

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

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

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Michael Dudley, Sr.

PRESIDENT BURKE: At this time, we will have the swearing in ceremony for all of Council. I would like to invite the Mayor up to start that process and then all the elected officials that are going to be swearing in their Councilperson of choice as well.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Must be something special happening tonight. Never seen this many people. This is great. Before I get started with the swearing in, I would like to start off with a guest Judge, Judge Anita Lester-Mays, our own Judge Nicastro, would you stand up, Judge? It's very important to acknowledge the Judges because you never know when you will be in front of them. Really and truly, my favorite Mayor, our neighboring Mayor, Mayor Blackwell from Maple Heights. I thank you all for being here. We are going to get started with the oath of office and Clmn Dudley, if you'd step forward please with your family. Pastor Snell.

The City Council Members were then sworn in as follows:

- Pastor Snell swore in Clmn Michael Dudley, Sr. as Councilman of Ward 1.
- Mayor Collova swore in Clmn Charles Donahue as Councilman of Ward 2.
- Mayor Collova swore in Clmn Michael Nenadovich as Councilman of Ward 3.
- Judge Lester-Mays swore in Clwn Shayla Davis as Councilwoman of Ward 4.
- Mayor Collova swore in Clmn Jason Blake as Councilman of Ward 5.
- Mayor Collova swore in Clmn Matt Burke as Councilman of Ward 6.
- Judge Nicastro swore in Clmn Thomas Vaughn as Councilman of Ward 7.

Photographs were taken of each Council Member with his/her family immediately following each swearing in. Once all the Council Members had been sworn in they posed for a group photo with Mayor Collova.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Council, I want to tell you that I am very pleased with everybody that won this election—that is the new Council people and the incumbents. I appreciate you being here. I think we are going to have a great two years. I know that people have been hearing me say this for a long time. We are so close to a breakthrough in Garfield Heights. I feel very comfortable that you guys are going to be a part of this. I'm looking forward to a great two years. I want to remind everybody when Council speaks, please pull the mike down so we can get it recorded. It's very important. Joe LaMalfa almost did it once in two years. We're hoping

that we can get everything on record. Thank you very much. Everybody that's here, immediately after the Council Meeting--it's going to be somewhat short unless Mike Dudley talks too long--we're going to have bakery and coffee and water in the adjacent room so please join us.

With that said, I'm going to get into my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Mayor, we have to do the rest of the meeting before your report. Echoing what the Mayor said too, if you are not speaking at that time, push your microphone up because it's hard for the Clerk to decipher who is talking if you guys are talking during somebody's address. Will the Clerk please take the roll call.

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: At this time, I would like to entertain nominations for President of City Council. Does anyone have any nominations for President of City Council?

CLMN BLAKE: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Blake.

CLMN BLAKE: I would like to nominate Clmn Matt Burke for City Council President.

PRESIDENT BURKE: We have a nomination for myself.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I second that.

PRESIDENT BURKE: It is seconded by Mike Nenadovich. Are there any nominations for President of City Council?

CLWN DAVIS: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ms. Davis.

CLWN DAVIS: I'd like to nominate Clmn Dudley.

PRESIDENT BURKE: We have a nomination for Clmn Dudley for President of City Council. Are there any other nominations? OK. Barb, if you could take a roll call vote on which candidate that they would like to see for President of City Council at this time starting with Clmn Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: Yes.

PRESIDENT BURKE: You're voting for yourself?

CLMN DUDLEY: I'm voting for myself. Yeah.

CLMN DONAHUE: Matt Burke.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Matt Burke.

CLWN DAVIS: Mike Dudley.

CLMN BLAKE: Matt Burke.

CLMN BURKE: I'll vote for Matt Burke.

CLMN VAUGHN: Matt Burke.

PRESIDENT BURKE: At a vote of 5-2 I will be serving as the President of City Council for another term and I appreciate that. Thank you. At this time, I'd like to entertain nominations for President Pro Tem. Do I have any nominations?

CLMN DONAHUE: I'd like to nominate Mike Nenadovich.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Donahue nominates Mike Nenadovich. Are there any nominations for President Pro Tem? There are none. Then we will take a roll call vote on this. Seconded by Tom Vaughn.

CLMN DUDLEY: No.

CLMN DONAHUE: Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Yes.

CLWN DAVIS: Yes.

CLMN BLAKE: Yes.

CLMN BURKE: Yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: Yes.

PRESIDENT BURKE: By a vote of 6 Yes and 1 No, Mike Nenadovich will be the President Pro Tem for the next term.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I thank you all very much. I appreciate it.

PRESIDENT BURKE: At this time, I would like to entertain nominations for the Clerk of Council. I would like to nominate Barb Molin as the Clerk of Council.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Second.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Seconded by Mr. Nenadovich. Are there any other nominations for Clerk of Council? There are none. Let's take a roll call vote on Clerk of Council Barb Molin.

CLMN DUDLEY: Yes.

CLMN DONAHUE: Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Yes.

CLWN DAVIS: Yes.

CLMN BLAKE: Yes.

CLMN BURKE: Yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: Yes.

PRESIDENT BURKE: By unanimous decision, Barb Molin is our Clerk of Council for the next term.

CLERK: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: You're welcome, Barb. We will move on now to Reading and Disposal of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting for Monday, October 28, 2019.

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I would like to make a motion that we accept the Council Minutes as written for Monday, October 28, 2019.

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

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

PRESIDENT BURKE: The Meeting Minutes for Monday October 28, 2019 have been 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: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I do. Thank you. I want to start off we had our Veterans' Day Memorial Celebration yesterday right here at the city hall. It was attended very well. It was a great tribute to our Veterans. We had many Veterans that were there that have been here for many years at VFW and they really appreciate when we do something like this for them to show our respect. Prior to that, a couple of days before that I had an opportunity to go to Marymount Place and have a celebration also for the Veterans. They had a flyer that they put out. It really touched me. I wanted to share it with you. It's called The Veteran.

"It is the Veteran not the preacher who has given us the freedom of religion.
It is the Veteran, not the reporter who has given us freedom of the press.
It is the Veteran not the poet who has given us freedom of speech.
It is the Veteran not the campus organizer who has given us the freedom to assemble.
It is the Veteran not the lawyer who has given us the right to fair trial.
It is the Veteran not the politician who has given us the right to vote.
It is the Veteran who salutes the flag who serves under the flag and whose coffin is draped by the flag.
May God bless the Veterans and may they feel the love of a grateful nation."

I know yesterday was Veterans' Day but I thought it was important to bring this and share it with all of you. So we respect the Veterans.

Next, I want to bring this up. For everybody that has e-mailed the Mayor or any of our staff or Directors and has not received an e-mail back, before you send the bomb to the house because you're upset, we had a very serious virus here that affected our e-mail. To give you an example, today on my computer it showed that we had 45 e-mails sent over the weekend, but we only received 15 of them. So we're working on that. We have an outside group working on it. We have our IT guy working on it. So if for whatever reason, you send an e-mail and you don't get a response, please call us because that very well could be the problem.

Last thing I wanted to talk a little bit about: Benny the ice skating dog. I don't know if anybody had a chance to get to the Recreation Center. They brought in this dog that lives in Las Vegas. Actually later in the week they are going to be in Vegas at the Vegas (I forget what the name of their new pro hockey team is) but he's going to be the half-time entertainment at that show. He was here in our Garfield Recreation Center. The Recreation Center was filled and this dog was the most amazing dog I have ever met in my life. His name is Benny. He absolutely ice skates. He is amazing. He does a great job. I want to thank them and thank the Rec Department for bringing that in for all of the residents that showed up for that. We had quite a few.

With that, I'm going to move on to tonight's legislation. Ordinance 52-2019 allows us to sell some of the vehicles that are no longer being utilized by the city. Ordinance 53. We are entering into an agreement to audit our vehicles for the BMV. The city has hired Ms. Pride for over 20 years now to audit the motor vehicles, registration records, to make sure that all registrations for residents and business are properly allocated to the city. She has been successful in reallocating monies every year in the approximate amount of \$2,500.00/year. So we certainly want to go with that contract again. It more than pays for itself. I would appreciate your support on Ordinance 53. Ordinance 54. We want to enter an agreement with NOACA to accept a grant for the Antenucci Rehab Program. I'm sure there's a lot of people here that will appreciate that because Antenucci has been in bad shape for quite a while. We're looking forward to getting some money to make that happen. Ordinance 55. I am asking you to approve the collective bargaining agreement with the safety dispatchers. The safety dispatchers have come back to Garfield Heights and they perform an outstanding job. They do a wonderful job. We appreciate the work that they do. I know the residents appreciate the work that they do. We recently completed a collective bargaining agreement with those safety dispatchers and I would certainly ask for your support to approve that agreement. Ordinance 56 is the same thing. It's a collective bargaining agreement with the jailers and record clerk here in Garfield Heights. The jailers here do a phenomenal job. I could never do the job they do. They handle some really rough situations. They work side by side with the police and handle some pretty tough characters. We have come to an agreement on their contract. We also ask for support on Ordinance 56.

With that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mayor Collova. Does anybody have any questions for the Mayor in regards to his report this evening? If there are none, we will move on to our Law Director, Tim Riley. Tim, do you have a report for us?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: No report this evening.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Tim. We will move on now to our Fire Chief, Fire Chief Strope. Do you have a report for us?

FIRE CHIEF KENNETH STROPE: No report. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Fire Chief Strope. Surely, our Police Chief will have a report.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: I do have a quick one. My report is that we are in desperate need of school guards. I realize today is probably not the best day to ask for school guards, but if anybody is interested there is an application on-line or we have them up at the police station and you get them at the Records window. The rate of pay is \$10.16/hour. It's about 1.5 hours in the morning and 1.5 hours in the afternoon. If anybody's interested, you can either contact my office, just come up and get an application or get one off line. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. I would just ask City Council's support for Ordinance 55 and 56. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Chief Byrne. Does anybody have any questions for Chief Byrne in regards to his report this evening? If there are none, we will move on to our Service Director, Tim McLaughlin. Tim, do you have a report?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. We started out with our first little storm episode that brought out the trucks. We started with 2,000 tons. A lot of people ask that in the beginning. We were called out at one in the morning and hit the roads about 1:30 a.m. and worked until 2:30 p.m. today clearing, salting. Luckily, we didn't get as much snow as they said we were going to get. We used 125 tons of salt today. That's average. We'll see what happens tonight. We are ready to go if we get snow from lake effect.

The first call I got this morning was if we were picking up leaves today. Yeah, I think the plow picked up some of the leaves that were raked out into the street and down the street. We have been through the city once and about halfway through the second time. I'm looking at the long range. It says maybe for about eight days after tomorrow we're going to get the 40s again so we will be back out as soon as possible with all the equipment and people available. I saw that a lot of people did rake over the weekend because it wasn't too bad. We'll be back out and try to get them.

The new Council people, your name plates will hopefully be here by the next Council Meeting. I just wanted to let you know that.

With that, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Does anybody have any comments to make or questions?

CLMN VAUGHN: Tim, I got a call this afternoon about 4:20 p.m. Are you guys going to be going out tomorrow plowing and cleaning up some areas?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: I don't really know. They were taking care of the trucks today. I couldn't tell you.

CLMN VAUGHN: Because some residents on 135th and Milo. You know that stretch into the woods? I got a call about that.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: I can run somebody out there in the morning in a small truck.

CLMN VAUGHN: Right. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: Why don't we use calcium chloride? Do we spray the salt with calcium chloride?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: We don't. There is two reasons. We did it and we measured it years back. Didn't make any big difference. It's cost again. Those trucks are not outfitted for the chemical sprays. Some of them are so old they couldn't be outfitted for it so we don't. Money is the biggest thing.

CLMN DUDLEY: I know it be money because it do make a difference when you use a spray because you be able to look at some other cities it melted quick. I been seven years at ODOT. It makes a difference if I drop salt and if I put on calcium chloride. I can look in my mirror. By the time I come back and make another path, the road is running water. It do have a down side because it can eat your boots and eat up your car. It do clean the streets quicker. So it's a money factor.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: We looked at it a long time go. We tried different things sprayed on to the salt. Moneywise I'm lucky that I get the salt that I get—4,000-5,000 tons—without adding that to it. Our trucks years ago we couldn't even put tanks on them because they're not set up for that. They are too old to be rehabbed and put all that on there. I'd love to have it. I go through some cities and they got double tanks, sprayers on every part of it, but we just don't have that.

CLMN DUDLEY: You don't have to have the tanks. We just had the machine. When the truck pull in it, it sprayed the salt in the back and when you drop it off. When you talk about hills like 131st, etc. the Henry overpass where it get real icy and stuff, cleared out in no time. It's money. All right, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Dudley. Does anybody else have any questions for Mr. McLaughlin? If not, we will move on to our Finance Director, Ms. Barb Biro. Barb, do you have a report for us?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Absent.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARB BIRO: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. This evening I would like to ask for support of Ordinance 52 and 53 on behalf of the Finance Department.

I'd like to add to what Mayor Collova said. I'd like to congratulate Mayor Blackwell on her successful re-election. Mayor Collova and I had the opportunity to work with her last year so we should be very happy that we have the relationship we do with Maple Heights and Mayor Blackwell. It's a very positive one for the city of Garfield Heights for its business and residents. I truly hope that as you take your next term the residents of Maple Heights truly understand what a wonderful lady you are, leading your city with honesty and integrity. They are lucky to have you. I had the pleasure to work with Mayor Blackwell and she is a great lady. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Ms. Biro. Does anybody have any questions for Barb on her report? There are none, we will move on to our City Engineer, David Krock. Dave, do you have a report?

CITY ENGINEER DAVE KROCK: Just a brief one. As the Mayor mentioned on Ordinance 54 this is the half million dollars from NOACA for Antenucci Boulevard in fiscal year 2024. So it's a few years out but happily we finally have that in line and I just recommend approval of that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Does anybody have any questions for Mr. Krock on his report? There are none. Let's move on to our Social Services Director, Kathy Rush-Parsson. Kathy, do you have a report for us this evening?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSON: Thank you, Mr. President. I have nothing new to report this evening.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Kathy. Last, but not least, let's move over to our Economic Development Director, Noreen Kuban. Noreen, do you have a report for us?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Thank you, Mr. President. I have nothing this evening.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: Absent.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. That concludes our reports of the Mayor and the Directors. We will move on now to communications from citizens on tonight's agenda. Will 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 anybody wishing to make any comments on tonight's agenda? There are none, we will move on to our Ordinances and Resolutions beginning with Ordinance 52-2019. Will the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 52-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PROPERTY WHICH HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES PURSUANT TO SECTION 129.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Burke Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 52-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 53-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A TWO-YEAR MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION AUDIT AGREEMENT, FOR THE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2020, WITH DALENE M. PRIDE, GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS CONSULTANT, TO CONDUCT AUDITS OF CERTAIN OHIO BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES RECORDS.

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Burke, Vaughn

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Burke, Vaughn

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Burke, Vaughn

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Burke, Vaughn

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 53-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 54-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NORTHEAST OHIO AREAWIDE COORDINATING AGENCY ("NOACA") TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING FOR THE ANTENUCCI BOULEVARD REHABILITATION PROJECT.

Moved by BLAKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Blake, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:
AYES: Blake, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:
AYES: Blake, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis

PRESIDENT BURKE: On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Blake.
VOTE ON ADOPTION:
AYES: Blake, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 54-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 55-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE (FOP), OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC – SAFETY DISPATCHERS.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:
AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Burke

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:
AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Burke

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:
AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Burke

PRESIDENT BURKE: On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Vaughn.
VOTE ON ADOPTION:
AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Burke

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 55-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 56-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS AND THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE (FOP), OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC – JAILERS/RECORDS CLERKS.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:
AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Burke

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:
AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Burke

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:
AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Burke

PRESIDENT BURKE: On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Vaughn.
VOTE ON ADOPTION:
AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Burke

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 56-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes. That concludes tonight's Ordinances and Resolutions.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT BURKE: 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 any comments to Council tonight?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: If there are none, we will move on to Miscellaneous Business. If the Clerk would 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.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Since our invocation was given by Mr. Dudley, we will start with Mr. Dudley this evening.

CLMN DUDLEY: First of all, I want to thank you all for coming out tonight. Once upon a time, it was the people who decided who the Council President was in Garfield Heights. It was not decided by a couple Members on Council to do the same status quo. The way that we end up voting ourselves was we did not want to get a petition with 2,000 signatures in order for that decision to be made. I don't believe that we should have to go out and get 2,000 signatures in order to put it back on the ballot once again. I believe we ought to take back to the people and allow them to have an opportunity. Let the people vote and decide who they Council President should be. I feel that's only fair. I am going to request that. I do expect that I will be able to back on that because as Members of Council we cannot vote No to give you an opportunity to choose something that be a part of your Charter. We got a law to come to you. So I am going to request it and I don't think I'm being denied it because Council didn't have to go out and get signatures to put it on. I thank you all for coming out. This is my start on seventh term, making me the senior man on Council. I enjoy the people in my Ward. I enjoy the people of Garfield Heights. They are great.

I like to congratulate that we got two new Members on the Garfield Heights School Board: Ms. Ashley Thomas and Michelle Daniels over there. We accomplished a lot. That's from the people speaking. People decide they wants what's best for the city. They care less about all the other

stuff. Making a difference if you're Black, White, Asian, Middle Eastern, Hispanic. Makes no difference to the people.

Once again I'd like to thank Clwn Shayla Davis because we ain't had a Councilwoman on here in three terms. She's a fighter. I appreciate her coming. I say they call it taxation without representation. You don't have no women up here. The women ain't getting represented in the city. You must have representation.

I like to say congratulations to Mayor Blackwell. You do an outstanding job. And also our buddy who isn't here tonight. I can't pronounce the name Clmn Trojanski. I wish him the best.

Also congratulate all the Members of the Council and I'm looking forward to working with you all. Clmn Dudley going to be Clmn Dudley regardless. I'm going to do my thing. Thank you all.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, can I have a point of personal privilege and speak for a second?

PRESIDENT BURKE: Absolutely, Mayor.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mike, I just wanted to tell you that we used to have an election for President of Council. That was changed by a vote of the people. The only way it can come back is by another vote of the people. Council can't change that. So you'd have to put that in front of the people, who already voted it down once before. It was the people that made that choice. Just so you understand that it was the people that made the choice—not Council.

CLMN DUDLEY: Mayor, you remember I was here when it happened so I know the people got the choice. The people have to make the decision, but we have the option to put it on the ballot. I want to give the people the choice. You been here I don't know how many years?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: A long time.

CLMN DUDLEY: A long time. So I know we got to take it back. My thing is that I want the Law Director and I know we can't do it in election year. It has to be off year. I'd like to have it put back on the ballot and that's the story for another day.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I just wanted the people to understand what it was.

CLMN DUDLEY: I understand, Mayor. We been around long enough. Thank you, Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Dudley. Mr. Donahue, do you have anything to add?

CLMN DONAHUE: This is my first time. It's been a long time since I've talked in front of a lot of people. First, I would like to thank all the voters for coming out and voting. Not just in Ward 2, but the whole city. It was kind of a bad day most of the day and on and off cold. Sometimes it rained. I appreciate everybody coming out.

I want to congratulate the two new School Board electees. I believe you're going to do a great job. You have children in this school. That will help right there. You will have a lot of interest in the school for the children for yourselves and the students.

Clmn Dudley, I agree with what you say about the people should vote for the Council President. They should have a voice in it also. It should not be the seven of us up there saying who is going to do what. I agree with you on that and if there's any way I can help you get this done, let me know.

CLMN DUDLEY: I appreciate that.

CLMN DONAHUE: I'm not a big speechmaker so I'm going to cut it off right there and just say thank you again for coming out.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Donahue. Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Unaccustomed to public speaking as I am. First of all I'd like to congratulate Mayor Blackwell. That was an 88-12 beating you gave the other person. I'm not mentioning names. Spanking was there.

I'd like to thank the former Council people that stepped down from their Council seats for reasons of their own. We had a great last 10 years together. We had some great leadership. Sitting right here in front of these Directors. We made some decisions nobody was popular with. We didn't have the money, even though Vic tried to get it, Barb just kept saying No. She has a plaque when you walk in that says No. We moved far. We came a long way. Debt payment. Roads paved. Equipment we're replacing. This past Administration has done a lot and I am looking forward to the three new Members keeping us going in a very positive forward direction. We have the momentum. Let's not lose it.

I had occasion to go out on Veterans' Day with my wife and we went to get our free meal at Applebee's. One thing I found in common no matter all through the years I don't know how old most of you are. My service started in 1966. One thing remains common. You go to a bar and there's sailors, Army people there, the drinks and everything and the language still flies wild. We lit Applebee's up last week starting Monday afternoon. It didn't stop. There were people coming in, walking out and coming back in for the rest of the night. It was a good day and I thank all the establishments that participated in recognizing our Veterans. They did one hell of a job. One thing we have in common is nasz zdrowia.

Last but not least, I congratulate people for coming down tonight. I love seeing a packed hall. One thing we got to do is. It's hot in here. We can have to convince the Mayor that when there's a lot of people we have to turn the AC on. We got to make the people comfortable. Anyway, again, thank you. I love you all coming out like this. It was a great showing. I appreciate your coming out and supporting your candidates and City Council.

With that, Mr. Chairman, I will pass the torch.

PRESIDENT BURKE: All right, Mr. Nenadovich. Thank you so much. Clwn Shayla Davis. You're next.

CLWN DAVIS: Good evening, everyone. I would first like to say thank you to everyone that came out and voted. What I will say though I notice from the voter turnout that is extremely low. As citizens of America, we have to get out and vote. This is our right to do so.

Piggybacking off of that, next year is the Census 2020. The way our city is funded at a Federal level is based off of the Census. People have to understand the importance of that. That is how we get money allocated for each individual. Immigration is not going to come to your house and get you. No one is going to put you out of your home if you have multiple people living there. That information's not shared. That is a part of the budget so that we can fund and do the things that we need to do as a government body for the people in the community. If you're not participating in that then you are really going against the government and what it needs to do to run efficiently. I hear the Mayor talking about this in City Council all the time. We don't have the money. Some of that comes from people not participating in the Census. It comes around every 10 years. Please complete your Census forms. Also they are hiring. I think it's a decent rate of pay. It starts somewhere between \$14.00 and maybe \$20.00/hour depending on the position that you get. You can go to census2020.gov to apply and find out what is available.

I would like to thank Mayor Blackwell for being here tonight. She has been a wonderful mentor and supporter of me since I started this journey three years ago. To have her here in the audience means so much to me. I thank you to all of my family and friends that came out tonight. Debbie, I see you. I appreciate you guys so much. Without you, I can't do anything. This goes to the community as well. Hold me accountable. Show up. Show up and support me, but also hold me accountable. I think that should stand for every single elected official. We can only be as good as the community that we represent. I sit here proudly tonight as a child who grew up up in Ward 1. This is a difference. It is a great Ward, but I am now representing Ward 4 and I'm very proud to do that tonight. I thank you all for being here tonight.

Thank you, Mayor Collova, for welcoming me with open arms. Since my journey, he and I had a conversation three years ago. I reached out to him for an endorsement. He said I do not endorse new candidates. I support my incumbents. I said to him well that's great. You will be endorsing me in two years. Two years later, do I have your endorsement, Mayor Collova?

MAYOR COLLOVA: With pleasure.

CLWN DAVIS: With that, that is all I have to say. Thank you so much everyone for being here tonight. Thank you for welcoming me. I look forward to working very hard to do what's best for the city. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Clwn Davis. Clmn Blake.

CLMN BLAKE: A few quick comments. First and foremost, I'd like to say I'm thankful for the opportunity that I have to represent the residents of Ward 5 and work for the citizens of Garfield Heights.

I'd also like to congratulate Clwn Shayla Davis and Clmn Donahue. I look forward to working with you guys as incoming Councilmen. I look forward to working with all of the Members of

Council. I know my colleagues have a unique skill set that will help us solve the problems that we need to and move the city forward.

Mayor Blackwell, as my colleagues have said, congratulations.

Tomorrow evening, 6:30 p.m. upstairs here will be a Community Awareness Meeting. Starts at 6:30 p.m. The speaker's going to be this guy named Tom Vaughn. I don't know if anybody knows him, but he will be speaking about some property in Ward 7 called Wargo Farm. He had a very well attended meeting a few weeks ago. It was very informative. We just wanted to have him speak to more residents throughout the city so he will be giving a presentation on that.

Probably the most important thing. Rumor had it there was a birthday yesterday. Ms. Molin, I wanted to say Happy Belated Birthday.

CLERK: Thank you.

CLMN BLAKE: That's all I have tonight. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Clmn Blake. I, too, would like to congratulate Clmn Blake, Clmn Charles Donahue and Clwn Shayla Davis for winning their elections. It takes a lot to drum up the courage to even run for office, let alone, once you get--I'm sure everybody had that moment. I know I had that moment--once I got elected like OK, now what do I do? My sister's back there. She can vouch for me on that one. But you step up and I'm very excited about this Council.

I also would like to congratulate and welcome back Clmn Nenadovich, Clmn Tom Vaughn and last but not least, Clmn Dudley. Save the best for last.

CLMN DUDLEY: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: You know, Clmn Dudley, I have to say what you had said earlier. I, too, believe that the President of City Council should be elected by the people. I remember talking to the past Charter Review Board about that, but apparently they didn't see fit to have that come up on the Charter and I know it was decided by the people but I think in the past, when we decided that, it was because the city was in financial difficulty. It was a way to cut costs. I really do believe that as long as the person running for President of City Council isn't running as a stepping-stone to something else, you know. I take this job pretty seriously. I try to do the best I can at it and at the end of the day that's all I can do. I do agree that it should be something that should be decided by the people. It takes the pressure off of us Council people to have to elect somebody for their President.

If I can get a show of hands, how many people in here served in the military? Raise your hands. I want to say thank you to each and every one of you for your service. I didn't get a chance to attend the Veterans' Day celebration yesterday because I was down in Atlanta, Georgia trying to get back to Cleveland with the impending snowstorm, etc. I didn't get a chance to make it back here. The ceremony was great. I just want to say thank you to all the Veterans out there that have served our country. Especially the two that I have that I call my

sons that are serving today in the military. I worry about them all the time and I pray God that they stay safe.

I, too, would like to congratulate Mayor Blackwell. Mayor, I think you are incredible. I would have had you sworn me in had I known you were going to be here. No offense, Mayor.

MAYOR COLLOVA: None taken.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Congratulations on your victory. Thank you all for coming out. You know we hardly ever see people come to our Council Meetings. Every once in a while you would get a good group, but we packed the house tonight. I'm very happy about that. I'm very proud to see all the residents come out. That's all I have for this evening. Mr. Vaughn, I'll toss it over to you.

CLMN VAUGHN: Why thank you, Sir. Mayor Blackwell, congratulations. Good luck. Always a pleasure to work with Maple Heights. We have a good bond between the two cities.

I will have my Block Watch on November 21st this month. We're moving it up a week early because of Thanksgiving. Please come and join us. If anybody has any questions about Wargo Farm and pending things that are going on with that, either come to Matt and Jake's meeting tomorrow night or you can always call me or we can discuss it at my Block Watch.

Judge Nicastro, where are you? Thank you for swearing me in. For the past week, people have been asking me why do you have Judge Nicastro swear you in. Here's the reason. She's a good friend. Ten years ago when I first ran, she swore me in because I didn't know if I was going to make it to the actual swearing in because my wife was sick at the time. But she also did something that day. I had spent the day with our former Finance Director, remember Dick Obert. We used to get a blue book and it told you everything about the finances in the city of Garfield Heights. I couldn't understand it. I was confused. I went up to her chambers and said Judge, what's this all about? She ripped out two pages and said Tom, these are the only two pages you got to look at. Whenever I had any questions about anything, she was here for me. I've always respected you, Judge. We might not always agree, but that's OK. I see my son Ian got out of here as soon as he saw you.

Again thank you to my wife and my son Ian for coming tonight. In this job, there's more responsibility falls on the family than anybody else. They're there answering calls when I'm at a meeting, my son Ian has gone out and scraped up squirrels, taken care of people's garbage when he had to. He's even gotten calls to clean out gutters. This is how this all works. You know. It's family. That's how Council has to be. We must be a family. We are seven separate entities, but the politics is over with, boys and girls. We've got to work together for the next two years. We've got to move this city forward. What we do in the next two years will impact the city of Garfield Heights for the next 30 . 40 years. So let's get to work. Let's move forward. Let's be a united front. We can argue. We can do whatever privately, but when we walk out here, we are a united professional front and that's what I'm asking my fellow Councilmen. New Members, you have my lecture. Think about it.

CLMN DUDLEY: Mr. Chairman. One thing. I would prefer out of due respect men and women. I don't like the word boy.

CLMN VAUGHN: I'm sorry. Excuse me, Mr. Dudley. I would really like us all to work together. You know. You have any questions, Chuck, Shayla, Jake, pick up the phone. Call any one of us. If somebody's not available, call the next guy. We can answer. We're here. We've got the knowledge. You know as cranky as Joe Suster could be, I could call Joe on a Friday night at 10:00 p.m. with a question and he helped me through many a situation. As a new Councilman, I had to rely on the older people because it takes a good year, year and a half, to fall into this position. Thank you everybody for being here.

Mr. Chairman, that's enough for me. I make a motion that we adjourn this meeting.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Vaughn to adjourn tonight's Council Meeting, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed? Meeting adjourned.

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Burke

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:19 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Matthew Burke
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council