

COUNCIL CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

April 23, 2018

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

Members Present: Matt Burke, Councilman Ward 6
Michael Dudley, Sr., Councilman Ward 1
Gene Glenn, Councilman Ward 4
Michael Nenadovich, Councilman Ward 3
Joseph Suster, Councilman Ward 5
Tom Vaughn, Councilman Ward 7

Member Excused: Joseph LaMalfa, Councilman Ward 2

Councilman Dudley would offer the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilman Nenadovich moved to accept the Minutes of the Caucus Meeting for Monday, April 9, 2018 as written. The Minutes stood approved by 6 Yes votes and 1 Absent votes.

Councilman Nenadovich would dispose of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of April 9, 2018.

There were neither written communications to Council nor committee reports.

ORDINANCE NO. 27-2018 Councilman Vaughn advised that he would move to consider by title. Some Council Members receive their Council packets on Thursdays and some on Fridays.

ORDINANCE NO. 28-2018 Councilman Vaughn advised that he would move to consider by title.

ORDINANCE NO. 29-2018 Councilman Nenadovich advised that he would move to consider by title.

ORDINANCE NO. 30-2018 Councilman Suster advised that he would move to consider by title.

ORDINANCE NO. 31-2018 Councilman Nenadovich advised that he would move to consider by title for a First Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 32-2018 Councilman Dudley advised that he would move to consider by title.

ORDINANCE NO. 33-2018 Councilman Nenadovich advised that he would move to consider by title.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2018 Councilman Suster advised that he would move to consider by title and to amend the title to remove May.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2018 Councilman Vaughn advised that he would move to consider by title.

Councilman Dudley advised that he would not be attending the Regular Council Meeting of June 11, 2018. He expressed concern that a torrential rain might cause erosion and flood Henry Street so he asked that the city look into it. The Mayor agreed to do so.

Mayor Collova then took the floor to inform Council about the situation of Claudia's Daycare, a long time business located on Granger Road. Claudia has sold her business to another daycare center. When she originally bought her building, it was a residential home. At the time of purchase, there was an agreement in place that as long as she owned it, it would be OK to have a daycare center, but as soon as she no longer owned it, it would revert to residential. Claudia represented to the Zoning Board on April 18, 2018. The Zoning Board voted for her parcel to remain U8 Special Use and no longer Residential. However, there is a two week wait after every variance is approved at Zoning before it becomes official so any Councilman has a right within two weeks to disagree with it. Unfortunately, if Claudia did not close by April 30, 2018 the

deal would be dead and she could not sell. According to the Mayor, Claudia had been a great presence to the city of Garfield Heights and had helped the city a great deal. Therefore, he asked whether any Councilman objected to her selling her business and letting it remain a daycare. No one objected. Mayor Collova had prepared a letter to the bank stating that Claudia had been approved by Council to sell. The letter read as follows:

Dear Ms. Bowling:

As of today, April 23, 2018, Garfield Heights City Council has reviewed and approved the ruling of the Garfield Heights Zoning Board and the property located at 10800 Granger Road shall permanently be deemed U8 Special Use Zone.+

He intended to mail it to the bank so that she would not lose the deal. When Clmn Glenn said that he felt Council should have learned of this matter earlier, the Mayor replied that since it was extremely cumbersome to keep Council Members abreast of absolutely everything, they ought to attend Zoning Board and Planning Commission Meetings to keep up with current decisions, such as this one.

At this time, President Burke moved to waive the two-week right of City Council to object to this change.

The Clerk took a roll call vote as follows:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

President Burke then declared that parcel 10800 Granger Road would remain U8 permanently.

Law Director Riley announced that the city would be taking part in a lawsuit to sue opiate manufacturers. There would be no fee involved.

Clmn Vaughn moved to adjourn the Caucus Meeting, Clmn Nenadovich seconded his motion and the motion stood approved by 6 Yes votes and 1 Absent votes.

Council President Burke adjourned the Caucus Meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Approved,

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew Burke
President of Council

Barbara Molin,
Council Clerk