

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, February 11, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m. by Council President Matt Burke.

INVOCATION BY: Council President Matt Burke

ROLL CALL: **PRESENT:** Council Members Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT BURKE: The Reading and Disposal of the Minutes for Monday, January 28, 2019.

CLMN SUSTER: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Garfield Heights City Council, dated Monday, January 28, 2019 as written.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Suster to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the City of Garfield Heights for Monday, January 28, 2019, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn
The Meeting Minutes passed with 7 Yes votes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: We will move on to the Reports of the Mayor and the Directors. Mayor, do you have a report for us this evening?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I do. Once again, tonight we have the honor of congratulating another Garfield Heights sports team for an outstanding season. The Eighth Grade Boys School Basketball Team finished the 2018-2019 basketball season with a 13-3 overall record. They also were the Champions of the Greater Cleveland Conference

Tournament. Their 2-year record for the middle school was 30-6. Great record. The boys also excelled in their classroom as student athletes. One of those young athletes, Tommy Ben, has one of the highest GPAs in the school with a 4.2. Their academic and athletic work has made Garfield Heights proud. I want to thank Coach Bill Ritter, all the players and assistant coaches for a job well done. Coach, if you would, I'd like you to come forward with your team and introduce them to Council and to all the people here. Athletes, all up front.

Coach Bill Ritter. I would like to thank the Mayor and Council very much for the honor and privilege of having our basketball team come to the meeting to be honored tonight. It's my privilege and blessing to have been able to coach these young men over the past two years. As the Mayor mentioned we have some outstanding student athletes to go along with their athletic ability. I know Coach Sonny Johnson at the high school's looking forward to them becoming high school players. This is exactly the type of individual that he wants. Scholar athletes—not just athletes.

If I could call the guys off. If you would just step forward when you hear your name? Jalen Davis, Stevie Cornwell, Tommy Ben, Ermayer Mitchell, Anthony Golubski, Mila McGaugh, Noah Werman and Antonio Cavaya. I'd also like to thank Principal Sauer, Principal Glazer and our new athletic director for coming out to support us. I don't want to keep any more of your time. I'm sorry. I saw a mom over there saying what's going on. I missed Antonio Bonnie. I would love to thank the parents for all their support. You always hear about the negative things going down. Mandree Reet, step up, lad. Did I miss somebody? I'm sorry. You hear a lot of negative things about parental interference with the program, but this was nothing but support. When you put all those components together, you have an opportunity to win a championship. Thank you very much for having us here. If we could have a little hand for the boys?

PRESIDENT BURKE: And as always, I would just like to say that while you don't have to stay for the Council Meeting, if you want to, you are more than welcome to, but if you wish to leave now, you can. Please do it quietly so that we can still run our meeting. Thank you.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you very much. You really make Garfield Heights proud. We're happy.

PRESIDENT BURKE: OK, Mayor.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: OK. We're going to continue on. I once again want to remind everybody about the Alzheimer's Association and Dementia Meeting they are having here. Again, Alzheimer's is not normal aging. It's a disease of the brain that causes problems with memory, thinking and behavior. Please join us on Tuesday, February 26th from 7 o'clock to 8 o'clock right here at the Garfield Heights Civic Center for this important meeting. To register for this meeting, please call 1-800-272-3900. This is a disease that has really taken hold of us in the last few years and it's something that all families will be dealing with so if you get an opportunity I think it's a great place to go next Thursday.

I also wanted to take a moment to talk to Council and the residents. I had the opportunity about a week or two ago to attend a meeting for the Garfield Heights School Teachers. They were basically principals and some of the assistant principals. It was about emergency responses. It was really something. It was about a four-hour program. In the past when we

were young we used to think about the teachers had to make sure they taught the kids what to do, they had to keep track of the children and they had to be a part of their education. Today some of their duties are a little different. They were talking about what a teacher has to do if an active shooter's in the school. That's the kind of teaching they get. It was unbelievable when it came right down to what should a teacher do if they're between the gunman and the student. That's how serious some of this stuff is. I can't be any more proud of the Garfield Heights teachers. They do a phenomenal job with the resources they have. They really do phenomenal things. The thought that they have to go through training because of active shooters out there, it's scary what this world has become. I give them all the credit in the world. They went through a great program. Unfortunately, I'm sorry that I don't have the instructor's name, but she did a phenomenal job. It was really a good job.

The next thing I wanted to say was at the last Council Meeting Ordinance 5-2019 talked about fire gear that was being purchased for the Fire Department. I mistakenly said that the fire gear was being paid for by a grant. I was informed that that grant actually ran out a couple years ago and that cost to the city would be \$24,000.00. So I wanted to make sure I corrected that statement.

With that, I'm going to get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 11-2019 authorizing the city to increase its rates for emergency medical services.

Resolution 2 allows us to apply for a grant for fire training and equipment. Resolution 3 allows us to apply for a Community Recycling Grant. Resolution 4 appointing Doug (Doug, I hope I don't get your name wrong. I see it all the time and it's just Doug. Is he here? I know you by Doug.) The reason that I selected him for this position is because he's at every meeting anyway. He's very familiar with what's going on in the city. He really is an active participant in the city. So I really endorse Doug. Is it Piascik? Piascik. I was close. You have to spell it different. I'll be able to pronounce it. Anyways I would certainly like Doug's support for this position.

With that, I want to wish everybody a Happy Valentine's Day. Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mayor. Does anybody have any questions for Mayor Collova on his report this evening? Yes, Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Mayor, with Mr. Piascik taking Elizabeth Jackson's place did you want to inform everybody why we're doing this?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Elizabeth Jackson has done a great job. She's been on the Planning Commission for many years--long before I was the Mayor. She has done an outstanding job. She had a knee operation about a year ago. She got an infection in that knee and they had to re-operate on it. She is in some pretty bad shape. She can't even walk. She has to use a walker or a wheelchair. As much as she would have liked to have spent more time with the Planning Commission, she felt it was her duty to back out. Now believe me at which time she would heal up we would certainly look to put her back somewhere in the city because she's done a great job.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Are there any other questions for Mayor Collova this evening? If there are none, we will move on to our Law Director Tim Riley. Tim, do you have a report for us this evening?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: No report this evening.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Tim. We'll move on to our Fire Chief, Chief Strope. Do you have a report for us this evening?

FIRE CHIEF KENNETH STROPE: No report this evening either.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Chief. We'll move on to our Police Chief. Chief Byrne, do you have a report for us this evening?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman. It's just a reminder that the 21st of February from 9:00-11:00 a.m. we will host Coffee with a Cop at the Rockside Road McDonald's and everybody is invited. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Does anyone have any questions for Chief Byrne this evening? There are none. We'll move on to our Service Director Mr. Tim McLaughlin. Tim, do you have a report for us?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. Just to touch on the rubbish with the taking the cans in. Since the middle of October there's been 166 tickets written. There is 1,267 final warnings. So the next one these people are going to get a ticket. It's amazing that some people have already. We have seven houses that's already gotten four tickets and they still continue to leave them out so evidently they have enough money to keep paying the tickets. We're still working at it. Some weeks you think you did better and other weeks it seems like we go right back to where we were so we will keep on enforcing it.

There is some discussion about water breaks in the city. Just from January 2nd to the present, we have had 26 water breaks. Some of them were pretty big. There are a few around here right now. There's one that everybody is talking about or calling about on Langton and 106th. It was marked by the utilities. All the flags are around it. We've called Cleveland repeatedly because it actually was a fire hydrant break. They can't just shut off the fire hydrant because the way it was done, you'd shut off the water to the houses. Cleveland is so busy that they are contracting out water breaks so we called the company and they are actually working in our city already. They're on Warner Road with a big water break on the bottom of it. They said that hopefully they would get there some time this week. They didn't give us a guarantee but it's the best we could do. Since the beginning of October, we've had 57 breaks. Like the cold we had for a few days and some will pop up all over. It seems like a lot but as long as I've been here, we've had times where we had 160 of them in a winter. I think some of the streets that they replaced water lines on has helped us out in the last three/four years. Anyhow, there's been a lot of people talking about water breaks and we're not by ourselves. Every city's in this problem.

The last thing I have is the new asphalt trailer came in two weeks ago. We've already used it three times in the last 10 days. We take the cold patch and heat it and put it down. It was out today for a while. Whenever we have time until the hot patch plants open. One of them's opening next week, but I don't think I'm going to pay \$143.00/ton. It's a convenience thing. That's why they're opening this early, but I think until the regular ones all open together we will continue to buy the cold patch, heat it and put it down. That truck is only being used right now weather permitting.

The last last thing. The leaf program doesn't go through the whole winter. I mean we've had some calls wanting to know when we're coming to get their leaves. Those trucks are long gone, put away. We stayed out three weeks longer this year and I would think in February if you didn't rake your leaves before that, I mean so. They can put them in a bag or a can but we're not coming back out to get them. I think next October will probably be the next time we'll be picking up leaves. With that, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Tim. Does anybody have any questions for Mr. McLaughlin on his report tonight? There are none, we'll move on to our Parks and Rec Director, Robert Dobies. Bob, do you have a report for us this evening?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Yes, I do. Mr. President and Council Members, good evening. Just a couple things this evening. Our futsal, our indoor soccer program, is into a second week of games and remains very popular.

Thinking spring, the t-ball information will be up on the Website shortly. Registration will be from March 1st through April 1st. As in the past, we will send out letters and flyers to families of past participants. This is a co-ed program for those who are five–seven years old. Always looking for managers for t-ball, If anybody's interested please call Kevin Koelliker at (216) 244-6077 or you can contact the Rec Office.

Last, as we come to the end of another skating season, our Annual Melt-the-Ice Tournament is this weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Come out and see our talented youth play along with teams from surrounding areas and out of State competition. This year we will have a special guest on Saturday, 2/16, from about 12:00–1:00 p.m. He might be there a little bit longer. We will have a visit from Sully. Sully is the mascot for our own Cleveland Monster champion hockey team. Along with this year's tournament, 2019 marks 50 years our municipal hockey program has been in existence. This along with 50 years of figure skating marks another landmark in our city, which we can all be proud of. I'd like to say thank you to all our team members, coaches and volunteer parents and our Booster Club along with my staff for making these traditions a reality. Any other questions, please call the Rec Center. Thank you. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Dobies. Does anyone have any questions for Mr. Dobies on his report this evening? If there are none, we will move on to our Finance Director, Ms. Barb Biro. Barb, do you have a report for us?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARB BIRO: No, I do not, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BURKE: We'll move on to our City Engineer, Mr. David Krock. Dave, do you have a report for us?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Thanks, Mr. Chairman, I have no report this evening.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thanks, Dave. Let's go to our Social Services Director, Kathy Rush-Parsson. Kathy, do you have a report for us this evening?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSON: Yes, I do. Thank you. Just a quick reminder that we are currently taking appointments for the free tax preparation service offered by the AARP volunteers. Appointments are filling up fast. They are available on Fridays from 9:15 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. weekly, ending on April 5th. You must bring a valid form of ID and last year's tax return. If you would like to make an appointment or if you need more information, please call the Senior Center. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: OK. Does anybody have any questions for Kathy on her report this evening? If not, we'll move on to our Economic Development Director, Noreen Kuban. Noreen, do you have a report for us this evening?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. I urge Council to support Resolution 3-2019. We want to apply for the 2019 Community Recycling Awareness Grant. We can receive up to \$5,000.00 in reimbursement without a city match. The purpose of the program is to educate residents about recycling awareness. We will also hold two recycling events this year. The first on May 4th. The second on September 21st.

I mentioned this at the last Council Meeting that our next Help for Homeowners event program will be on Wednesday, February 27th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. I urge people to contact Neighborhood Housing Services in advance. Ask for Stephanie at (216) 205-4468.

This is something I just became aware of and I wanted to share it with residents. Northeast Ohio Sewer District has some programs for individuals who need assistance.

◇ The first is the Homestead Rate Program and residents can get a reduced quarterly sewer rate. It is for customers 65 years or older or anyone who is under 65 and totally disabled. The person must own their house and you can get a discount.

◇ The second one is the Summer Sprinkling Program. I know many people know about this. That operates from May 1st through September 30th. For both those programs, the phone number is (216) 881-8247.

◇ There's also two additional programs. One is the Wastewater Affordability Program. Customers who have income levels below 200% of the Poverty Level can get reduced rates for their sewer bill.

◇ Finally, there's a Plumbing and Sewer Repair Program. It's an emergency service line replacement. You must be a homeowner as well and must meet the income guidelines. For those two programs, the direct phone number is (216) 901-1222. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Ms. Kuban. Does anybody have any questions for Noreen on her report this evening? There are none, we'll move on to our Building Commissioner, Mr. Mark Moro. Mark, do you have a report this evening?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: No report this evening.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. That concludes our reports from the Mayor and the Directors. We will move on now to the communications from citizens on tonight's agenda. Would the Clerk please read the rules?

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:

CLERK: Comments shall be strictly limited to brief statements not to exceed five minutes with comments limited to legislation on the current evening's agenda. No citizen shall speak more than once.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Is there anyone wishing to speak on any of the ordinances or resolutions on tonight's agenda? If there are none, we will move on to Ordinances and Resolutions, beginning with Ordinance 11-2019. Would the Clerk please read this in its entirety?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2019

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO INCREASE ITS RATES FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

(The Clerk read Ordinance No. 11-2019 in its entirety.)

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER AS READ:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa

PRESIDENT BURKE: On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Nenadovich.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN SUSTER: Before I vote, I'd like to say you have to realize with this, if you are a resident of the city of Garfield Heights this costs you nothing if you call the rescue squad. If you live outside the city, say someone's at your house and something happens to them, they will be billed. With Garfield Heights we don't pay anything as far as residents go. Our rates have been probably the lowest for the last five years. If you have ever needed them, believe me, it's worth the ride. I vote Yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote, you did a great job reading that, by the way, thank you. We definitely need to keep our costs and everything in line. I agree with Mr. Suster's saying this will not cost the residents anything more. It will be more the people that are involved in automobile accidents and people driving through this town than it will be our residents. With that, I vote Yes.

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, I say that Clmn Suster and Clmn Vaughn probably made it as clear as can be. So if you're a resident they basically going to take whatever your insurance company pays, you know. You got to understand that when you're not a resident of Garfield Heights, you are allowed emergency services and it costs us for them to be at point A and point B and to transport people. That insurance company should cover the fray of cost and it is not passed on to us as residents of the city of Garfield Heights. With that, I vote Yes.

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 11-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2019

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE AT THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT GRANT PROVIDED BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

PRESIDENT BURKE: On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Suster.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN SUSTER: Before I vote, these are the kind of resolutions that even if it were an ordinance, I would have to vote Yes on it because when it comes to our safety forces they need the best equipment that they can have in order to do their job. With that, I do vote Yes.

AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 02-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2019

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMUNITY / PUBLIC RELATIONS / GRANT COORDINATOR OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS TO APPLY FOR THE 2019 COMMUNITY RECYCLING AWARENESS GRANT

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

PRESIDENT BURKE: On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Suster.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 03-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2019

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF DOUGLAS PIASCIK AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO TO FILL THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF ELIZABETH JACKSON DURING THE PERIOD COMMENCING IMMEDIATELY AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke

PRESIDENT BURKE: On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Vaughn.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote, I've gotten to know Doug over the past few years and I think he will be a great asset to this committee. He is involved in many things in our community. He attends meetings. I look forward to working with him on this committee. I am going to follow a suggestion that was made by my fellow Councilman in chambers that Doug wear a shirt and tie and pants to all the meetings. So with that, I vote Yes.

CLMN LAMALFA: Before I vote, I'd like to just tell Doug that he has to turn that ipad off during the meeting and when you read, keep your head up. Don't look down. I vote Yes.

CLMN GLENN: Before I vote, welcome aboard, Doug. We need more people like you to attend Council Meetings and be aware of what's going on in the city. Thank you for coming on. I vote Yes.

CLMN SUSTER: Before I vote, I'd just like to say I'd like to congratulate Doug on being put on the committee. I think Doug knows probably more of what's going on in the city than 80% of the people that live in the city. As you heard the Mayor say, he attends all the meetings that are going on. Even if it is not a meeting he calls people and things like that. He's very interested in this. It's sad to see Elizabeth Jackson going because I can't say she's been around as long as I am, but she's been around for quite some time and did a fantastic job. With that, I vote Yes.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Before I vote, I would just like to say I've known Doug Piascik for a long, long time. We go back to the days of the Garfield Heights Baseball League and seeing his kids grow up and he's seen my kids grow up. I would tell you I've never met a man who is more focused on what he wants to do, when he wants to do it. With that, I vote Yes.

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 04-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT BURKE: That concludes tonight's Ordinances and Resolutions. We will move on now to Comments by Citizens. Will the Clerk 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 BURKE: Is there anyone wishing to make a comment tonight?

Mildred Whitmore, 13154 Forestdale Drive. I've been living here since the early 70s. I'm having a problem with a new neighbor. It started the first month she moved in. I went on vacation for two weeks. I came back and found rocks thrown at the front of my garage. I saw her and I said I want you to come around the back. I want to show you something. She came out there and well my kids haven't been outside. It must be the mens that been working over here. Which I don't believe because I had been talking with these mens for months.

However, on the 21st of January, I was out pushing the snow and I kept hearing this noise upstairs in the house's bedroom. I stood there. I saw a little arm come out. Then a big green garbage bag come out. I been picking up trash behind these people ever since they been over there. I'm sick and tired of it. I don't want to say anything to her because sometimes bursts of observation is lasting. I brought these pictures. (*Ms. Whitmore distributed pictures to Council.*) The little plastic baggies look like urine in it.

I knocked on her window. She didn't come to the window. I knocked on the shutter. She still dkn't come but I could hear somebody walking and he dog barking. Then a little while later a little boy come out, no coat on, didn't seem like he had no shoes, running around and picked up this big bag of trash. I told him I'm tired of you all throwing this trash out. There ain't nobody throwing no trash out here and he went on back in the house. Now what an be done about it?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Ms. Whitmore, Mr. President, if I may?

PRESIDENT BURKE: Sure.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I didn't mark down your address. What's your address again?

MS. WHITMORE: My address? 13154 Forestdale Drive.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: They're the house next door to you?

MS. WHITMORE: Her's is 13150. Victoria Priest.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: 13150?

MS. WHITMORE: Yes.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: 13150?

MS. WHITMORE: I had called on Mr. Dudley late on a Sunday. I know I sounded harsh on the phone, but I wanted him to come out there before they cleaned it up, but they still haven't cleaned it up. I'm sick of it.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Let me ask you this? I would love to catch them in the act or at least have one of our people visually see them throw it out.

MS. WHITMORE: I saw them this time because I been cleaning it up because I couldn't say they did until I saw them.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Let me get with the Building Department. Let me see what we can do with the Building Department, with the Police Department. We will make sure that they're contacted and they know what they're doing is wrong and they could be cited.

MS. WHITMORE: OK, but see after that then here you get another day and here is a dog food can. Then you get another day and there's another dog food can. It seems like she's just letting them do it for purpose.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Unfortunately some people that's the way they live. Unfortunately, but if they have to pay some money that usually straightens them out a bit. We'll try to do something and get some sort of a claim against them. We'll cite them somehow.

MS. WHITMORE: OK.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: All right?

CLMN GLENN: Mrs. Whitmore. I'd like to ask you a question. I looked at the one picture there. It looks like the trash bags are next to your driveway? I don't see no doorway there. So they have to really go out of their way to put that trash there?

MS. WHITMORE: No. They throwing out the bedroom windows upstairs.

CLMN GLENN: Upstairs. Down on your property. It's coming on your property. This is intentionally done maliciously.

MS. WHITMORE: Yes.

CLMN GLENN: That's all I have to say, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Gene.

CLMN DUDLEY: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: I wanted to mention you said you drove by and didn't get a chance to stop there. I didn't get a chance to stop Sunday. If you go by you could see how where the items is positioned and stuff like. That is obviously, Mayor, that is not coming out by like the back door so somebody can go around from that point if nobody don't see it. Ms. Whitmore been here for a long time.

You know we had a problematic problem with the other side. We was able to take care of the other side with the dog at that time that issue and a neighbor before that, but this neighbor right here just that I think they really doing it just to more or less to aggravate her more than

anything. She should not have to deal with stuff like that. Anything we can do, like I say, I'm definitely going to pay a visit over there myself. I wasn't able to go Sunday, but just a drive by just to see what conditions are in that home. I'm going to peek in the back yard to see how them people live. She got to be in violation of some standards the way they maintain the back yard at least. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Dudley. Is there anyone else wishing to address Council this evening? If there are none, we will move on to our Miscellaneous Business. Will the Clerk please read the rules.

CLERK: This involves the business of Council in the legislative function; any other problems should be directly dealt with by the department involved. This area of the agenda shall be limited to legislative business, Ward business, lack of attention toward problems, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: Since I gave the invocation, I'll begin tonight. Just want to remind everybody that I have a Community Awareness Meeting coming up next Wednesday right here at the Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. We'll have our very own Pat Salemi there to talk about some of the grants that she is working on and some of other things that she has been working on in the city.

I want to wish everybody a Happy Valentine's Day. Be safe out there. That's really all I have. Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the Valentine's Day wishes.

I would like to thank Elizabeth Jackson at this time. I sat on this committee with her for the past eight years. I'll tell you she held those builders and stuff to the toe when they came in there. She made sure in front of every building, (right, Mayor?) there was greenery, flowers, shrubs, whatever it took. She did her homework. She knew what was going on. She stood up to Bill. I don't think Mark had much dealings with her, but I'm sorry she had to leave. It was a pleasure working with her. I wish her nothing but better health.

Mrs. Whitmore, I'm sorry that you have to live like that. Nobody should have to. This is just ridiculous. People have to start taking and being accountable for their actions. We have to start holding them to that accountability, whatever it takes. It's the only way we're going to all survive living close together.

With that, that's all I have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: OK. First of all, anybody see me jiggling my phone I just got information that I got to put up tonight that is actually on the phone because I don't have a copy of all the sheets in front of me.

First of all, I'd like to thank Ms. Elizabeth Jackson because she kind of took what they call a part-time job but she worked it like it was a full-time commitment. That makes a difference.

How much you make. How much you're paid. How much you're committed to do in the position that you are assigned or appointed to by the Mayor or anybody else. You should take that seriously. That she did.

Also, I would like to congratulate the Eighth Grade Boys Basketball Team. That one guy. Oh, man. He should be in high school now. Congratulations. Good to see children doing that.

I'd like to announce that we have our program coming up which is on this coming Friday February 15th at 6:30 p.m. We're going to be celebrating Black History at the Garfield Heights Performing Arts Center, 4900 Turney Road.

I'd like to do two things. First of all, I'd like to thank the corporate sponsors because the program wouldn't be possible. It's at no cost to the city. No city dollars have been spent by the program. The money is raised. We got people who make great donations and gifts to be raffled off as well. One of our corporate sponsors is called Eagle Used Auto Parts. They're not in Garfield Heights but they've been supporting this program as well as some future endeavors that we're thinking about working on. That's Eagle Used Auto Parts in Cleveland off of 116th. We also have Metro PC, which is Metro T Mobile now. That is one of the sponsors. We are familiar with McDonald's, which is John and Nancy. They do a lot of things for the city of Garfield Heights for us, contributing one way or another. We have Lucas Funeral Home, which is in Garfield Heights, Lorenzo Dog Trainer, which is a part of Garfield Heights as well that trains dogs. We have Baumann's, which had a fire incident, but they also contributed. We also have for computer problems, Weldon PC, which came in this year as a supporter. Those are corporate supporters.

It also would not be possible but we have it good because of special thanks to Mayor Vic Collova who supported the program since the beginning. He's always here and Jeanne is always there. They wouldn't miss none of them. Garfield Heights City Schools. Without them, we wouldn't have a location to perform this show. They've been very supportive. Including Mr. O. and Ms. Allison Wilco, I have known for years, Council President Matt Burke. I'd like to thank him. One of the Councilmen, Mike Nenadovich, who done it throughout the years, Councilman Vaughn. That's why I was looking at my phone, people. Also Mr. Hero on Turney Road. He's a great supporter here. That's run by Mr. Patel. The Subway at East 131st. Their Mr. Jason Blake. We appreciate the support that you all give. The program wouldn't be possible. I'd like to thank them. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Dudley. Mr. LaMalfa, do you have anything?

CLMN LAMALFA: I don't have anything tonight.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, Jenn, you did a great job tonight so far. I appreciate it.

Let's keep Elizabeth Jackson in our prayers. Hope that this infection goes away. There's a lot of that going around these operations today. It's very life threatening some of these infections they pick up.

Again, I'd like to congratulate the Eighth Grade Basketball Team. Again, Mr. Dudley, that one guy should be playing with the Browns.

I'd like to wish everybody a Happy Valentine's Day. With that, thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Nenadovich. Mr. Glenn, do you have anything you'd like to share?

CLMN GLENN: I do. I'd just like to make a couple comments. A long process in the making about Turneytown, Save-A-Lot. They're looking a lot better. Took years to get to where we're at. Right now, it's a continuous process. Building Department's doing a good job in reinforcing that. I want to thank everybody that had any input on that.

Also, I would like to say to my wife, Anne Glenn, Happy Valentine's. That's all I have to say.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Glenn.

CLMN SUSTER: Mr. Chairman, tonight, very quickly, it's Chief Strobe's birthday.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Really? Well happy birthday, Chief Strobe.

CLMN SUSTER: I don't think we should let that slip, do you?

PRESIDENT BURKE: No.

CLMN SUSTER: He was trying to hide it from everybody. Are you volunteering to sing to Chief Strobe?

CLMN DUDLEY: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Yes.

CLMN DUDLEY: I want to mention that there's a special guest speaker in Ms. Eleanor Hayes. If you remember her when she was an anchor and Emmy Award Winner, as a Thurgood Marshall Journalist Award Winner, former TV news anchor WJW TV 8 and a Member of the Ohio Broadcasters' Hall of Fame. She's going to be our keynote speaker. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: All right. Mr. Suster, do you have anything you'd like to share with us?

CLMN SUSTER: Yes. I also would like to congratulate the Eighth Grade Basketball Team.

I would like to thank Jennifer for giving up her time tonight to come and take Minutes for us while Barb's off ill, I guess.

I'd like to wish everybody a Happy Valentine's Day.

Mrs. Whitmore is a lady at all of our meetings and shows concern at our city. I don't think you should have to put up with what you're putting up with right now. That's disgusting to anybody,

no matter who it is. I hope that the Mayor and the Police Chief are able to get that cleared up for you because you really don't deserve it. That's all I have this evening.

PRESIDENT BURKE: OK. Our next Regular scheduled Council Meeting will be on February 25, 2019. At this time, I'd like to make a motion that we adjourn tonight's Council Meeting. Do I have a second?

CLMN NENADOVICH: I second.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Nenadovich has a Second. All in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed? Meeting adjourned.

AYES: Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:52 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Matthew Burke
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council