

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, December 9, 2019

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

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Michael Nenadovich

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

EXCUSED: Dudley

CLMN VAUGHN: At this time, I would like to make a motion that we excuse Clmn Dudley please.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Vaughn to excuse Clmn Dudley from tonight's meeting, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Clmn Dudley will be excused from tonight's meeting.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Reading and Disposal of the Minutes for Monday, November 25, 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 Minutes for the Monday, November 25, 2019 Regular Meeting as written.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Nenadovich to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, November 25, 2019, as submitted, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

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

ABSENT: Dudley

PRESIDENT BURKE: The Minutes passed with 6 Yes votes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: Are there any Committee Reports?

CLMN VAUGHN: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Clmn Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: I'd like to report that last week on Wednesday and Thursday the Finance Committee got together and we went over the proposed budgets for 2020. I'd like to thank all the Directors for showing up or turning in reports. Barb, you kept us very well informed. I appreciate all the work you put into it. I thank the Councilmen for participating. We will be set for the year. We don't have a plethora of money, but what we do have we have to be very conservative. Hopefully as things start to progress in the year we will be able to do more. That is my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Clmn Vaughn.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: We will move on now 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. Thank you. I do. I want to start my report by saying congratulations go out to our City Prosecutor Pat Cooney on his recent election. Victory for the Mayor of the City of Fairview Park. Pat Cooney has done a great job. He has been the prosecutor here for my entire term. He has really done an excellent job. The Courts appreciate him. He's going to be sorely missed. I want to see how long he goes being Mayor before he asks to come back. It's going to be interesting. He's a great guy and I think he's going to do a wonderful job for Fairview Park. They're lucky to get him.

I want to talk a little bit about this year the end of year report for the grass cutting program that we instituted a few years back. If you remember back when we started this program, we had our Service Department have their own grass cutting program. It was actually handled through the Rec Department. We used to cut anywhere from 20-30-40 lawns/year for people who weren't taking care of their yards. Times have certainly changed and I thought I'd give you an idea. This year in Ward 1 we cut 731 lawns. In Ward 2, 247. Ward 3, 291. Ward 4, 216. Ward 5, 171. Ward 6, 121. Ward 7, 119. For a total number of 1,896 lawns we had to cut this year because of people that weren't cutting their lawns. Some of them are properties that are owned by the city, but very few. This is sad to see this. Hopefully things will start getting better. When you talk about 1,896 lawns, that's a lot of time that the city is putting in. I just wanted to give you that report.

There's another thing year end that I wanted to talk about. You know through the media, through social media, through the regular media on TV, radio; you know that Garfield Heights does not have a whole lot of positive things talked about. It's usually negative things. They say nothing's going on in the city. I just want to give you something that shows a positive trend that's taking place in Garfield Heights. These are some of the businesses that over the last year or so have brought their businesses into Garfield Heights.

We talked about just recently ICP purchased the Kmart property for \$1.4 million. There is a very good article in Crain's Cleveland on business news. If you have an opportunity, look at that.

We have a Garfield Low Cost Pharmacy that has taken over the Handel's Ice Cream property. It is open for business.

MetroHealth purchased the former Payless Shoe property and is putting in an Urgent Care Center. That is opening soon.

A new Dollar General in the former Family Dollar retail space. The new Dollar General is coming in the Family Dollar.

We have Apple Spice National Box Lunch Delivery and Catering Company that moved in in Midwest. They also have locations in Pennsylvania, Indiana, Tennessee, New York, Michigan, Colorado, Texas, Florida and California.

We also have the armored car company—Loomis. They moved in the NEO Parkway. Their service network includes nearly 200 operating locations in the United States and Puerto Rico. They provide secure armored transport, ATM services and cash management solutions.

We have a new Shell station on the corner of Rockside and Turney that was an investment of \$1.1 million.

We have Sweetly Shoibhan Bakery on Turney Road across from the police station. If you have an opportunity to go in there, go in there. It is absolutely. That bakery is delicious. I've been in there several times. They do a great job.

Emerald Credit Union is putting in a new office building. They are going to be constructing on the old Kmart property near Turney Road. I don't think that is signed, sealed and delivered, but it's very close. We've gotten a lot of reports on that.

Garfield Commons has expanded the retail construction on the former Denny's site. That is just about completed. New businesses will be moving in there shortly.

We also have a children's indoor play and party center coming to the former Bartalone Produce office building on Broadway Avenue. It's going to be a bounce house type of thing. It's going to have all of these inflated things for the kids. It's going to be a great thing for Garfield Heights.

And of course, we have the three locations of the medical marijuana that have moved in. We have the dispensary on Antenucci, we have a processing plant that is in NEO Parkway and we just got a new processing plant coming in near the City View site.

All of this has taken place in the last year or shortly over a year. It certainly shows that people are investing a lot of money in the city of Garfield Heights. Believe me, folks, Council, as you know this is only the beginning. We have some exciting things happening at City View. I think

that the city of Garfield Heights has turned the corner and we're heading for some good things. I am really looking forward to it and I know we all are.

With that said, I want to move on and talk a little bit about the Christmas lighting contest. To participate in this year's Annual Christmas Lighting Contest you nominate your favorite residential display. One winner for each Ward in the city and one citywide will be chosen. Nominating deadline is 4:00 p.m. December 20, 2019. Please submit your nominations via mail to the Civic Center here at 5407 Turney Road, Garfield Heights or by e-mail to jduber@garfieldhts.org. Or fill out the form below and bring it to the Civic Center. These forms are upstairs. I think there are some on the table here if I'm not mistaken. There are also some at the front desk. This is really something. You ride around the city and see some really great displays. People put a lot of effort into this. We would like to reward them because we think it's great for the city.

With that, Mr. Chairman, I'm going to get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 63. We are adding some non-Union positions, a Community Affairs Coordinator and a paralegal position. Ordinance 64 and 65 are in regards to appropriations for 2019 and 2020. Barb will get into that on her report.

Resolution 23 is with our prosecutor, Pat Cooney, leaving employment here, instead of replacing his position, we are going to combine his position and Staff Attorney Jeff Jerome's position into one and Mr. Riley will be getting into that in his report.

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mayor.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: If I could just add because I understand we may be cancelling the next meeting so I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and very healthy New Year. Thank you.

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

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Thank you, Mr. President. I do not have a report, but I do want to comment on two pieces of legislation. I am asking for Council's support for Ordinance 63. If you look at it a large part of it is a re-organization of my department, which I decided to do with the changes that were going on, which takes me into Resolution 23, which as the Mayor mentioned Pat Cooney, who has been our Prosecutor now for quite a while, he is leaving to take on the position as Mayor of Fairview Park. I decided to not look outside. I have had Jeff Jerome in my office for the last 10 years and he has been excellent. He started off as a law clerk and he has moved up to Staff Attorney. He has done an excellent job. I think most of you on Council know him. He is going to be taking over as Chief Police Prosecutor and as Assistant Law Director. So I ask for your support on that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Riley. Does anybody have any questions for Mr. Riley on his report this evening? If there are none, we'll move on to our Fire Chief, Chief Strope.

FIRE CHIEF KENNETH STROPE: I have no report this evening. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Chief Byrne, do you have a report for us?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Yes, I do. I just want to mention that yesterday marked the 25th anniversary of the death of Officers Bob Stefanof and Mike Brown. Those two officers were killed in the line of duty on December 8, 1994 when they were involved in a motor vehicle accident. They observed a suspicious vehicle on Broadway Avenue and they pursued it down McCracken to Lee Road where they were involved in a serious accident in the intersection of Harvard. They died at that time. They joined Sgt. Dennis Glivar who also died in 1994 and Bert Smykowski, who died in 1976. I just thought it was a good time to mention that because certainly we don't want to forget these guys that made the ultimate sacrifice for the city of Garfield Heights. This being their 25th anniversary, I just ask that you please remember them and their families, especially this time of year.

I'd also like to congratulate Pat Cooney. He was a police prosecutor here. He did a great job for us. He was very approachable and a true professional. We have had the opportunity to work with Jeff quite a bit and he does a good job as well.

With that, you have my report.

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

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: Yes, I just have a short report. Today is the last day for leaves. We've been through the city five times. We went all the way through the city on Friday and Monday so it's pretty much done. If anybody else has any out, put them in the large green containers or bag them and put them out. I did a run of the city today and saw a little here and there. Two of the trucks were out today all day but we're going to wind it down and take those apart and clean them up and move the snow stuff to the front of them.

I also want to thank you for all the things that will raise my blood sugar. That's what I'll be sitting eating tonight. I know it. Instead of eating dinner, but I want thank you for it.

That is the end of my report.

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

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Absent.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARB BIRO: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. This evening I am asking support for Ordinance 64-2019. It is the final appropriations for the year December 31, 2019. We ended the year with an approximate \$62.7 million budget across all the funds for the city of Garfield Heights. I'm also asking for support of Ordinance 65, which is to make appropriations for current expenditures for the year December 31, 2020. The budget right now is at \$55.1 million. That will be going up throughout the year in regards to the different

construction projects as they become due and awarded. We will see probably another appropriation measure in March for those and/or July to account for all the construction that will be going through the city of Garfield Heights in 2020.

I would also like to comment on Resolution 23-2019 and ask for support from Council to approve the appointment of Jeffrey Jerome to Chief Prosecutor and Assistant Law Director. On behalf of the Finance Department, Jeff has been a wonderful go to person, has answered all our questions in regards to finances and has also assisted myself in preparing legislation. I believe that this will be a very good transition for Jeff and for the city of Garfield Heights and the Law Department.

With that you have my report.

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

CITY ENGINEER DAVE KROCK: I have no report. Thank you, Mr. President.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSON: Absent.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Let's move on to our Economic Development Director, Noreen Kuban. Noreen, do you have a report for us?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. I have gotten some inquiries from residents about leasing the Kmart building. They have not leased it yet. They just closed on the building a week and a half ago. So as their lease we will be informing residents.

Also, I wanted to make a comment that Cuyahoga County has created a new program in the Office of Innovation and Performance. It is called The Lab. I will read this to you.

"Connects local entrepreneurs and businesses with public sector partners to test new ideas, products and services in a real world environment. There is two tracks. One is the Idea Track for businesses that are in the formation stage and they need additional information to develop a viable product. Then there's the Product Track where businesses and entrepreneurs need to test their product. The Website is thelab@cuyahogacounty. To participate. This is the first year that they are doing this. It is a 12-week cycle. Applications opening January 6th. Applications are due February 7th. Then businesses will be selected in March. Then a time period for the 12-week session is April – July."

I will post this on our Website so we can get that out to local businesses and entrepreneurs.

That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Noreen. Does anybody have any questions for Noreen on her report?

CLWN DAVIS: Noreen, can you state the e-mail address? Is it thelab@cuyahogacounty.oh.us?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, it is. I will send this out to Council Members.

CLWN DAVIS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Does anybody else have any questions for Noreen on her report? If there are none, we'll move over to Mark Moro, our Building Commissioner. Mark, do you have a report?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: Yes, thank you. I have a couple comments. So this is my annual be careful with your Christmas lights and use common sense when employing extension cords and power requirements. Try to keep the ends taped up so water does not get in and cause problems when you are decorating for the contest.

I'd like to make a comment about Dollar General, which opened today. We struggled with Family Dollar to get a couple of serious issues taken care of. One was their dumpster enclosure that was falling apart and the other was the sign at the corner of Park Heights. Dollar General graciously took care of both of those problems for us. They relocated the sign so it is now in compliance. We have a better sight triangle for traffic. They have enclosed the dumpster to help keep the papers from blowing around the neighborhood. We truly appreciate their support and community spirit.

I'd also like to give support for Jeff. As everybody knows, the Building Department spends a lot of time with Law and with the Court. Jeff has always been very helpful for us.

I'd also like to thank us for the gifts that we got tonight.

That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mark. Does anybody have any concerns or questions for Mark on his report? If there are none, that concludes our reports of the Mayor and the Directors. We will move on 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 anyone wishing to make any comments specifically on tonight's agenda? If there are none, we will move on to Ordinances and Resolutions beginning with Ordinance 63-2019. Will the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:
ORDINANCE NO. 63-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 63-2018, THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS' PLAN OF CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION OF NON-UNION PAY POSITIONS.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 63-2019 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 64-2019

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE FINAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to WAIVE 72 HOUR RULE:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 64-2019 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 65-2019

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE: AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE FINAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to WAIVE 72 HOUR RULE:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN NENADOVICH: Before I vote, I want to thank Barb for all the hard work she has put into this, getting the end of year budget together and spending long hours here. I vote Yes.

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

ABSENT: Dudley

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 65-2019 passes with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2019

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE APPOINTMENT BY THE LAW DIRECTOR OF JEFFREY M. JEROME TO ACT AS THE CHIEF POLICE PROSECUTOR / ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LAW FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2020, TO SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE LAW DIRECTOR.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN NENADOVICH: Before I vote, Jeff I think you have a big pair of shoulders that will handle everything we throw at you. Tim, you made a great choice. I think he has always been there for us and he will continue to do it for the rest of his time with this city. I definitely vote Yes.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Before I vote, I would just like to say how hard I know this gentleman works for the city of Garfield Heights. I have to commend the whole Law Department for utilizing the resources that they actually have to help save the city some money here. I think, Jeff, you will do a great job for the city of Garfield Heights. I'm very excited to have you in this role. With that, I vote Yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote, Jeff, congratulations. I think you will do an excellent job. I think it was a wise choice, probably one of the best choices we have made. With that I vote Yes.

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

ABSENT: Dudley

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 23-2019 passes with 6 Yes votes.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, if I may? Can we ask Jeff Jerome to stand up for the people that don't know him? Jeff, please. And I would like to take this opportunity to echo the sentiments of Council. Jeff has been working with myself and Riley and the rest of the staff for 10 years. He has done a great job. I work with him on a daily basis. Usually when I ask Riley when I come up with a great idea and I tell Riley about it he just immediately says No and moves on. Jeff is more articulate. He beats around the bush for 20 minutes and then tells me No also. I appreciate that. But really thank you very much. We are going to be very fortunate to have him as a Prosecutor.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mayor. That concludes our Ordinances and Resolutions for this evening.

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: I'd like to make a motion at this time that we cancel the December 23rd Meeting of Council 2019.

PRESIDENT BURKE: I would like to second that motion. On the motion made by Clmn Vaughn and seconded by myself to cancel the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, December 23rd. Barb, would you take a roll call vote on that?

CLERK:	Vaughn	Yes
	Donahue	Yes
	Nenadovich	Yes
	Davis	Yes
	Blake	Yes
	Burke	Yes

PRESIDENT BURKE: Our next meeting will be in January. Certainly if anything comes up beforehand and we have to have an emergency meeting we will not hesitate to call an emergency meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT BURKE: Let's move on 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 anybody wishing to make any miscellaneous comments to Council this evening?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: There are none, we will move on to Miscellaneous Business. Will the Clerk please read the rule?

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: Since our invocation was given by Clmn Nenadovich, we will start with Clmn Nenadovich tonight.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate that. First of all, I'd like to thank everybody for the sugar high we're going to have tonight and maybe a few other things.

I want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It's been a good year. For some people it has not been a good year. You got to remember the troops that aren't coming home. They're over there making it possible for us to have this meeting without any interruptions. There's another group that we have not mentioned in a long time. That's all the children in the hospital right now that can't come home because they're very ill—cancer/some kind of terrible disease--and they're going to be in the hospital for Christmas. Keep them in your prayers too so that we find a cure for half of this stuff.

I'd like to congratulate Pat Cooney. As the Mayor said on his appointment to Mayor, remember in our prayers as the Chief said about the officers that were killed in the line of duty. Like they said on that one page on the Internet, they put that badge on in the morning not knowing whether they're coming home that night. That's a big heavy badge to bear.

I'd like to thank the Mayor and his Directors again for the great year you've given us. A lot of problems coming up in the New Year. Guys and ladies did a great job. Keep up the good work.

Again, I hope things go by really quick and get things done next year to where we start having some money to start doing a little bit more in the city. I think it's coming.

Again, I want to thank the Directors, etc. especially Noreen Kuban, the Mayor and the Law Department. They have done a great job. Finance a little bit, but especially those people.

With that, Mr. Mayor, again Merry Christmas and thank you for the opportunity.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Nenadovich. Clwn Davis. Do you have any comments?

CLWN DAVIS: Yes. I just want to say Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone since we will not have a second meeting this month. Prayers and blessings to the fallen officers. Thanking them and their families for their service. Just keep them in your memories and prayers.

Also unfortunately, I was pretty ill and wasn't able to participate in the Finance Meetings this week, but they seemed to be pretty intense. I just want to thank Barb for all of her hard work and commitment to helping the city to move forward. I think this is a great time for me as a Councilperson to be a part of the city because it's positive and progressive as things are moving forward. I'm looking forward to 2020.

To Mr. Jeffrey Jerome, congratulations. I haven't had much dealings with you but you seem very excited about this opportunity. I look forward to working with you in the future and continue to do the great work. Everyone is just saying wonderful things about you so I am believing that those are true. You didn't pay anybody off before the meeting, so congratulations. Again, everyone have a wonderful holiday.

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

CLMN BLAKE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Jeff, congratulations on your position. You know, in my dealings with you, although brief, I always appreciate your professionalism and your courtesy.

Next Wednesday the 18th we will be having a Community Awareness Meeting. Clmn Donahue and I will be hosting it. It's more of a holiday party than anything. We look forward to having the residents show up and just appreciate each other's company.

I'd like to say thank you for the gifts. My doctor will thank you in approximately 60 days. My blood sugar will be high.

Again, as everyone has said, hope everybody has a Merry Christmas and a peaceful, joyous holiday season. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Clmn Blake. I, too, would like to congratulate Mr. Jerome. I think he is a very good asset to the city of Garfield Heights. I've talked to him in the past when I could not get a hold of Mr. Riley. He always had the answer so you are batting a thousand with me. He's a pleasant guy to deal with. So I don't know what he's going to be like as a prosecutor. I hope he's not that pleasant.

I wanted to say thank you to Barb and Tom and the members of the Finance Committee for a well put Finance Committee Meeting. There was a lot of things that were discussed at that meeting. It kind of brought to light some things that we kind of take for granted sometimes. When you look at the budget and you look at how much you think you have it reminds you that we are only one bad thing away from being back in fiscal emergency. So when things look like they are on the up and up you know you just get reminded of how hard one little thing can change the whole budget.

I also wanted to say that I believe, Clwn Davis, you are having a Communication Technology Committee Meeting this Thursday, correct?

CLWN DAVIS: Yes.

PRESIDENT BURKE: I apologize. I will not be able to make that because I do have to work. I have to go to Cranberry, Pennsylvania. Not one of my favorite places in the world to go, but unfortunately I have to go for work.

I also want to put my support out there for the Community Awareness Meeting next Wednesday the 18th. I am going to try to make that. I will be out of town so I don't know if I'll be able to make it back in time, but I will try to make that.

I also too would like to send out some prayers to the fallen officers and their families. Just to remember them as well.

I would like to say Merry Christmas to everybody and Happy Holidays. I hope you all enjoy your holiday season, time with your families and be safe. If anything, be safe. That's all I have. Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Why, thank you, Sir. Mr. Riley, you have broken the myth that you don't give reports. That was really good. You did a nice job. It was good news. You are saving us money. So yes, Mr. Riley does give reports.

I would like to announce Block Watch for Ward 7 will be Thursday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Augustine Room of St. Monica's School building. It's going to be our annual Christmas party. It's kind of a laid back affair. Come join us. All are welcome.

I also want to thank the residents from the Block Watch that put together two amazing baskets of food for two different families in Ward 7. They consist of almost \$250.00 worth of food, turkeys, hams, pies, all the fixings, bread, milk, eggs, whatever you could think of, fresh fruit, vegetables. It was just unbelievable. People went above and beyond. I want to thank them for doing that.

Again, congratulations to Pat Cooney and to Jeff. You are going to do fine. You will be all right up there. I feel sorry for the Courts, but that's OK. You're going to do fine. You are very committed to the city and I appreciate that.

I'd like to thank everybody for their gifts. Yes, my endocrinologist is not going to appreciate it, but he'll get over it.

You know, everybody, enjoy the holidays, spend it with your families. Be careful out there. I drove from South Russell back to Garfield Heights tonight. People are just crazy. Just slow down and be careful. It's more important that you're here.

Everybody have a good Christmas. Enjoy the New Year. God willing, we'll see everybody back here the 1st of next year. That's my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Clmn Vaughn. Mr. Donahue.

CLMN DONAHUE: Being last is terrible. I do want to wish everybody Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Happy Holidays.

I do want to congratulate Jeff. We don't know each other yet, but we will I'm sure.

Tim, thank you for saving the city some money. I appreciate that.

I want to remind everybody if you don't already know, for the kids it's Skate with Santa on the 15th of December—next Sunday--from 3:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m. Bring the kids in. They get to sit on Santa's lap. Santa will walk around for a little bit saying hi, etc. It's going to be me.

Another reminder. Clmn Dudley is having a Town Hall Meeting tomorrow unless he's still incapacitated. I don't think there's any change on it yet. It's supposed to be from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Christian Kingdom Church.

The next meeting will be on January 13, 2020.

Again, thank you everybody for the gifts. Yes, we all have sugar. With that, Mr. Chairman, that's my report. I'd like to make a motion to adjourn.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Donahue to adjourn tonight's Meeting, all in favor signify by saying Yea.

CLMN VAUGHN: I think Mr. Donahue ought to stand up so the camera can get a good look at that jacket. Not too many people can get away with that. That would have looked good on LaMalfa.

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

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

ABSENT: Dudley

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:42 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Matthew Burke
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council