

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO**

Monday, November 13, 2017

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m. by Council President Joseph Suster.

INVOCATION BY: Council President Joseph Suster

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: This evening we're going to do things a little different. Before we get started, we're going to have Mayor Collova. Pastor John Snell will be swearing in Clmn Dudley. Mayor, do you want to go first?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to say before we get started that I want to congratulate all of Council on a great job. I appreciate all your efforts. Elections are always exciting to say the least. There's a lot of things that go on in elections and everybody wants to get elected. I'm glad to see that we're all together. We did a lot of work the past four-eight years, but our work is not completed. We still have a lot more to go. I know there's always hard feelings during elections. We need to put them aside. The elections are over. We need to get down to business, roll up our sleeves and make sure this community gets the best we can give them. With that said, I just would like to ask Mike Dudley and Pastor Snell if you'd join us up front. I would also invite all of Mr. Dudley's family to join him.

(At this time, Pastor Snell swore in Councilman Michael Dudley.)

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: All the rest of Council front and center. All of their families please.

(At this time, Mayor Collova swore in Councilmen Joseph LaMalfa, Michael Nenadovich, Eugene Glenn, Joseph Suster, Matthew Burke and Thomas Vaughn.)

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Congratulations, everybody.

(Photographs were taken at this point.)

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We have a few more things to take care of before we move on with the Meeting. At this time, I'd like to make a motion that we keep Barb Molin as our Clerk of Council for the next two years.

CLMN LAMALFA: Second.

AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn
That passes with 7 Yes votes.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Next, I would like to make a motion to have Mike Nenadovich serve as Council President Pro Tem for the next two years.

CLMN LAMALFA: I second it.

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

CLMN DUDLEY: Mr. Chairman. I like to make a motion that Tom Vaughn serve as Pro Tem.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We just went ahead and made Mike Nenadovich Council Present Pro Tem. We just voted on it.

CLMN DUDLEY: All right. Then I like to make a motion for Tom Vaughn being Council President.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Well, we have not gotten that far yet.

CLMN DUDLEY: OK.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. The next part of this I would like to make a motion that we make Matt Burke President of Council for the next two years.

CLMN LAMALFA: I second it.

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I cast my vote, I think we should have had the opportunity, Mr. Chairman, with all due respect, that you just nominate. You never gave nobody an opportunity to nominate somebody. I think that's totally unfair, but Burke, you're a good guy. We done got along and everything like that and I'm going to give you an opportunity that others didn't have. I just ask one thing before I make this vote, Burke. That it never happened to Tom Vaughn like it happened to me where if you're not here that the Meeting will be changed until you can come and serve in that Meeting. I don't never want to see that happen to Tom Vaughn. Never. That was absolutely wrong.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are you speaking of the Finance Meeting?

CLMN DUDLEY: I'm voting Yes. No, I'm not speaking of Finance. I'm speaking when I served Pro Tem and that Meeting was changed when Nancy couldn't make it. You all changed the date of the Meetings. That's what I said I don't want to see that happen to Tom Vaughn what you all did to me on that part. With that, I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Congratulations to Matt Burke.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, everybody. I gladly accept this role and I hope that I make everybody proud here and represent this job in a respectable manner. I hope everybody else also treats me with the same type of respect that they treated Joe. Maybe not. I don't know. We'll see how that goes.

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT BURKE: The Reading and Disposal of the Minutes.

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Chairman, at this time I would like us to accept the Minutes of our Regular Meeting from Monday, October 23, 2017.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Do I have anybody second?

CLMN DUDLEY: I second it.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Dudley seconded. All in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION COMING OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: Reports of the Mayor and Directors. Mayor, do you have a report for us tonight?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do. I wanted to first off acknowledge we had a Veterans Day event here on Saturday. It was very well attended. It was done excellent. I can't thank all the people involved enough. The Veterans certainly got their due from the residents of Garfield Heights. I certainly appreciated that gesture. So thank you everybody who had anything to do with it plus the Veterans all over the country.

I wanted to read something I thought was pretty exciting. I'm probably stealing a little bit of Noreen and Mark's thunder but I wanted to be the one to be able to say this. We have applied for a second round, as you all know, Council, for demo funds from the County. The County was distributing \$2,701,000.00 for demolition funds. I wanted to talk about some of the cities and how much money they got. The city of Bedford Heights in the amount not to exceed \$615,000.00. The city of Berea in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. The city of Brook Park in the amount not to exceed \$65,000.00. The city of Maple Heights in the amount not to exceed \$280,000.00. The city of Middleburgh Heights in the amount not to exceed \$100,000.00. The city of North Royalton in the amount not to exceed \$135,000.00. The village of Cuyahoga Heights in the amount not to exceed \$160,000.00. The village of Oakwood in the amount not to exceed \$200,000.00. Those were the awards given to all our neighboring cities. The city of Garfield Heights in the amount not to exceed \$1,046,000.00. What a great job on the part of Building and Noreen to put this together. I love when you're able to beg for money and succeed. So this is great. This is not only for houses. There is two commercial properties in here. If you have any questions, I'm sure that Noreen and Mark can answer them for you, but this is really big for the city of Garfield Heights. This is the second round. The first round we got around \$900,000.00 I believe so that's really great. I can't thank the County enough because we certainly deserve a little bit of good things in Garfield Heights. That was great.

The next thing. I just want to remind everybody. Our Christmas Lighting Ceremony is here on November 26th. This is really a big event. We have Santa Claus come in. The Fire Department brings him in on a fire truck. All the kids get all kinds of candy. They sit on Santa Claus's lap. This is a huge thing. I'd love to see more residents come out. This is big for the city. The Lighting Ceremony is always beautiful and so far as Mayor for eight years every time we turn the switch on so far the lights have gone on thanks to Mr. McLaughlin's Service Department and one day they don't go on we will thank him also in another way. But seriously, this is a great event. It's for the whole family. Let's get a family event. It lasted a couple hours. Please if you get an opportunity again that's on November 26th. So thank you with that.

Now I'd get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 70 is in regard to a tax abatement for the Overdrive addition. Ordinance 71 is a renewal of our contract with the State Auditor's Office and Barb can offer more of an explanation if you need some questions answered. Ordinance 72 to amend Ordinance 61-2017 to read the city will purchase 2018 vehicles for the Police Department and not 2017 as the original ordinance stated. Ordinance 73. An ordinance to renew an agreement with Cuyahoga County and Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court, a Diversion Program. This is a very successful program in the city of Garfield Heights. We're making a few changes on it but it will remain the same. The children of Garfield Heights will have an opportunity to get into this program if in fact they are charged with any misdemeanor type crime.

Resolution 35. We're applying for a Fire Grant to purchase two CPR machines.

With that, Mr. Chairman, again congratulations to all the Council for their elections. You have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mayor. Are there any questions of the Mayor on his report? Are there any questions of the Mayor on his report? Thank you. We'd move on to our Law Director Tim Riley. Tim, do you have a report this evening?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: No report tonight.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Then we'd move on to our Police Chief. Chief Robert Byrne. Do you have a report for us tonight?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: One quick announcement. Thank you. It's that time of year again for Shop with a Cop. You can purchase tickets at the Garfield Heights Police Station at our Records Bureau. You can get six tickets for \$5.00 or \$1.00/ticket. The drawing is the 21st of December 2017. First prize is a 50+color TV. Second prize is an iPad. Third prize is \$100.00 cash. If you are interested, I believe they are also being sold throughout the city, but we definitely have them at the Police Station. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Chief Byrne. Are there any questions for the Chief on his report this evening? All right. Then we'd move on to our Service Director Tim McLaughlin. Tim, do you have a report this evening?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Yes, I do. Thank you. We did start leaves. This is probably one of the strangest falls I've ever seen with leaves still being on the trees in the middle of November. I think it may be the October warmth that kind of threw the trees off. I had the crews out the last week of October but we went through the city twice in like four days so I pulled them back off. It was a waste of time. I put them on some other jobs that we had. I started them back out today in Ward 1 and Ward 7. Again, I'm asking that you rake

them to your tree lawn in a pile. Try to keep the trees and debris out of it because it ruins the propellers on the Vac. It's not a Vac-All that churns things up. Big stuff. It bends all their propellers and stuff that are in there so. Please--not in the street. It rained and we already had catch basins that were completely covered with leaves that were raked out on top of them. It only makes everything worse for the safety of the people driving. It's just better to put them on the tree lawn. We'll go Ward to Ward. We usually get through the city three times. We'll see what happens before the weather changes. Hopefully we'll get them all up. We usually do.

Other than that we're doing the Christmas lights so I can make sure that I can keep my job on the 27th (or the end of the 26th) however he looks at it.

Some other miscellaneous things. There's banners being put up throughout the city on a program that the Mayor and Pat Salemi and them put together with the businesses. We started putting those up. We're going to go with what we can and try to get everything complete. With that, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Are there any questions? Mr. Vaughn. I mean Mr. Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: Touché. The only question I have, Tim, is there any way like on a Monday morning that one of the girls up there could send out an e-mail to all the Council people letting them know where the truck is going to be?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: I guess we could but the truck is not always going to be where we start. There's breakdowns. I had one down all day today. So whatever you want to do. If you want, I'll send them out but you may get the wrong information and it will be worse on you than it will be on me.

CLMN SUSTER: Yeah, but you know a lot of people ask basically when are they going to pick up our leaves. When you tell them you don't know, they say well what do you do for the city.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: I've been telling them that for 40 years. What do you want me to do? There's breakdowns. There's weather. If I give somebody a day and we're not there, I will take 50 calls screaming.

CLMN SUSTER: I didn't ask for a day.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: I'd be more than happy to, Joe.

CLMN SUSTER: OK. Thank you very kindly.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Absent.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Does anybody else have any questions for Mr. McLaughlin? OK, we'll move on. Our Parks and Rec Director is unable to be with us tonight so we will move to our City Engineer Mr. David Krock. Dave, do you have a report for us this evening?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Thank you, Mr. President. I do not have a report tonight.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. We'll move on to our Finance Director Barb Biro. Barb, do you have a report?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO: Thank you, Mr. President. I do. This evening we are asking the Council to support Ordinance 71-2017. This is a renewal with the Local Government Service Division of the State Auditor's Office to provide services to prepare the city's GAP Conversion Report, which is required at the end of every year. It is for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019. The cost is the same for the last three years.

In addition, we are asking for support of Ordinance 72-2017, which is amending the ordinance for the purchase of 2017 Ford SUVs for our Police Department. This is an additional cost of approximately \$3,500.00 going from a 2017 to 2018 vehicle. So it's a newer vehicle and with our Maintenance Department hopefully will last us a little bit longer.

We are asking for support of Ordinance 73-2017, which is the Juvenile Diversion Program. This is a program that is funded for the years 2018 and 2019 from the Juvenile Court. The grant funding is the same as the years 2016 and 2017. We've made a few changes in regards to the administration of the grant. Hopefully that will run smoother in the years 2018 and 2019.

We are asking for support for Ordinance 74-2017. Mr. President, if you could please note to put this on First Reading. This ordinance we are asking for Three Readings. It is a change to our Chapter 183, which is our ordinances in regards to municipal income tax here in the city of Garfield Heights. The State Legislature passed House Bill 49 this summer. That affects several areas of the city's income tax code. We are required to update our code no later than January 31, 2018 so we are beginning the process this year. Most of you know several years ago we had House Bill 5 which did a major overhaul to municipal income tax and the legislature again in House Bill 49 made some minor changes. The changes are to the definition of adjusted Federal income tax, municipal tax income, net profit as well as changes to estimated payments for the tax years beginning January 1, 2018. Again, we are asking for that to go on First Reading.

Also we are asking for support of Resolution 35. It's a grant through Firehouse Subs Public Safety for two CPR units. With that, you have my report, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thanks, Barb. Does anyone have any questions for Barb?

CLMN GLENN: For the record, Barb, this is not a tax increase for the residents.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO: It is not a tax increase in the 2%, but I cannot say what the definitions of Federal municipal income tax will qualify as income tax or would qualify as adjusted Federal income tax. Everybody is their own individual tax. I cannot answer that they won't see an increase, but I can tell you that there is no increase in the 2% for the city of Garfield Heights.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Barb, I have a question. You said you wanted to have three Readings on this?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO: Three Readings, please.

PRESIDENT BURKE: OK. Are there any other questions for Barb? If not, we'll 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. Burke. I have nothing to report this evening.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. We will move on to 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 would like to urge City Council to pass Ordinance 70-2017. This is a tax incentive to Overdrive. They plan to expand their existing facility and they will invest up to \$5 million on their real estate on the structure and over the period of six years will add 150 employees. Currently they are hiring for 14 jobs that are open. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Ms. Kuban. Does anybody have any questions for Ms. Kuban on her report? Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Yes. Noreen, one thing I feel you should mention in your report is this is going to bring in an extra \$1.7 million in extra payroll for the city.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Correct. Thank you.

CLMN NENADOVICH: That is quite big.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Good job.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Does anyone else have any questions for Ms. Kuban? If not, we will move to our Building Commissioner Mr. Mark Moro. Mark, do you have a report for us this evening?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: Yeah, briefly I would like to just continue on with Noreen's request for Overdrive. If anybody hasn't made it by there yet, they are standing walls and the walls will be completed by the end of the week. So it's quite exciting to see this building going up quickly and we will get these new hires in there right away. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Does anyone have any questions for Mr. Moro on his report this evening? There aren't any. We will move on to Comments by 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 tonight's agenda at this time? Is there anyone wishing to speak on tonight's agenda at this time? If not, we will move to Ordinances and Resolutions beginning with Ordinance 70-2017. Will the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 70-2017 (AMENDED)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 52-2011 AND EXECUTE A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS AND BLUE SKY CAMPUS, INC., AND OVERDRIVE, INC., FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING INCENTIVES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN ADDITION TO THE EXISTING BUILDING.

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

CLMN SUSTER: I make a motion to waive Rule 24 on this.

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: With the adoption by Ward, Barb, starting with Clmn Vaughn.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 70-2017 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 71-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES DIVISION OF THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, WITH BASIC GENERAL PURPOSE EXTERNAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017, 2018 AND 2019, PER THE ATTACHED LETTER OF AGREEMENT.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 71-2017 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 72-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING GARFIELD HEIGHTS ORDINANCE 61-2017 REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF FOUR (4) 2018 FORD UTILITY INTERCEPTOR SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES - FULL SIZE AND ONE (1) FORD INTERCEPTOR SEDAN, FROM LEBANON FORD UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 125.04 (C) PER THE ATTACHED SPECIFICATION PROPOSAL AND PRICING QUOTE.

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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 just got to say we have to put our police in some of the best vehicles out there. These guys have been driving around in some pretty old beat up vehicles. We've gotten some used vehicles for them. I'm really glad we are getting four new ones they desperately need. With that, I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 72-2017 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 73-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY AND CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATING IN THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DIVERSION PROGRAM.

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 73-2017 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 74-2017

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 183 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE AND PASS FOR A SECOND READING:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 74-2017 will be read for the second time at our next Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 35-2017

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: On its adoption, beginning with myself.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 35-2017 passes with 7 Yes votes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT BURKE: At this time, we will move on to Comments by Citizens. Would 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 speak tonight to Council? Is there anyone wishing to speak to Council? Mr. Mays.

David Mays, 8250 Green Drive. First of all, I'd like to congratulate all the Council for retaining their seats. With a special congratulations for Clmn Joe LaMalfa, of Ward 2, and Clmn Gene Glenn, for Ward 4, for being re-elected. Evidently, gentlemen, you did something right because the majority of voting people in your Wards re-elected you. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Is there anybody else wishing to speak to Council tonight? Is there anyone else wishing to speak to Council tonight?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: OK. We will move on to Miscellaneous Business beginning with Clmn Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: Thank you. I, too, would like to congratulate all our Council Members that got re-elected. I know that as we have done in the past four years, we'd continue to only look to see what's the best thing for the city of Garfield Heights. There's been a lot of good things that have happened within the last eight years since Mayor Collova's been Mayor. You know, with street resurfacing, with other businesses coming into the city and you just heard what Overdrive what kind of monies they're going to be putting into their building along with the tax that we'd be getting from their payroll tax. We're on a straight and narrow and we need to keep doing that because we still have more streets to do. We still need some other things in different departments and the only way we can do this is if we have income. To this point, our income has not been as great as what everybody tells you even though every constituent will tell you well I pay taxes. Well we all pay taxes, but it's still not enough to accomplish the things that we know that we need to do for you. That's all I have this evening.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Clmn Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Sir. I, too, would like to congratulate my fellow colleagues on your re-election. Everybody worked and ran a great campaign. Those that had opponents. But I think at the same time we learned what some of the residents want. I think we really need to start taking that into consideration more so. It's what's good about our system. We learn as we go out there on the streets. This forces us to be out there and find out what's going on.

Joe, I want to personally thank you for the past four years as leading us as Council President. You did a fine job. You might have insulted me by calling me Matt Burke, but you know, that's OK. Nancy, you did a great job.

Matt, I want to congratulate you. I think you're doing a fine job and I look forward to working with you over the next two years.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Tom.

CLMN VAUGHN: On a sadder note, my condolences to the Collova family on your loss. It's been a tough, Jeannie and to you, on the loss of your nephew, your brother a couple weeks ago. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

I'd like to announce that on Thanksgiving if anybody is looking for dinner; St. Monica's will be serving. Call the parish office. They will have all the fixings and no matter what your income is or how many people, you're just more than welcome to come up and join them for Thanksgiving dinner. So I hope some of the Seniors that might be by themselves might take the time out to go up and enjoy the afternoon.

I'd also like to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving. For those that will be traveling, take your time and spend the time with your family. It's about family and being thankful for what we have.

By the way, Bob Dobies called and said I could have his five minutes.

My last thing is the Mayor has sent me a note here to remind everybody that there will be refreshments after this Meeting in Room 018. That's all I have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Vaughn. Mr. Dudley. Do you have anything?

CLMN DUDLEY: Are you sure? First of all I congratulate you guys all of you all on your re-elections. I agree with Tom that we have to become a little more tentative because you can hear that people are looking forward to a little more than what we offering. I think we done a great job. When you look around you know what's going on and the buildings are coming down and the streets are being set up and everything I'd just like to see more once we get ourselves kind of financially straight to assist with getting some of these children off the street instead of pushing them from one to eight because it's almost like putting the Police Department in a babysitting service, you know? All the kids ain't bad kids. Ninety-nine percent of them is good people just like ninety-nine percent of the citizens of Garfield Heights is good citizens. I want to thank my family and my extended family in Ward 1 because Ward 1 has no constituents--it's all family and we continue to be that way.

I encourage you all to go out and buy them tickets to support the Shop with Cops program. I made sure I bought my share. I always forget to turn them in though. I do purchase them. I want you all to definitely take care of that.

We know the holiday season is coming up on Thanksgiving. Be careful if you plan to travel anywhere.

For Burke, just remember what my words were. We have a great relationship. Don't do Mike like that. I'm quite sure you ain't going to do Mike like that. I think we're going to be OK.

I'm not going to do it over. I'm going to tell Joe he got one on me before he left. You know. We going to leave it like that. But I tell you people I think it's good things ahead of us. A great job what Noreen done with bringing in that money because I do have a couple more houses to come down.

Like I say, you know, do keep the Mayor and his family in your prayers. I keep them in my prayers regardless every day and I pray for this community and I pray for everybody who sits up here. One thing I learned when I leave out at the day whatever I said today I tell people don't take it personally. When I sit up here, it's about business. When I come in the next day if you ever pay attention I will walk down that me and the Mayor debate and after the Meeting I give him a hug. If me and Joe (Clmn Suster) have disagreed, the majority of time I still gave him a hug when I see him because I don't take that personally. This is strictly business. But personally, I want everybody to maintain their health and be OK.

I appreciate for everybody coming out here everything like that and I will love to see people like this more than just every second year. I'd like to see some of you all in between the years. With that, Mr. Chairman, thank you.

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

CLMN LAMALFA: I'd like to thank Joe Suster for the two years that he's been here. He taught me a lot. I want to congratulate Matt Burke and all of Council. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. LaMalfa. Mr. Nenadovich, do you have anything this evening?

CLMN NENADOVICH: Just briefly. I'd like to express my condolences to the Collova and Donovan families

I'd like to echo the remarks that Mike just made, "take care of Mike". This is a Mike, too.

I want to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving.

Congratulations on your victories that you had. Let's push ahead for better and better. Support that man down there at the end.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Nenadovich. Mr. Glenn, do you have anything this evening?

CLMN GLENN: Yes, Matt, I'd like to first of all say going back eight years ago I sincerely supported Mayor Collova. Eight years ago this city was in bankruptcy. We're out of bankruptcy. Eight years later, we got construction going on. Things are looking up thanks to Mayor Collova, the Administration and this Council. We are working hard together for all residents without raising taxes in the future, hopefully. That's it, Matt.

One other thing too. I want to mention we had a great Veterans Day ceremony here. A nice ceremony. We had coffee and donuts later. We had it inside this year because of the weather. It was a fine dedication to our country. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Glenn. The only thing I have is I also want to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving and I also want to offer my condolences to the Collova and Donovan families for your loss.

I also want to ask everyone to pray for Mrs. Nenadovich back there. She's fighting a pretty good fight too. So with all that--I think you know the power of prayer--we can all get together and maybe help that situation.

I want to express that I am willing to work with every one of the Council Members here. Mr. Dudley, that includes you also. I have the highest amount of respect for you. I'm glad that you have put your faith in me. I promise I won't let you down.

With that, that's all I have. Again be safe everybody. Can I entertain a motion to adjourn?

CLMN SUSTER: Yes. I'd like to make a motion that we adjourn the Meeting.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Mr. Suster to adjourn the meeting, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed? Meeting adjourned.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Matthew Burke
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council