

COUNCIL CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

May 29, 2018

Council President Matt Burke called the Caucus Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Matt Burke, Councilman Ward 6
Michael Dudley, Sr., Councilman Ward 1
Gene Glenn, Councilman Ward 4
Joseph LaMalfa, Councilman Ward 2
Joseph Suster, Councilman Ward 5
Tom Vaughn, Councilman Ward 7

Member Excused: Michael Nenadovich, Councilman Ward 3

Clmn Vaughn moved to excuse Clmn Nenadovich.

Clmn Suster moved to accept the Minutes of the Caucus Meeting for Monday, May 14, 2018 as written. The Minutes stood approved by 6 Yes votes and 1 Absent vote.

Clmn Suster would dispose of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 14, 2018.

Clmn Vaughn moved to accept the Minutes of the Council Work Session of Monday, May 7, 2018 as written. The Minutes stood approved by 6 Yes votes and 1 Absent vote.

Clmn Glenn would offer the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no written communications to Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 12-2018 Clmn Dudley advised that he would move to consider by title.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-2018 Clmn Vaughn advised that he would move to consider by title.

Clmn Dudley described how grass cutting is falling behind in Ward 1, unsightly and seems worse every year. He suggested either developing a new plan or having the grass cutting crews begin work in April. Councilmen Suster and Glenn agreed that residents complain to them about it often, too. Clmn Suster suggested hiring more employees to handle the matter. The Chairman said the Mayor said most Service Department employees are still patching potholes. Clmn Vaughn pointed out that there were about 100 more lots to cut this year where homes were torn down and asked whether Manpower employees could be brought in. Finance Director Biro said that there were over 400 Land Bank lots to mow in addition to the lawns of residents who do not care. Eight dispatchers have been hired and eventually hiring will cease in order to make payroll. Ms. Biro understood Clmn Dudley's concerns, but said that the city has \$12 million in delinquent assessments. She advised him to call John Becony, the Mayor or her office to add an address to the grass-cutting list.

Clmn Vaughn moved to adjourn the Caucus Meeting and his motion stood approved by 6 Yes votes and 1 Absent vote. Council President Burke adjourned the Caucus Meeting at 6:49 p.m.

Approved,

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Burke
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Council Clerk