

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, November 9, 2020

(Note: This meeting was conducted by teleconference due to the current Covid-19 outbreak.)

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

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

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT BURKE: I would like to make a motion to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the city of Garfield Heights for Monday, October 26, 2020 as written. Do I have a second?

CLMN VAUGHN: I'll second.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion, can you please take a roll call vote beginning with Clmn Burke.

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Let the record show that the Council Meeting Minutes for October 26, 2020 passes with 7 Yes votes.

PRESIDENT BURKE: We also have the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting held on October 29, 2020. I would like to make a motion that we accept those minutes as written. Do I have a second?

CLMN BLAKE: Second, Mr. Chairman.

CLMN DONAHUE: Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Yes.

CLMN DONAHUE: This is Chuck Donahue. There was supposed to be a correction on those and it wasn't distributed.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the Special Meeting Minutes?

CLMN DONAHUE: I'm sorry. I thought you were talking about the Safety Meeting. My mistake.

PRESIDENT BURKE: No, the Safety Meeting will be done with the Safety Committee.

CLMN DONAHUE: OK. My mistake. Sorry.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by myself and seconded by Clmn Blake to accept the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council for October 29, 2020. Will the Clerk please take a roll call vote beginning with Clmn Burke.

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Let the record reflect the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Council for October 29, 2020 has been approved with 7 Yes votes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: Do we have any Committee Reports this evening?

CLWN DAVIS: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Yes, Clwn Davis.

CLWN DAVIS: Just for the record, I gave my committee report during Caucus. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: OK. Ms. Davis. Anyone else?

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Yes, Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: (*inaudible*) I would like to remind them of the Legislative Meeting on Thursday, November 12th at 6:30 p.m. per teleconferencing. Again, Matt Burke has set up a video line so we should have more participation and interest. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Nenadovich. I just want it to be clear. What Mr. Nenadovich is talking about is the announcement of the Legislative Committee coming up on Thursday, and I do have that already put together as a Zoom call. That information will be posted on the City's Website tomorrow as far as I know. I am working with the city to try to get that done right away. Are there any other Committee Reports?

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Yes, Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: I just want to remind everybody that next week November 16th, 17th and 18th at 6:00 p.m. we'll be having our annual Finance Meetings. Again, that's Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. That is all. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: OK.

CLMN DUDLEY: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Dudley, go ahead.

CLMN DUDLEY: I didn't mean to interrupt Clmn Vaughn. Let him finish.

CLMN VAUGHN: Go ahead, Mike. I was done. Thank you.

CLMN DUDLEY: I just wanted to mention, Mr. Chairman, that tomorrow, Tuesday, November 10th we have a Ways and Means Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT BURKE: OK.

CLMN DUDLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: You're welcome, Mr. Dudley. Let's move on to the report of the Mayor. Mayor, do you have a report for us this evening?

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I do. I have a short report. I'm going to start tonight with the legislation.

Ordinance 82 is approving the firefighters' bargaining agreement for a three-year term beginning on January 1, 2021. I would like to add with this is that working with the Firefighters' Union was really a pleasure. They not only took into consideration the needs of the firefighters but also the needs of the city. They were very cooperative and I was very thankful for that. Ordinance 83-2020. With the approval of the Planning Commission, a person that meets criteria outlined in this ordinance can have an honorary street added to the original street name. Not as a replacement, but in addition to.

Just moving on to a quick report. Because of the Covid virus--the possibility of having Covid virus outbreaks at the city--we've had a lot of close calls. Thank God, nothing serious. But we have, in fact, closed the city to the public again and we'll keep it closed until we feel the time is safe for the employees and the public. So if you need to get into the Building Department, we have the drop boxes at the front door. You can drop whatever information you need in there and the Building Department will contact you.

The only other thing I have and I want to wish all the Veterans throughout the country Happy Veterans Day. It's coming up I believe on Wednesday. We can't say or do enough for our Veterans. We certainly appreciate all of their efforts not only Veterans but their families also. With that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you Mayor Collova. Does anyone have a question for Mayor Collova on his report? I would like to start with Ward 1 Clmn Mike Dudley. Do you have any questions for Mayor Collova?

CLMN DUDLEY: No, I don't, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Ward 2 Clmn Charles Donahue. Do you have any questions for the Mayor on his report?

CLMN DONAHUE: No, I have no questions. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: OK. Mr. Nenadovich, do you have any questions for the Mayor on his report?

CLMN NENADOVICH: No, Chairman. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: OK. Clwn Davis, do you have any questions for the Mayor on his report?

CLWN DAVIS: I do not, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Clmn Blake, do you have any questions for the Mayor on his report this evening?

CLMN BLAKE: No questions this evening. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: I do not have any questions either. Clmn Vaughn, do you have any questions for the Mayor on his report?

CLMN VAUGHN: Hello. No, I don't have any questions at this time for the Mayor. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. That concludes our report of the Mayor. We will move now to communications from citizens specifically on tonight's agenda. Will the Clerk please read the rules.

CLERK: Yes, Mr. Chairman, but excuse me. We received some correspondence from citizens. Would you like me to read it?

PRESIDENT BURKE: Yes, you know what, Barb? I digressed. I'm sorry I missed that--the Communications to Council. Let's move to that right now. You have some letters?

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:

CLERK: Yes.

PRESIDENT BURKE: If you could go ahead and read those letters.

CLERK: Yes. The first one is dated November 5th. It is from James S. Feeney of 5355 East 124th Street.

"To the Garfield Heights city council.

I would like to take this time and say something about our police department. Garfield Heights Police Department has always been professional and courteous towards my family and I. Our police department has always been there when called upon. Our officers work hard and are dedicated to the city of Garfield Heights. Our officers are working with a short staff and they work inside a building that is outdated and falling

apart. Our officers deserve better than that. They are called upon to protect the lives of many people who they don't know and those strangers don't appreciate our officers. For people who put their life on the line each day they put on that uniform they deserve better. My family and I will always support the Garfield Heights Police Department and we truly appreciate their selfless dedication to our great city.

Thanks you

James S. Feeney"

CLERK: Going on. The second letter was dated November 8th and is from Bill Douglas of 13665 Hathaway Road.

"My name is Bill Douglas. I have lived in Garfield for approximately 18 years and been an active member of the community for about 6 years. With tensions between police and citizens on the rise, I am writing this to show my support for Garfield Hts. police. I have had a few occasions where I have had to call the police and they handled these issues respectfully and professionally. Recently I had the opportunity to participate in a Saturday night ride along with an officer and saw first hand what these men and women experience on a daily basis. The calm demeanor they display while being completely disrespected, verbally abused and harassed is astounding. I can confidently tell you that these officers exemplify proper policing. These are men and women of character and are on the frontlines everyday keeping us, the Garfield Heights community, safe.

Over the past couple years I have had the pleasure to make personal relationships with a few of the officers, and there is no better group of individuals to protect our city. These men and women provide a thankless job for no glamour. They leave their families daily and are hated because of a badge and a uniform they wear. I will, with no shame, support our police without question.

I am not writing this in request for action, but with hope that my words do not go unnoticed.

Thank You,
Bill Douglas"

CLERK: The last letter is dated November 9th. It is from Frank and Patty Tagliarini of 12404 Darlington Avenue.

"To the Garfield Hts City Council:

My husband and I fully support our police department. We are not like other cities who have all the luxuries that police need. We are working on a very tight budget and short staffed. They are driving around in vehicles with over 200,000 miles on them and work out of a antiquated police department. They risk their lives everyday to protect the citizens of Garfield Hts. without getting the respect they deserve."

CLERK: That's the last letter, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Barb. Thank you for reminding me. I somehow skipped right over that part. I appreciate everybody's letters. 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: Are there any residents on the call this evening that would like to speak specifically on the two ordinances we have on the agenda? If there are none.

(Resident) What are the two ordinances? I got on the call late.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 82-2020, which has to do with the collective bargaining agreement between the Garfield Heights Firefighters Local 340 and the city of Garfield Heights. Ordinance 83-2020 which is enacting a new chapter in our Code—Chapter 904 Titled Honorary Street Names. I assume this is Ms. Joyner.

Caroline Joyner, 10102 Sladden Avenue. Yeah, but I don’t have any questions. I didn’t hear it.

PRESIDENT BURKE: OK. Thank You.

MS. JOYNER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: You’re welcome. Let’s move on to ordinances for this evening beginning with Ordinance number 82-2020.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 82-2020

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS AND THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 340 OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Let the record show that Ordinance 82-2020 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 83-2020

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 904, TITLED "HONORARY STREET NAMES," OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS TO ALLOW FOR HONORARY STREET NAMES ON THE APPROVAL OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Let the record show that Ordinance 83-2020 passes with 7 Yes votes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: That concludes our Ordinances for this evening. 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: At this time, do we have any residents on the call that would like to address Council?

Melissa Leonard, 4893 East 84th Street. I'm just following up with Mr. Nenadovich. I spoke with him last week and sent him an email. I was supposed to be getting a response from him with some information on where else I can find information on the Council Meetings, ordinances, etc. I have not heard back. I'm wondering since I have not heard back if anyone else could direct me to that information. If someone has an email or some type of electronic mode of communication, Website, etc. where I can get information on what's going on in the city I would appreciate it. That's all.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Ms. Leonard, this is Clmn Nenadovich. I did send you an email telling you to go to the city's Website, click on Council and when it goes down to Council you will see two things. It will say City Ordinances and it will say City Council Meetings. If you click on one of those, it will take you through the ordinances. I also said that if you type or touch in the left hand corner there are three bars. You could do a search and just type in what you want and it will take you right to the ordinance.

MS. LEONARD: Yeah well I didn't get that email. I'm not sure if you sent it from the Garfield one or what? Because I know the Garfield like I had sent you the email through the Garfield email address and you didn't get that so there may be something wrong with the email address. Did you use your personal email address or the Garfield email address?

CLMN NENADOVICH: I sent you the one I told you I would over the phone—the solitaire one.

MS. LEONARD: OK. Because I didn't get that either. Somehow, there's a breakdown in communication with the email. I'll check now and you could resend it because I didn't get anything and I looked in my spam. Obviously, I'm not trying to throw you under the bus. I'm just trying to get the information and I don't know where else to turn. If you could send that again and I will call you if I didn't receive it, I would appreciate it.

CLMN NENADOVICH: There's no problem. You're not throwing me under the bus. I would rather you call and say what happened because like I said, I did send it. I did send it to you. I'll do that first thing after the meeting and give a brief explanation. If you would call me afterwards when you get it maybe I can walk you through it. Because it was sent to you three days ago.

MS. LEONARD: OK. Then I'll have all the updated information as far as the Council Meetings, the Zoom calls, etc.?

CLMN NENADOVICH: No, that won't have that on there yet. This is just past meetings. There are scrolls and what you have to go through and look at the (*inaudible*). I don't believe there's an avenue yet on the Website about upcoming meetings. I could be wrong, but I don't know of that.

MS. LEONARD: OK. That's kind of my question to the other committee members. Does anyone have a social media account I could follow where I could get the information? Maybe it's specific to your Ward but that I could follow that way and get specific information.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mrs. Leonard.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mr. Burke. You have a pretty set up for that.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Yes. I was just going to say, Mrs. Leonard, I did have a conversation today with one of our IT personnel. Our lead IT person is out on leave right now. He is going to try to set something up tomorrow. We announced about four meetings today via Zoom. We're trying to get them placed on our Website tomorrow so that you'll be able to get on to the Website and be able to just click on the links. If you have Zoom, we could open up Zoom for you. I know that many of us Council Members do have different pages that we have. I have a Ward 6 Community Awareness Page on Facebook that you're more than welcome to try to join that now. I'll approve you. Clwn Davis, did you want to say something?

CLWN DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mrs. Lenoard, I just wanted to share, as the Chair of the Communications and Technology Committee for City Council, with the pandemic and everything that's going on, we're trying to get a little more in sync with sharing information. I put information out. I do an email blast every few days as well as a newsletter so you could always be added to my list if you wanted to do that. If you follow my Council page, I post all of the meetings and release the agenda so that people are aware of when the meeting is going to happen. I send that out in an email as well. As the Chairman said, we are trying to work with IT

to try to change our Website a little bit because I do realize and this committee was actually created with the new Council Members specifically because we're not doing a very good job of sharing information with the community. It's gotten a little better, but obviously, it's not where it needs to be if you still don't have access to basic and simple information. So, again, you can be added to my Ward group. Clmn Burke's Ward group. My Council page as well as my email database, if you would like to do that.

MS. LEONARD: Yeah, I think that might be helpful because I found myself frustrated again today because I thought today's crawl was going to be Zoom. I was looking everywhere for that information. I've been on the call the last few weeks. It's every week I'm getting frustrated because I'm told hey, this week's Zoom and I'm looking for a Zoom link somewhere and can't find anything. Now I'm frustrated again. Obviously, there's a breakdown somewhere. I'm just trying to get the information. I think those ways will be helpful. Until the Website gets up to date. I understand it's a pandemic. Everyone's trying their best. I want information. That's my only concern. Thank you, guys. That will help.

CLWN DAVIS: Thank you and I agree. We've got to do better. I believe we are now working towards that. Also, there will be the announcement that has not come out yet, but there will be a Communication and Technology Committee Meeting in early December. So you are welcome to join that meeting. It's a good time to share some of the challenges and ideas you may have. I would like to put together a plan for 2021 on how we can do a better job of communicating effectively. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: OK. Is there anyone else that wishes to speak to Council this evening?

James Fruits, 13600 York Blvd.

PRESIDENT BURKE: OK, Mr. Fruits. You have the floor.

MR. FRUITS: Thank you. I have a question and two comments. One, I'd like to say I appreciate the Legislative Meeting being had and I appreciate it being had in Zoom. I'm looking forward to the Council Meetings in Zoom as well. I think they will be very productive and helpful going forward. I appreciate the effort put into that.

I did have a question from the Legislative Meeting. I was under the understanding from the Legislative Meeting that the legislation that Clwn Davis brought forth declaring racism a public health crisis would be presented tonight. So one of my questions is why that resolution was not presented tonight? It seemed as though when it was read last week at the meeting that it had all the appropriate legal language, nobody had any oppositions, so I question why that wasn't presented. Clmn Burke talked with me and said he would be pushing for that to happen so I was looking for that tonight.

I also want to clear up some maybe misunderstanding from the correspondence to Council that all addressed the disrespect and hatred toward the police. I want to make sure that Members of Council and the Mayor and the Police Chief and the Police Officers know that as far as I know nothing that has been communicated with City Council (*inaudible*) or with any hatred toward our Police force. Many of the people who have been calling in over the past few months have much respect for the officers who do their job well and with dignity and respect. There are lots of people who appreciate them. That doesn't mean that there isn't room for improvements that

need to take place much as in City Council Members. I disagree. I don't mean that there's not respect for other Members of Council and the Mayor. We can do better.

To go back to my statements from the Community prayer movement that Clwn Davis put on where Rep. Howse asked us all to raise our hands if we felt safe and protected every day in our city. I did not see a lot of Black residents with their hands up when we opened our eyes. If that is the case we can do better in different ways. I appreciate the Police Officers and those who do their job (*inaudible*) regardless of their race or color. One of the letters mentioned their support for the Police Department without question. (*inaudible*) it's our job as leaders to make sure everything possible is being done so that there are equitable outcomes in the community for all people regardless of their race and skin color. I wanted to clear that up. There's no disrespect toward Police. I don't know anyone who hates our Police Officers. I wanted to speak up to that because there's a book called White Fragility. I read it and I reasoned with what we've been having in our City Council Meetings over the past two months is that racism is so entwined in the fabric of America that often when we speak up against racism (*inaudible*) and that's not the case at all. That's how racism is entwined in the pattern of our community so we must continue to stand up for this. Those are my comments. I want my question answered about the resolution (*inaudible*). Thank you.

LAW DIRECTOR RILEY: Mr. Chairman. This is Tim Riley. I can answer that question why the resolution didn't go forward. As all of Council knows, to have legislation ready for the Monday agenda it must be in the Law Department's office by five o'clock on Wednesday. This meeting was held on Thursday and it ended about eight or nine o'clock at night. So it was well past the time that we set to have legislation put up. We have to do this because in order to get the packets out to Council and efficiently run the office agenda there has to be a deadline. We do make exceptions in emergency situations but only when it's an emergency situation something fast in order for an emergency happens for a contract or purchases. So Mr. Fruits I had mentioned at the meeting that night clearly that the legislation has to be in the office by Wednesday at five o'clock and that legislation was not approved and asked to be put on the agenda until essentially Thursday evening. So that resolution will be on the next agenda. Thanks. That's all I have.

MR. FRUITS: Thank you, Mr. Riley. I appreciate that. I did not understand that from the meeting so I appreciate your clarification.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Tim. Thank you, Mr. Fruits. Is there anyone else wishing to address Council this evening?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: If there are none, we will move on to Miscellaneous Business. Would 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 to Ward problems, etc.

PRESIDENT BURKE: This evening we will start with Ward 1 Councilman, Mike Dudley. You have the floor.

CLMN DUDLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, I want to tell everybody keep our Vets past and present in your prayers. We got a lot of Veterans out there. They are struggling from mental issues and some of them now are struggling financially because not just Covid 19 but other issues. It's not as easy as sometime you think. People say we got a VA program. Go down on Prospect and apply. We got a lot of them Veterans because of their mental status they don't exactly understand that. That's why some of them is out on the street now. But I tell you keep them in your prayers. It's not easy serving. We have, I believe four Veterans currently serving from Council as well and they can speak to that notion that we have a lot of Veterans that need help. A lot of them are going through mental issues. They suffer like anybody else. Some times, they suffer worse. So like I say keep them in your prayers. Sometime when you see them, you know the true Vets people say they're begging some of them. They're not begging. They're just trying to make it. That dollar you hand them I guarantee you're not going to miss it. So sometimes be a little generous, especially at the holiday season coming up. If you see them sitting there out there and they look a little hungry, nothing wrong with buying them a sandwich or offering them a sandwich or doing it for any homeless person for that matter. Keep them in your prayers, Vets past and present.

Also I'd like to take an opportunity to read an email that was sent to myself and Clwn Davis, but I am not going to use the person's name who sent that. I'm not going to do that. They only ask for attention. But I do want to address this. It will be a short address because it's a short email. The email came to myself and Clwn Davis. On the email it says

"Good day,

I finally got a chance to read The Neighborhood News this morning to know that you were the only two Members of Council that did not recognize our Veterans. While I am not a Veteran, I have many friends who are. I do find it very disrespectful for the leaders of any community to not recognize these brave men and women. I am curious why you two did not recognize our Veterans."

I'm not going to read what I sent back. I just want to make it short. We got enough stuff going on in this city as it is. We got enough stuff going on in America. When you single out without just cause and you single out two people for the wrong reason. Maybe it's not for the wrong reason. I don't know. But just because I do not advertise. Just because Clwn Davis did not take an article out in The Neighborhood News it don't mean that we do not support our Veterans. You know that's absolutely ludicrous one of the most things I saw and like I say, the email should have never been sent. It's like trying to add fuel to a fire in which myself as well as her and others have worked so hard to try to calm down especially in the city of Garfield Heights.

I am a Veteran. My Dad served two tours in Viet Nam and I believe our Mayor is a Viet Nam Veteran. I believe Clmn Nenadovich came from that era and maybe Chuck Donahue, I'm not sure. Chuck is closer to me. They can tell you it ain't been easy for them as well. They also accused me several times that I could not personally make our Veterans Day event here because I have my brother who is a Viet Nam era Veteran buried at Richmond. Some days on Veterans Days, some times, some years I go there and I just have full conversations with him as if he's still here. That don't mean I disrespect the Veterans because I do not be here on Veterans Day in the city. That doesn't mean that she don't take an article out she disrespects them.

So you have to save comments like that. You have to choose them wisely. You have to take into consideration everything that's going on today. You don't want to fuel any fire to any event. Myself I took it personally as being disrespectful towards me and disrespectful towards her because that was not called for. Then I'm saying if I don't take the turkey out in The Neighborhood News I be a bad guy and she be a bad person. She always do it. I don't do it because St. Timothy Manor, which is where 40 people live, it's an organization that I run. I don't really have nothing left over to do the \$70.00 thing sometime, which is asked for by The Neighborhood News. I think it's great for those individuals who choose to do it. So when you email people and even elected officials, etc. I ask you to be courteous and kind and think about what's going on before you send out messages because the messages cannot just be misinterpreted (but I think it was interpreted right) but it can create some issues. You don't want to see that happen. So kind of keep them comments to yourself. Remember as a Veteran, people do love Veterans, people do look out for Veterans and not just in The Neighborhood News, they do a lot of things for me when I need to get exposure things out for meetings, etc. You don't want to do that. You don't want to put it out like that. I ask you to choose your words wiser next time.

Mr. Chairman, I tell you I didn't think I was going to come out and blast him but we have enough issues in this city and I know Clwn Davis agrees with that too. We don't need to add anything more to that. Just keep our Veterans in prayer and keep me in prayer and my family and I will do you all families as well. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

CLMN DONAHUE: Just a couple things. Again, I'd like to wish all the Veterans have a good day. Thank you for your service. I appreciate that.

Last meeting I said was going to have a contest and award two residents. There will be something in The Neighborhood News talking about it. I put it in the Next Door Neighborhood Garfield Heights Ward 2 on-line. I'd like to announce it right now.

Attention Garfield Heights Ward 2 Residents. Thanksgiving gift card contest. It's going to start at noon on November 12th. The first 20 callers from Ward 2 Garfield Heights Residents. Only one card per household. My phone number is (216) 501-7665. There will be a \$25.00 gift card. You tell me if you want it from Giant Eagle or Dave's Market. I will personally deliver it to you within a week. Again, it's just for Garfield Heights Ward 2 residents. It's only one gift card per household. I wish everybody good luck. The number is (216) 501-7665. It's also posted at the library.

That's all I have. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Clmn Donahue. Clmn Nenadovich, do you have anything this evening?

CLMN NENADOVICH: Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. First of all, Chuck, you're going to get a lot of phone calls, Buddy. God bless you.

Secondly, the Veterans Day, 11-11. Take a walk to the monument. Say a little prayer for all those up there. It will only take you a minute. Stay in your car. Drive by. Just do something that recognizes all those that have died and all those that are serving now. Peacetime. Wartime. They're putting themselves out there. We got to take care of that.

The third thing that I have is Mrs. Leonard, give me a call. I'm very interested why you didn't get my email. That's been happening quite a bit. Not so much with the city, but my private email. Call me on that 641 number. Are you still there, Mrs. Leonard?

MS. LEONARD: Yes, I'm here.

CLMN NENADOVICH: OK. You still have my 641 number?

MS. LEONARD: I think it's on-line.

CLMN NENADOVICH: OK. Let me give it to you. (216) 641-7056. Call me right after the meeting. Thank you.

Mr. Chairman, That's all I've got.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Nenadovich. Clwn Davis, do you have anything you'd like to add?

CLWN DAVIS: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will start off referencing what Clmn Dudley stated about the email that we received. I responded back to that email. I guess the most troubling thing for me was that Veterans Day is not until Wednesday and so for me to be accused of something that hasn't come to pass is a little frustrating. But you know, it goes with the territory so I responded accordingly. That's all I will say about that.

Moving along, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Veterans Day, my father included, who is no longer alive. One of the things that he used to always say to me is that you must appreciate Veterans. It does not matter how long they were in the service. This was one of the quotes he said:

"We don't know them all, but we owe them all".

That's a quote that I agree with.

Secondly, I would like to say Happy Anniversary to myself and the other new Council people. It's been a year since we've been on Council. We've managed to make it through a pandemic, through civil unrest as well as some of that happening in our own community. But we still stand and we're trying to do what is best and right for the community.

I just want to make this little statement. I believe in the power of community though times are challenging it's the challenges that push us to our highest level that we never thought we could possibly accomplish. I believe that the more we have these difficult conversations the more uncomfortable we become; we will learn to do a lot better for everyone. Times have changed drastically and we have to be willing to change with the times.

My last thing that I would like to mention is that I've gotten several calls from residents about parking on the street. I'd like to let everyone know that there is still a parking ordinance. There is a ban during a certain time. It's been an issue and a concern. You can call the non-emergency number to the Police Department directly. To the residents who have reached out to me on 100th Street, on East 96th as well as East 85th I have contacted the Police Department during the night shift and they are going to pay special attention to those streets. Again, if you have those types of concerns, there still is an ordinance in effect. Obviously, it's a little loose because our Police Department has shrunk in size. We have five officers on each shift and so they don't necessarily have the ability to patrol cars being parked if there's crime happening. But again, that ordinance is still in effect. You do have a right to call or you can contact me and I will contact the Police Department for you.

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Clwn Davis. Clmn Blake, do you have anything you'd like to share?

CLMN BLAKE: Yes, I'll be brief, Mr. Chairman. First of all, I would like to thank all the Veterans in the community and throughout the country for their service.

I'd also like to thank my colleagues on Council: Clmn Dudley, Clmn Donahue, Clmn Nenadovich, Clmn Burke, thank you for you guys' service to our country. I definitely appreciate your service.

I'd kind of like to address what Clmn Dudley and Clwn Davis had spoken of in regards to the email. Personally I know that both of you do a lot for your residents. You do a lot of things for people in the community that does not get publicized. I know a lot of us on Council do things that don't get publicized for our residents. I think it's unfortunate that you were called out for something that, as Clwn Davis said, hadn't happened yet. I support you guys in your efforts and I support all of Council in your efforts in doing things for the community.

That's all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Clmn Blake. I, too, would like to wish all the Veterans out there a Happy Veterans Day. I can tell you that when I was 18 years old and I enlisted into the United States Army, I don't think you do it with the intention of becoming a Veteran one day. You do it because you want to serve your county. I'm glad I did it because it taught me a lot. I always tell everybody that I talk to that if you're a young person and you have an uncertain way of where you want to go in life, the United States military is one of the best places to get a start and really learn some things. I learned how to be a leader. I learned to lead by example. I'm very thankful for the times that I had in the United States Army. I will tell you from the bottom of my heart I'm very thankful for anyone who ever recognizes my service to the United States. I'm very thankful to the bottom of my heart to everyone who conveys that.

I will tell you that I don't just celebrate Veterans Day on Veterans Day. I do a lot. I buy dinners for somebody who is in a restaurant and I just happen to be there and I see their hat says they were a Korean War Vet or a Viet Nam War Vet. My heart goes out to the Viet Nam War Vets

because my Dad was one. He is long passed away now, but he knows how thankful I am for his service as well.

I, too, would like to say congratulations to Clmn Donahue, Clmn Blake and Clwn Davis for hanging in there for probably what is arguably the toughest year of any Council Member of the city of Garfield Heights. I mean we've had a lot happen. I know that this has not been an easy year for all three of you. I commend you for staying sane. That's all I have to say about that.

Our next Council Meeting will be November 23, 2020. It will be via Zoom. I have already set it up. That should be on the city's Website if not tomorrow there shortly. So it may not be in a format that everybody's going to be happy with, but we're still trying to get a Communication Technology Meeting together, which is coming December 3rd to help kind of go over how to make the Website a little bit more user-friendly. I get that. But at least for right now, I wanted to try to do whatever we can to try to get something out there so it's easy for anyone to be able to access.

That's all I have. I want to turn it over now to Clmn Vaughn. Clmn Vaughn, you have the floor.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I, too, would like to thank the Vets. And the gentlemen and the Mayor for your service. It is greatly appreciated. My father was a Vet, all my uncles, grandfather—they are all Vets. We were brought up to respect and always pay tribute to these brave men and women. They gave their time for our country both in peacetime and in wartime.

You know every year Ward 7 Block Watch gives away two food baskets for Thanksgiving. There's a ham, a turkey, ground meat, all the fixings, milk, eggs, the whole conglomerate, two pies, a box of candy, all kinds of good things for people. It's just not food for one day but it could get you through a week or two. Even though we have not met the Block Watch since late last February, we decided we're still going to do it. So I'm going to ask that if somebody in Ward 7 is aware of a family that could use this, could you please let me know in the next five/seven days. Next week or so. I say a family because there's so much food there I hate to see any of it go to waste. Again, you can call me at my home at (216) 663-8837. I think it's important that we continue this. So again, it's always a great gift to give out. Please give me a call if you know of a family that could use this.

Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Clmn Vaughn.

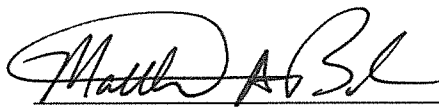
CLMN VAUGHN: At this time, I'd like to adjourn the Meeting.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Vaughn and seconded by myself to adjourn tonight's Council Meeting, will the Clerk please take a roll call vote beginning with Clmn Vaughn.

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

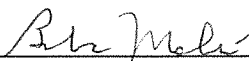
PRESIDENT BURKE: Let the record show that at 7:59 p.m. on November 9th 2020, the Council Meeting for the city of Garfield Heights is now adjourned. Thank you all. Good night.

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Matt Burke
President of Council

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara Molin", written over a horizontal line.

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council