, all are welcome. I believe classes are full this for this seven weeks, it's only \$15 the cost of the t shirt that you get to be part of the program. We are looking forward to bringing more programming into the city at minimal cost. Like I said, Because I can sit here all day and talk a good game, but I try to step out. I try to walk the walk that I talk. So if you are interested in art reaching kids, or if you we're actually looking at trying to do a pottery class. Also, if you think that your child may be interested, they can give me a call at 216-260-6776, that's 216-260-6776, or and I will be glad to forward you the information to have your child participate in this programming. All Grammy, I could say a lot of other things today about things that good things that are happening in the ward, but I know the game is coming up, and if you have any questions or concerns, please just give me a call. You can always go to my website, or you can email me. I would be glad to talk to you about anything that you need or any concerns you have in the city of Garfield heights. Thank you and you all have a blessed and wonderful evening.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: It has been brought to the attention of the chair that Councilman Smith is requesting to speak briefly.

CLMN SMITH: That is absolutely right, young fella. Listen, it's a good thing to have a birthday. I think we all will agree. So we're here tonight to celebrate a couple of few birthdays. Councilwoman Mack is celebrating her birthday, although we kind of missed her, but a little bit, but all year round, alright. Also Miss Councilwoman Jen Newrones celebrating her birthday. And last, but certainly not least, we're celebrating our own Council President Avery Johnson's birthday. So can we just put our hands together and maybe say happy birthday? Thank You.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: Thank you. Happy Happy Birthday to Dr. Mack and Ms. Newrones. Thank you again. We're glad to celebrate these birthdays, and of course, I appreciate each of my colleagues for the well wishes as well. With that note in mind, let me talk about Ward four, and what we would like to acknowledge is that there is a lot in all of the wards that's going on. But I want to specifically focus people's attention on the fact that we have lost some life here in the city. We need to keep Chloe and who lost her brother and those members of her family, in prayer. And we ask all of you to be in prayer for her family, and then be in prayer for our city at large. Secondly, I want to recognize Dr. Mack for continuously bringing to our attention the issue of cancer. I've lost members of my family to cancer, from my father on down to I've lost my oldest sister to cancer, and then I had two of my other siblings that are sisters of mines that had breast cancer. So I'm very aware that this was a very serious matter, as well as domestic violence in our city as well and across the country. We need to keep these things in mind. And again, I want to thank Dr. Mack for the resolutions. I also want to commend the Mayor and all of Council for the opening of the basketball courts here in the city of Garfield Heights. All wards can benefit from those courts being open and providing recreational services for our young people here in the city of Garfield Heights. I also want to commend the Council on the fact that we approved a resolution as well as to recognize St. John's Lutheran Church that will also be opening up their basketball courts for improvement, and the city is trying to help, along with the county, to come in and renovate some of that area for the Young people that uses it to give our kids again, another opportunity for recreational services here in our city of Garfield Heights, to give IKEA something to do with that note in mind, I also want to remind you that we do have an opportunity. Every resident in this city has an opportunity to cast their vote for whomever, but on this issue of issue 19 that I think we all received in the mail in our houses, it's about safety. Of course, the funds that comes from enforcement of this issue, it would directly go to our safety forces, and I think that's a good thing. And then other than that, we're going we're acknowledging that we need those funds as well to assist us with our seniors, who sometimes I think is overlooked, and the services that they greatly need as well in our city. I want to again, remember this council and say thank you for making sure that we have the funds to fix Elmwood. Elmwood is currently still under construction, being repaved, and I want to thank the residents of Elmwood, here in Ward four, that gave me everything I can have for the last three years to get that street repaved. So again, I want to thank the mayor, all of council for that as well. We have several projects throughout our city, new football field at our high school, all the way down to the basketball Of course, we got all kind of activities going over in Ward one for young people, including sewing by Mrs. Collier. I'm looking forward to seeing those things come to completion and fruition. And with that note in mind, I want to thank the residents that are here tonight. I want to thank you for your patience with us, and I'm held you long enough now I know we all wondering what's going on with those Indians.

MAYOR MATT BURKE: Mr. President, I just got a text from Chief Kaye. He said homicide suspect is in custody. Got him in Columbus, just for your information.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON: All right, all mines are clear. Let us have an adjournment. Can I get a motion for adjournment?

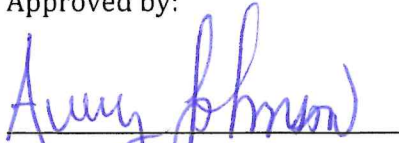
ADDOURNMENT

CLMN KELLEY: Mr. President, I make a motion that we adjourn tonight's council meeting,

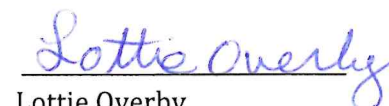
PRESIDENT JOHNSON: I have a motion on the floor by Councilman Kelly for a German Can I get a second? (Tonsing-I Second) It's been so moved in second by Councilwoman Tonsing. All those in favor say. Any opposed say no. 7 Yes - 0 No. We're adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09pm

Approved by:


Councilman Avery Johnson
Council President

Respectfully submitted by:


Lottie Overby
Clerk of Council

**MINUTES OF A CAUCUS COUNCIL MEETING
CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO
Tuesday – October 15, 2024 – 6:30 pm**

President Johnson calls the caucus meeting to order at 6:50 pm confirming a quorum with a roll call.

The Caucus meeting was delayed due to a previous ongoing meeting.

ROLL CALL FOR MEMBERS PRESENT:

WARD 1: COUNCILWOMAN STACEY COLLIER
WARD 2: COUNCILWOMAN TENISHA MACK
WARD 3: COUNCILMAN MARK SMITH
WARD 4: COUNCILMAN AVERY JOHNSON
WARD 5: COUNCILWOMAN RACHELLE TONSING
WARD 7: COUNCILWOMAN JENNIFER NEWRONES

DISPOSAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:

Councilman Smith made a motion to dispose of caucus minute meeting for September 23, 2024.
Seconded by Councilwoman Mack . All those in favor say aye. Any opposed? Vote: 6 Yes – 0 No

INVOCATION: Councilman Smith takes the invocation and pledge of allegiance.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: President Johnson asks if there are any written communications to the council, but none are recognized at this time. There are no communications from the schools.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Stacey Collier scheduled a Legislative Committee meeting for October 23, 2024 at 6:30 pm.

REPORTS FOR DIRECTORS:

City Engineering Report

City Engineer Mr. Sickie reported Granger road Hill is open again. There'll be some very limited construction still to be done, where they'll just block off a lane as needed, mostly to do grass restoration.

Fire Department

Chief Strope ask for support for ordinance number 75-2024 on ambulance billing and on ordinance number 77-2024 for the station for inspectors and classes.

Ordinances and Resolutions: Council President Johnson reported:

Ordinance number 71-2024 and 72-2024: Councilman Kelley

Ordinance number 74-2024 and 75-2024: Councilman Smith

Ordinance number 76-2024 and 77-2024: Councilwoman Tonsing

Resolution number 26-2024 and 27-2024: Councilwoman Mack

Resolution number 28-2024 and 29-2024: Councilwoman Newrones

Excuse Council member from Caucus:

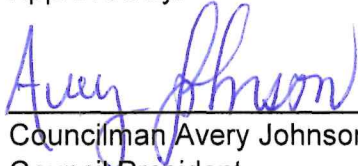
Councilwoman Collier made a motion to excuse Councilman Kelley from the meeting.
Councilwoman Newrones second.

Adjournment

Councilman Collier motioned for the caucus to adjourn. Councilwoman Tonsing seconded.
All in favor say yes. Oppose say No: 6 Yes – 0 Opposed.

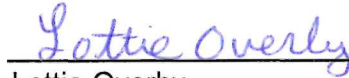
The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Approved by:



Councilman Avery Johnson
Council President

Respectfully submitted by:



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