

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, February 10, 2020

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

INVOCATION BY: Council President Matt Burke

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Reading and Disposal of the Regular Minutes of Council for Monday, January 27, 2020.

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 from the Regular Meeting of Council on Monday, January 27, 2020 as written.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Nenadovich to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, January 27, 2020, as written, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: The Meeting Minutes are accepted with 7 Yes votes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: Let's move on to the reports of the Mayor and the Directors. Mayor, do you have a report this evening?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I have a report this evening. I just want to remind everybody about two events that are coming up. Monday, May 25th is our Memorial Day Parade. Last year this parade really was exciting. We suspended it for two years because of the Turney Road project and when the group that wanted to put this parade back

together came to me, I was somewhat skeptical about how it would work out. I have to tell you it was a huge success. There was many people on the sidelines of Turney Road watching the parade. Let's make it bigger and better than ever. Remember Monday, May 25th will be the Memorial Day Parade. There will be a ceremony outside at the Veterans Memorial and then we will come inside for refreshments.

Also, another big event that has been going on here for probably the last five/six years is the Viet Nam Veterans Day event, once again being held here in Garfield Heights. We are the host for this event. It is on March 29th. If you have never come to this event, you need to come just to see it. What an unbelievable experience. What an unbelievable tribute to our Viet Nam Veterans. I'm serious when I tell you. If you get an opportunity, please join us on March 29th.

With that, I'm going to get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 10. We are promoting one of our Lieutenants to a Captain. Ordinance 11. We have agreed to a 2% wage increase to all AFSCME employees just like our regular employees that are here non-Union employees have gone without increases for the last couple of years. If there was any increase, it was very minor. They agreed and we agreed that a 2% wage increase would be proper this year. I have to tell you that we have really worked well with AFSCME. They're a good group to work with. I'm proud to say we came up with an agreement pretty quick. Ordinance 12. We are asking Council to approve the 2% increase to all the non-Union employees and addressing the pay scale to accommodate that increase. Ordinance 13 is an ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to accept the NOPEC Energized Community Grants for 2020. Ordinance 14 is an emergency ordinance that came up late. It's about a blockage on Canal Road that is in Garfield Heights that is causing some damage to some of the property owners there. We have brought in some people to look at this. The County just looked at it. The Perk Company has looked at it. Nobody knows how serious this thing is until they get in there. This can cost us anywhere from \$20,000.00 to \$100,000.00 depending on how deep and how serious the problem is. So we are putting this legislation forward today to say we have to get this done. It is an emergency. We are not going to be able to go out for bid because the businesses right there are in jeopardy really having some problems. So we are asking Council to pass this ordinance and we will certainly keep you apprised of what goes on as it comes along.

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

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

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: No report this evening.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Tim. Fire Chief Strope. Do you have a report this evening?

FIRE CHIEF KENNETH STROPE: Yeah, I do have a couple things. Thank you. First of all, the American Red Cross has approached us. They want to do a smoke detector program. They want some volunteers to go out on April 25th. They want to pick a couple streets, about 500 homes. They will start two weeks in advance and put out flyers. Then they want to go door to door to install smoke detectors for the residents that want them. There is a 10-year warranty on the smoke detectors. They don't need batteries. They are good for 10 years. It's all funded

by the Red Cross—not by us and volunteers. They said they bring out approximately 60 volunteers. Last year they did it in Bedford Heights. They did it in Maple Heights. Both cities said it was a good project. They said for the residents that live on those streets they will come out. There is a hot line and they will send out crews to put them in your homes that are on those streets. They said even afterwards they will still have that hot line open so if anybody wants the Fire Department to come out and put those ones in later. They think it's a good thing.

Also, I ask your support of Ordinance 20-2020. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Chief Strope. Does anybody have any questions for Chief Strope tonight? If there are none we will move on to our Police Chief, Chief Byrne. Do you have a report for us?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Just one quick one. I wanted to point out our officers went through some autism training last week for four hours. It was put on by Milestones Autism Resources. They are located in Warrensville Heights. They did the training for us in the Warrensville Police Department for free. We got some really positive feedback from our officers. I think it will be very helpful so I wanted to put the word out and just thank them for putting that training on for us. I think it will be very beneficial to our officers. That concludes my report.

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

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. This is kind of a strange winter. The last week and a half has been really strange. One minute it's freezing rain, the next it's snow. I, myself, would rather have the snow. Freezing rain is extremely dangerous. We've been out including even last night. Earlier last night the road was frozen and everything going up to 40 by midnight it was gone. That's OK with me. This has got to be one of the most different winter snows that I've seen in a long time.

We are also with not having snow, patching some of the streets where the potholes are. We've gotten to get to a lot of big holes with the crew. We've had some work tickets for some trees, etc. that we've been able to do.

We started working on the sweeper. We had it out last week, tested it. We're trying to put it in the right frame so when spring comes we can get it going fast and furious.

Also the Canal Road that the Mayor mentioned. We been dealing with this for a couple months. The businesses have been very good. They've cleaned their own storm sewers around the lots thinking that maybe it was their problem at the front end. We've had the County there. We've had Regional Sewer there. It's definitely something way bigger than what we've taken action on so far. We probably won't really know what it is until we get the ground opened. That's why he's saying there's a broad range in the price. It affects four-five businesses down there by Old Granger and Canal so we're going to have to take a good look at it

With that, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Tim. Does anyone have any questions for Tim on his report this evening? There are none, we'll move on to our Finance Director, Ms. Barb Biro. Barb, do you have a report this evening?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Absent.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARB BIRO: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. A real simple one. I'm asking Council for the support of Ordinance 11 and Ordinance 12 in regards to the 2% increase for the AFSCME employees and the non-Union paid positions. This will allow us to be in the process of awarding the 2% to those individuals and begin the retro pay calculation to those individuals. Also, it would begin the process for the payment to our jailers and dispatchers.

With that, you have my report.

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

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Absent.

PRESIDENT BURKE: If there are none, we will move on to our Social Services Director, Kathy Rush-Parsson. Kathy, do you have a report this evening?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSON: Yes, I do. Thank you. We are currently taking appointments for the free tax preparation service that is available through AARP. We started a little bit late this year taking appointments, but we are currently taking them. They are filling up fast. So if anyone is interested, please call the Senior Center at (216) 475-3244. They are only here on Fridays and they will be here through Friday April 3rd.

Also, due to some maintenance issues with the elevator here at the Civic Center we will need to unfortunately cancel the monthly Senior Produce Market, which we have been doing since last December. Unfortunately we get about 2,500 pounds of fresh produce delivered through the annex here and the only way to get it upstairs is through the elevator. So hopefully we will be able to resume that again in March.

Additionally, the monthly Food Bank program next Wednesday February 19th and Thursday February 20th will be held upstairs in Room 118 instead of down here in the basement. We will have to do pre-packed bags of food that will then be distributed instead of having the choice pantry down here in the basement.

Also, last November the Senior Center Assistant, Joe Snyder, applied for a Fresh Food Capacity Building Grant through the Ohio Association of Food Banks. It is designed to help improve the access to fresh, healthy food in Ohio's Hunger Relief Network, which we fall under. The Senior Center applied for the grant funding to purchase an institutional grade refrigerator, which would allow us to then purchase from the Cleveland Food Bank some more perishable food items,

such as eggs, cheese, yogurt, etc. We will be able to distribute those to families at our monthly Food Pantry.

We were recently notified that we had been selected to receive the grant money up to \$5,000.00 so we will be purchasing a new refrigerator within the next few weeks and the total cost will be paid by the grant. So that will definitely help families who participate in our Food Bank Program.

Finally, the Garfield Heights Senior Center is one of 36 Senior Centers across Northeast Ohio that is participating in the Second Annual Mind Challenge Competition. The purpose of the contest is to enrich Seniors' brain fitness and to enhance some socialization among different Senior Centers. The regional play is planned for the months of February, March and April, culminating in a championship round which will be played on May 6th at the Jack Thistledown Racino. The first prize for the winning Senior Center is \$3,500.00. So today as it would happen, a team of six Seniors from Garfield Heights traveled to the Strongsville Senior Center for the first round of competition in the Southeast Region. I am happy to report the Garfield Heights team scored the highest number of points out of all the teams competing. So they will be advancing to the next round of competition, which will be held in March. They were very excited. They love to win. I will keep you updated as to their progress. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Kathy. Does anybody have any questions for Kathy on her report? If there are none, we'll move on to our Economic Development Director, Noreen Kuban. Noreen, do you have a report?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes. Very briefly, Mr. President. We had been talking about the Census data going out. Notifications will start going in mid-March. You do not have to reply by on-line. You can reply by phone or in paper copy. So if you don't respond in mid-March when you first get noticed there will be some follow up phone calls or follow up correspondence in the mail. I just wanted to give you some deadlines. Thanks.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Noreen. Does anybody have any questions for Noreen this evening?

CLMN NENADOVICH: Yes, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Noreen, question. To sign up to take the Census. Are they still taking volunteers? Or are people in paid positions?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: On-line and the Census Bureau site are paid jobs. You apply on-line.

CLMN NENADOVICH: You apply where? www.ecensus.com?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: I don't have that with me right now.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Will you have it tomorrow?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Sure. Census Bureau is hiring thousands of people across the country. Their positions are fairly well paid. They start at about \$18.00/hour.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Noreen. Anybody else?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: Absent.

PRESIDENT BURKE: If there are none, 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 address any of the legislation that we have this evening? If there are none, we will move on to our Ordinances and Resolutions beginning with Ordinance 10-2020. Will the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 28-2019 TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CAPTAIN POSITIONS AND DECREASE THE NUMBER OF LIEUTENANT POSITIONS PERMITTED IN THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 10-2020 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 11-2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS AND LOCAL 2729 AND COUNCIL 8 AFSCME, AFLO-CIO.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 11-2020 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2020

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

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 12-2020 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S) FOR 2020.

Moved by BLAKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 13-2020 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2020

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PERK COMPANY, INC. TO PERFORM IMMEDIATE ACTION TO REMOVE THE BLOCKAGE OF THE CANAL ROAD STORM CULVERT

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to WAIVE 72-HOUR RULE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 14-2020 passes with 7 Yes votes. That concludes our Ordinances and Resolutions for this evening.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT BURKE: We will move on now to comments by citizens. Will the Clerk please read the rules.

CLERK: Comments shall be restricted to any problem a citizen has which has previously been submitted to his/her Councilperson or to the city hall department directly involved. If submission of a problem to a city hall department or a Councilperson is made and there is a lack of service rendered in this regard, the problem may then be presented during Comments from Citizens at a future meeting. It is the intention of this rule that no request of a first nature is presented on the floor at this time. Comments shall be limited to five minutes. No citizen shall be heard more than once.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Are there any residents out there that would like to make any comments to Council this evening?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: There are none, we will move on to Miscellaneous Business. We will start with Ward 1. Clmn Mike Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: Good evening everybody. I wanted to make it quick tonight. We got Wednesday, February 19th we are holding our 15th Annual Garfield Heights Black History Program at the Performing Arts Center at 4900 Turney Road. Our guest speaker is Eighth

District Court of Appeals Judge Larry Jones. Every time these programs happen, I learn something new because I never knew who was the first African American that actually received a law license. I never knew the answer to that. I never knew who was the First African American woman who became a Judge. I picked all this stuff up. You get a good education from it. These programs are all about education. So I encourage you to come out there. We have plenty of food. Plenty of refreshments. All the raffles is free. We do raffle off some nice prizes.

I thank those who donate the prizes to the program. We have Members of Council who have always donated prizes and the general public as well as businesses. If you have a gift or a basket, etc. you want to donate, somebody brought it all the way from the other side of Garfield Heights all the way over to Ward 1 to my house. You can give it to any Member of Council and it will find its way to where it is supposed to be. Up here in Ward 7 we got Tom Vaughn, I keep missing those two guys sits up there you got the Chairman in Ward 5. You can drop it off to him. Clmn Burke or Clmn Blake or Clwn Shayla Davis. You can drop it off to her or Clmn Nenadovich or Clmn Donahue sitting next door to me right here. You can drop it off to any one of them.

I want you to come out and enjoy yourself and learn something. Bring your family. It's always family-oriented and appropriate. A lot of work goes into these programs. I appreciate the help of two of your School Board Members this year. Ms. Nichelle Daniels also Ms. Ashley Thomas. Glad you gave a helping hand. Remember we got two of them this year. We also going to have one on Friday. We both have guest speakers. You also have your Mayor speaking at both of them. You really need to come out. This is not a competitive thing to see who has the best show. I been in the business for 15 years. It's always been a great program. I always enjoyed it. You got two opportunities. You can't make Wednesday—make Friday. It's at the Performing Arts building, same place, 4900 Turney Road so come out and show your support. It's a lot of work put into the programs. It should be no available seats at none of those shows. I plan to be at both of them. If I can make both of them, I'm quite sure some people can make at least one of them. So come out this year and show your support for the program. With that, that's all I have this time, Mr. Chairman, thank you.

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

CLMN DONAHUE: First, I want to say that I apologize for not having my suit. It was back ordered so I wasn't going to get it until the 22nd of February. But I wanted to wear something for Valentine's Day. Clmn Vaughn was gracious enough to give me this vest. It looks like I'm a bartender.

I am working on St. Patrick's Day already so in a month I will have something.

Speaking of Clmn Vaughn, I just want everybody to know that this Friday he will be one year closer to MEDICARE. It's his birthday. He's not quite getting MEDICARE yet.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you.

CLMN DONAHUE: With that, I'm glad to see everybody made it out today. I wish we could get more people. I appreciate everybody that comes. You can always see it on television if you miss it. With that, I'm done. Thank you.

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

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Talking about Mike's program, he does put on one hell of a show. What is it now, Mike? Twelve? Thirteen years?

CLMN DUDLEY: Fifteen.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Fifteen? I missed two but it's a great show.

CLMN DUDLEY: The Mayor never missed none. What's going on, Mike?

CLMN NENADOVICH: Well, sometimes I get sick. If you can make it, make at least one, like Mike says. I was really shocked last year by that jazz group. It was beautiful.

I want to wish you all a Happy Valentine's Day. I don't have anything else.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Nenadovich. Clwn Davis.

CLWN DAVIS: Good evening everyone. Happy to see everyone who came out tonight.

I wanted to give you guys an update. I neglected to state it in the committee report but the Communication and Technology Committee that I chair met last Wednesday and we will be getting Wi-Fi access in City Council chambers and in the Caucus Room. We are working with the IT Department to get that worked out. I'm not exactly sure when that will happen, but hopefully that will be very helpful to anyone that is trying to connect as we are continuously trying to do but we don't have access the way the building is set up right now.

Secondly, the Ward 4 Community Meetup Meeting (the very first one) is going to happen on Saturday, February 29th at 12:00 p.m. at our fire station on Turney Road.

I have also teamed up with our fire station to offer a free CPR class for the community. That's going to be on Saturday, March 7th from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. There's going to be some food provided so everyone should please arrive on time. You do need to register and sign up. There are some flyers over there on the table. I've also posted it on social media. So anyone who wants to come who wants to bring their child as long as they are 13 years or older, they can attend as well.

Lastly, I would like to say this is February, Black History Month. This is the month that honors Blacks with a rich range of experiences through struggles and achievements and to our American history as we are today. So just be conscious of that and share any wonderful stories or resources that you have as it relates to Black history and American history. Just show love. It's Black History Month and Valentine's Day is coming up so just show love and be happy. That's all we got right now so let's just do it, OK? That's all I have for tonight.

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

CLMN BLAKE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will be very quick tonight. This coming Wednesday, February 12th at 6:30 p.m. here at the Civic Center we will have our Community Awareness Meeting. There will be a presentation by Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater Cleveland. The meeting's put on by Clmn Donahue, Clmn Burke and myself.

On February 25th we will have a Memorial Day Planning Meeting at 6:00 p.m. here at the Civic Center. We are looking for as much involvement as possible. We are looking at doing a couple things to get more community involvement. I will have more information on that after that meeting.

I'd like to wish everybody a Happy Valentine's Day. That's all I have tonight. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Clmn Blake. I, too, would like to reiterate about the Community Awareness Meeting coming up on Wednesday here at 6:30 p.m.

Also, I really do want to say thank you to Clmn Blake, Clwn Davis and a few of the other folks here who surprised me for my birthday last week. I thought I was just coming to a technology committee meeting and then afterwards I found out that I turned 50 years old and they were going to have a party for me. I was completely shocked. I am very thankful to have the friends that I have and the people that I have in my life that would do something like that for me. So I thank you all from the bottom of my heart.

I want to wish Clmn Vaughn a Happy Birthday coming up. These are important now that you hit a certain age. I believe you start thinking about them a little differently.

I, too, would like to wish everybody a Happy Valentine's Day. That's all I have. Clmn Vaughn

CLMN VAUGHN: I thank you. I really don't have much to say tonight. I've been asked to remind everybody and let everybody know we're at St. Therese Church on Saturday. The Boy Scouts are going to be having a garage sale from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. so if you'd like to stop over there, please support it. I think they are one of the last Boy Scout troops we have in Garfield Heights. So if you get a chance, please stop over.

I wish everybody a Happy Valentine's Day. Don't go out celebrating too much. Drive safely.

One last thing, as I've been driving around my Ward, looking at streets that need to be repaired, etc., people, please pick up the garbage. It's flying all over from all over. Many factors enter into it. It just takes a few minutes. We take those things out in the evening. Pick up at least what's in front of your house. Make our community look a lot better. Let's face it. We all want to live in a clean respectable area. Take a few minutes out and do that.

That's all I have tonight. Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: I'd like to make a motion that we adjourn?

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:33 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Matthew Burke
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council