# MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

# **CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO**

# Monday, February 22, 2021

# (Note: This meeting was conducted via Zoom due to the current Covid-19 outbreak.)

# MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m. by Council President Michael Nenadovich.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** I would like to call the Council meeting of February 22, 2021 to order. Barb, would you take the roll call please.

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

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** All Council members are here except for the vacancy in Ward 6.

## **READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:**

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Disposal of the Minutes for the Regular Council meeting for the city of Garfield Heights on Monday, February 8, 2021, I'd like to make a motion to accept as written. Do I have a second?

**CLMN DONAHUE:** I second it.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Barb, will you take a roll call please?

AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue The Minutes are accepted in a 6-0 vote. Thank you very much.

#### WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Next, we have Written Communications to Council. Barb, is there any written communication to Council?

**CLERK:** Yes, we received one email from Carol Schillero.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** At this point, after speaking with Carol during the break, please go ahead and read the communication.

**CLERK:** The entire communication?

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** How long are we talking about? Read the whole thing.

**CLERK:** It's two whole pages.

"Dear esteemed Council Members,

As a 32-year resident and homeowner in Garfield Heights, I respectfully request that an amendment be made to Ordinance 505.13 that would allow homeowners to raise backyard chickens. As you know, many of our surrounding cities have permitted backyard coops/chickens for several years now and it has been a great benefit to their communities. Some of those cities are Independence, Valley View, Macedonia, Sagamore Hills, Lakewood, Cleveland and, most recently, North Olmsted.

Chickens have been animal companions of humans for thousands of years. They provide outstanding pest control, eating ticks, slugs, mosquitoes and many other insects. And they produce eggs that are much more nutritious than those you can buy at the supermarket. Keeping backyard chickens is more than just a trend, they are beneficial to the families and communities that allow them.

Backyard chickens are beneficial to the community that they live in because they:

- 1. Offer fresh, locally sourced eggs (and can be organic and non-GMO).
- 2. Can help to provide food security for lower-income families.
- 3. Produce healthier eggs compared to store-bought eggs.
- 4. Provide gardeners with high-quality fertilizer.
- 5. Help control flies and other pests.

6. Dispose of weeds and kitchen scraps that would otherwise go to the landfill.

7. Chickens have been seen as therapeutic for children on the autism spectrum by getting the kids involved in feeding and caring for the chickens, thereby promoting independent living skills.

8. Chickens provide a great way for kids to learn about nature, agriculture and the responsibility of caring for animals. Raising Chickens is also a fantastic way for both kids and adults to gain respect for these intelligent creatures that produce food for us.

Backyard chickens will generally get far more humane care than those raised in filthy, crowded "factory farms." Industrial production is creating numerous problems, including pollution from manure, antibiotic resistance and higher risk of a more dangerous strain of bird flu. Keeping a few chickens at home is one way we can each do our part to address these problems. Limit their numbers, and require clean, humane care — absolutely. But there really is no legitimate reason for any city to prohibit keeping a few chickens, any more than there is reason to ban the keeping of dogs or cats.

Some common misconceptions about backyard chickens include:

1. They're noisy. Chickens will peep and cluck softly throughout the day and are silent all night.

2. They smell. A small flock (5-6 chickens) will poop about as much as an average dog, and the coop will not smell if it's kept clean.

3. They attract predators. This is not truly a misconception, but can easily be remedied by the chicken owner. Chickens aren't only food for humans--they can be food for a number of predators as well. It is the responsibility of the chicken owner to keep his/her chickens contained and safe from predators, just as the same responsibility falls on cat and dog owners.

4. You need a rooster for hens to lay eggs. This is simply untrue, the only reason a rooster would be needed in a flock of hens would be for reproduction. Hens will still lay eggs without a rooster present.

What we are asking is for a change in the ordinance against owning backyard chickens in the city of Garfield Heights and adopting a new ordinance that allows responsible citizens in residentially zoned areas to own a small backyard flock.

Thank you, in advance, for your kind consideration of our request.

Respectfully, Carol Schillero & Family 5475 East 135th Street Garfield Heights"

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Barbara, I want you to give me a copy of that letter please.

CLERK: Yes, I will.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you. Send it to all of Council, please.

CLMN BLAKE: All of Council has it, Mr. Chairman. If I could have the floor for one second?

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mr. Blake, go ahead.

**CLMN BLAKE:** Ms. Schillero had previously reached out to me and we had some messages back and forth. I'd discussed two options with her: waiting until the Ward 6 Council person got seated or reaching out to the Council as I cannot speak for all of you. So that's what she did. We did receive the email earlier this morning. I did forward it to Barb Molin as well. I'm not sure this is the time to do it, but regards to Mrs. Schillero, I know she wants to speak and address Council in Comments by Citizens, but I would like to place this item in the Legislative Committee to discuss further.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I'd like to second that.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** On the motion by Mr. Blake and seconded by Mr. Vaughn, to place this item in Legislative Committee. Barb, would you take a roll call please.

**CLWN DAVIS:** Before I vote, I would also like to concur that I did receive correspondence from Ms. Schillero on Sunday. I believe as a matter of fact, unfortunately, I had not responded back because I'm not feeling well. I did receive that. I vote Yes.

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

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Okay, that's 6 votes. It is placed in Legislative Committee. I will make that note right now. Thank you, Mr. Blake, Mr. Vaughn. Is there any other communications to Council, Barbara?

**CLERK:** No, that's all I have.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**:

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Is there any legislation coming out of committee? All that I know of is the legislation for the vote and we'll be performing that legislation tonight just before Comments by Citizens.

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Who am I talking to? **CLMN VAUGHN:** Mr. Vaughn.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Tom, go ahead.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I would like to make a motion at tonight's meeting after Comments by Citizens before Miscellaneous Business, that we go ahead with the vote for the replacement of the Ward 6 Council member.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Do I have a second on that motion?

**CLMN DONAHUE:** I second it. AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** That passes 6-0. Slight adjustment to that. I would also like to make a motion right now to place the appointment of a Ward 6 Council person on the agenda for tonight. Do I have a second?

CLMN DONAHUE: I'll second it.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Barb, would you take a roll call please?

**CLERK:** Who seconds it? I did not hear.

**CLMN DONAHUE:** I'll second it.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Before I vote, I'm confused. Isn't that what we just did? Because that's the motion I made.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** You made a motion and put it on the words where it takes place at. It was supposed to.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I asked to put it on the agenda, Mike.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** I did not hear that. I didn't hear it. **CLMN VAUGHN:** OK. All right. I vote Yes. AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Barb. That's 6-0. Okay, if there's nothing else, we're going to have the report of the Mayor. Matt, are you there on the floor?

## **REPORT OF THE MAYOR:**

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I do have a report this evening. It's been a pretty busy three weeks now, I believe, that I've been in this office and I have some really good news to share with you tonight.

First of all, I want to kind of go back to Mr. Primous and his water leak over there in Ward 1. I'm happy to announce that his water leak has been fixed. The Cleveland Water Department went out there and they assessed the situation. I believe his line was also fixed. Everybody should be happy over there. I would definitely like to thank Janice Tubbs for getting involved in that, along with our Service Director Mark Sikon and his team over there for putting salt down on the road, making sure that we're safe in that area. There wasn't any ice forming. And then also, last, I would like to thank the reporter, Sia Nyorkor, for her efforts, because had it not been for her report, I would not have known what was going on there.

While I have Mr. Sikon on there, I want to also say Mr. Sikon, thank you so much for your guys out there plowing the snow in this last snowstorm. I can't tell you the amount of phone calls that I got from residents thanking me, as if I was driving the trucks. I'll tell you, your guys did a great job and they need to be commended for it. I know they enjoyed the pizza I got for them. I don't dare say that in front of everybody because then the Rec Department's going to want a pizza and the firefighters, etc. But those guys went over and above.

I'm very excited to report to you today that I swore in three new police officers this afternoon. The three new officers are a very diverse group. I'm proud to see them coming on board here in Garfield Heights. The only regret I have is that they could not be in front of Council to get sworn in and take their oath. Is Chief Kaye on the line? I don't see him. Just to let you know, I mean, I was going to let Chief Kaye talk about them. I have to say I have to applaud the Chief because he not only went out looking for three officers, but he found three very diverse police officers. Officer Youssef Yuhuri is a Muslim officer. Very well respected. He came to us through a lateral transfer. He is about 28 years old. Looks like a very strong young man. Looks like he'll round out our police force really well. Officer Tywin Turner, resident of Garfield Heights here in, I believe, Ward 1, he lives on East 135<sup>th</sup> and he was very happy to come here to Garfield Heights and actually patrol in his own hometown here. So I really got a chance to meet him and his lovely little boy and also his family.

**CLMN BLAKE:** Mayor, Chief Kaye is on the line.

POLICE CHIEF KAYE: I'm sorry. I think we had some technical difficulties.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Hey, Chief, if you're on the line, you want to tell everybody a little bit about these three officers that were sworn in today?

**POLICE CHIEF KAYE:** Yeah, absolutely. So our first one, Peter Stockhausen. He's a five year veteran of the Shaker Heights Police Department, which, if anybody knows they're a very squared away department, so we were lucky to get him. Youssef. He was with the Case Western Reserve Police Department for over three years. He actually came over from Morocco in 2012. So he's got a pretty interesting background, a really nice guy. And then Tywin's been with the Cleveland Police Department for two years. Also a great officer, I mean, you could imagine working in Cleveland, he's seen his share and done his share of things. So, you know, our policy is the minimum we trained eight weeks. So with these laterals, with their experience, you know, in eight weeks, we're going to be able to get them on the road.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** All right, thanks, Chief. While I got you on the line, we also brought on two part time safety dispatchers, correct?

**POLICE CHIEF KAYE:** That's correct. We have two part timers. One's from Mentor, and the other one was from Chagrin Valley. What happened is our records clerk is going to be retiring in April. So one of our full time dispatchers is moving over into her record spot. And one of our part time dispatchers is going full time. We were able to find two really qualified part timers to fill her spot.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Excellent. And then I also want to talk a little bit about the parking ban that was out during the snowstorm. I know I had some phone calls about that parking ban and I did speak with the Chief. Chief, how many cars did we end up ticketing and have we towed any?

**POLICE CHIEF KAYE:** Yeah, so for that, it was about 24 hours, the parking ban was in effect, we ticketed at least 55 tickets came across my desk and there's probably a few that didn't. That's the ones that went straight to Court. So at least 55 cars were ticketed. A handful were towed. We gave at least that many warnings. Our officers were great. They were out there. And you know, if a car was clearly parked overnight, buried in snow, it got a citation. However, if it looked like it had just parked there, somebody's cleaning off their driveway, our officers would go knock on the doors, they were making phone calls to residents, asking them to come move their car before they got cited. They did one heck of a job. I think everybody has to realize when the bad weather comes in, our calls go up. So these guys were running all day. Accidents, disables, you know, spun out cars, they're missing their meals, they're missing their breaks, they got wet shoes, wet clothes the whole day, they really stepped up while I was real proud of them that day.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Thanks, Chief. I'm moving right along, because I don't want to be as long as I was last time. I got some criticism for my first Council meeting as a Mayor, I was pretty long winded, I guess. The Community Relations Committee. I want to touch on that for a second. Currently, there's five applicants and of those five I think two or three of them did not leave a phone number. So I'm waiting for them to get back to us via the email that they left. And hopefully they'll get back to us. I can start the process of interviewing possibly next week. If we don't have enough candidates to make it a diverse group, like we were talking about on Council, we're going to have to maybe delay the deadline and wait for some more applicants to apply, but at any rate, I'll keep you guys posted on that.

I have some very, very exciting news. Something that I've been working on for the last 22 days and probably then some. As you know, we've got this huge Highland Park center over there right as you come into Garfield Heights off of Transportation Boulevard, owned by ICP. I had numerous conversations with ICP, even before I took office, and they have told me that there's two large companies that they've been dealing with that want to come to their space, and we've been doing whatever we can to try to land them. Well, I got confirmation at about 12:05 p.m. today that one of those two has signed their commitment to Garfield Heights. I don't know which one they are. I wish I knew exactly which one of the two. I could tell you they're both about the same. The one has a \$3 million payroll that's going to grow to a \$5 million payroll within the next five years. They want 60,000 square feet of warehouse space or space, right there.

I assume it's the Wal-Mart building only because last week, I had to get involved with ICP and members of the NEO Gas Company. I reached out to the president of the gas company and just asked him why we're having so much of a hard time getting that line the meter put in to get the gas on over it at the Wal-Mart building. So I assume that's where this company is going. If it's the company that I think it is, they are going to make their world headquarters right here in Garfield Heights. So that's certainly some really good news. I have to really commend everybody in this Administration. I think everybody from Tim Riley, Jeff Jerome, Noreen Kuban, Barb Biro, Mark Moro; they've all been on these calls, and on the Zoom calls in the meetings with ICP, with the two companies involved. As soon as I find out which company it is, I probably won't find out till tomorrow or Wednesday, because the owner of ICP called me directly and he's on vacation. So he called me just to let me know, it's pretty much a go. As soon as I find out how many jobs are being created, and exactly what the payroll amount is, I will definitely report to Council President to let him know.

So with that, I have to get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance number 17-2021. The salary of the Mayor, this is something that I believe was brought on when I took office. They realized that the ordinance 19-2009 has not been updated. So just to let everybody know, it's a formality. Council probably should have been doing it all along every four years. Just to rest assured the pay of the Mayor is not changing. It's the same as it was in 2009 and all these years, so it is not affecting the pay, but it's affecting the dates of the term of Mayor. So that is 17-2021. 18-2021 is a purchase of a Silverado 2500 4 X 4 vehicle for the Fire Department and they're going to use that to plow around their facilities. I believe their plow truck is in pretty bad shape and is in dire need. Ordinance 19-2021 has to do with Meritech and the equipment here at the offices. We lease this equipment, we're just renewing it and it looks to me like we're saving about 10 bucks on it for the next year or so. The next 16 months. Ordinance number 22-2021 is a firefighters' grant that is going to allow us to buy 5,000 smoke detectors to hand out and also two LED signs--one for each fire station. So hopefully we can get that grant going.

And let's see, Resolution 9-2021 is just honoring Cleveland Clinic for 100 years. The Cleveland Clinic Foundation. I think that is something that is incredible. Not too many organizations last that long. And then last, but not least, Resolution Number 10-2021 is the resolution just making it clear that we would like to have enough COVID vaccines available for our law enforcement for our safety forces.

So with that, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** The Mayor's report. Are there any questions for the Mayor? Clwn Davis?

**CLWN DAVIS:** Mayor Burke, you mentioned the legislation for the Fire Department and the smoke detectors. I remember last year right before COVID hit. We were talking about a program to pass those out. Is this the same thing? I guess I probably should be asking Chief Strope that question actually.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** I don't know if the Chief's on the call, but it's a FEMA grant. Are you on the call?

**FIRE CHIEF STROPE:** Yeah, I am. I can take that, Mayor, if you'd like. It's a similar program. It's not run by the Red Cross. It'd be something we would be doing like we've done in the past. It would be just a stash of smoke detectors until the Red Cross. To start doing this, we are out of the 6,000 we bought a few years ago, and it was to replace those because I'd like to continue like we have been.

CLWN DAVIS: OK, thank you, Chief.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Are there any other questions for the Mayor on his report? OK, there being none, we will go to Comments by Citizens. Or, wait, excuse me, are there any Directors that have a report tonight? Are there any Directors that have a report tonight? OK, thank you. We will go on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's agenda. Barb, would you read the rules, please.

## **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 NENADOVICH:** Is there anyone that wishes to speak on tonight's legislation? Is there anyone wishing to speak on tonight's legislation and resolutions?

CLMN BLAKE: Ms. Lanene Jones has her hand up.

### PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Ms. Jones, go ahead.

Lanene Jones. Hi. I just had a question about the Mayor's salary. He mentioned that the salary has been this way since 2009. It's \$85,000. Correct? OK. Because for some reason, I was under the impression it was more than that. Where do I find salaries for Garfield Heights government employees? Is it online? Because I work for the government and my salary can be viewed by just going online to find that information. Is that the same for Garfield Heights?

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** I will refer that question to Barb Biro. She's on the line.

MS. JONES: Thank you.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Barb is sitting right next to me here and she said that Ms. Jones, if you want to make a public records request, she can definitely get that to you.

MS. JONES: OK? Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Anything else? Ms. Jones?

**MS. JONES.** No, that's it. Thanks.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you.

CLMN BLAKE: Mr. Chairman, Ms. Schillero has her hand up.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Go ahead, Ms. Schillero.

Carol Schillero. Hello. First of all, I just want to thank Mr. Blake and Mr. Vaughn for their respectful communication with me over the last few days. I really appreciated that. It just, you know, it encourages me. So I do ask that each Councilperson take time and review the letter that I sent because it does have good information in it. I also have done a ton of research regarding backyard hens. Lakewood, for instance, is a city and Cleveland is a city. They both allow backyard hens. I know a lot of the concerns are our yards are small. We actually have an acre in our yard and we actually have larger lots than Lakewood and Cleveland area on average, the median lot. So instead of just saying no, we've discussed this before, I don't want to discuss it again and shutting me down, I felt so disrespected. I have to say that when I first you know, brought it up. I would like an opportunity to speak either privately or publicly with the Council people to discuss what would be in your eyes the red flags. Let's talk through them. Let's gather a group who are interested in this to talk as residents. I think we deserve that respect. I think the time I just asked that we would be able to do that.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** You will have a chance at the end of this meeting to go into this a little bit further and I didn't mean any disrespect. I said we've gone through this three or four times and every time we've gone through it, it was always voted down for reasons, but now that it's in the Legislative Committee, I will be the Chair of that and I will listen to you very intently. I didn't mean any disrespect. I'm sorry you took it that way, but I seem to be rubbing a lot of people the wrong way at night.

#### **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

OK. If there's no more questions for the Mayor or any Directors' reports, we will move on to Ordinances and Resolutions. The first ordinance we come to is ordinance 17-2021. Barb, would you read the title please?

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2021 AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE SALARY OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO. Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE: AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE: AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24: AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

VOTE ON ADOPTION: AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue **PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** This passes 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2021 CHEVROLET SILVERADO 2500 4X4 FROM TIM LALLY CHEVROLET, INC. Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE: AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE: AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24: AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

VOTE ON ADOPTION: AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue **PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** This passes 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 19-2021

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A NEW AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS WITH MERITECH, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE AND MAINTENANCE OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT. Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE: AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE: AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24: AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

VOTE ON ADOPTION: AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue **PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** That passes 6-0.

ORDINANCE NO. 20-2021

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO MAKE APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY'S FY 2020 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT – FIRE PREVENTION AND SAFETY GRANT Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE: AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE: AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24: AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

VOTE ON ADOPTION: AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue **PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** That passes with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2021 AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION HONORING THE 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE CLEVELAND CLINIC FOUNDATION Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE: AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE: AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

VOTE ON ADOPTION: AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue **PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** That passes 6-0.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2021

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION URGING GOVERNOR DEWINE AND THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO INCLUDE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN TIER 1B REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 VACCINE AND TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF VACCINES SENT TO CUYAHOGA COUNTY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS REQUEST Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE: AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE: AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

### VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Before I vote, I would like to say that I believe this first responders also includes law enforcement, because they're usually there before the ambulance gets there and they have to deal with this firsthand. They're the ones breaking up the fights, getting their mask ripped off, scratched, spit on and everything else in which they should be among the very first to receive this right after the people that are working in the hospitals. I vote yes.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Before I vote, I just want to say, I, too, agree that these gentlemen and ladies need to get this right away, and I would also like to thank President of the FOP, Gary Wolske, for bringing this to our attention, and hopefully the Governor will move on it quickly. With that, I vote Yes.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Yes. Before I vote, I'd like to concur with Clmn Vaughn and also Clmn Nenadovich. When you see them stop some people in vehicles they walk up to a vehicle and they talk and the people in the vehicles don't even have a mask on their face, you know, so they are really subject to possibly being affected with the COVID-19. I think this is great and I vote yes. AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** That passes 6-0, ending our Ordinances and Resolutions.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Next, we will go to, as Clmn Vaughn had stated in his motion, we will now open up the floor to nominations.

**LAW DIRECTOR RILEY:** Point of order. I believe Mr. Vaughn moved to have this after Comments by Citizens.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** It will be after?

LAW DIRECTOR RILEY: Am I correct, Mr. Vaughn?

CLMN VAUGHN: Yes, you are, Mr. Riley.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you very much for the correction. Mr. Riley, I appreciate it.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:**

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Next we will move on to Comments by Citizens. Barb, will you 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.

CLMN BLAKE: Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Yes, Mr. Blake, I would appreciate it if you would run the hands up.

CLMN BLAKE: James Feeney has his hand up.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Go ahead, Mr. Blake. Bring him in.

James Feeney, Good evening, Council. My address is 5355 East 124<sup>th</sup> Street. I want to just make a little mention that I know these are meetings are done by way of Zoom, but as a resident sitting here watching these meetings, I find it kind of an insult that you see Council people putting up profile pictures-not sitting live. You do see the Mayor once in a while having side conversations. All this should never be happening because if you were in person, you wouldn't be allowed to do this in person. So I would like to ask that all Council people put up real pictures, you know--live video--instead of a profile picture. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Feeney. Mr. Blake.

CLMN BLAKE: Mr. Chairman, Ms. Schillero has her hand up.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Go ahead, Ms. Carol. You have the floor.

**MS. SCHILLERO:** OK. Thank you. I guess I would like to ask a question of all of you. What are the reasons that you decided not to allow backyard hens in the past? Because if I just start talking, I could be hitting on a lot of things that really would just take up too much time. So do you mind if I would ask you? What are the reasons that held Garfield Heights city back from allowing backyard chickens?

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** If I may, Council, I would like to address that. In the past meetings that we've had with this, Carol. Could I call you Carol?

#### MS. SCHILLERO: Absolutely.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** The past meetings that we've had, the residents that did speak out against the back yard fowl, said it starts with fowl, then we hear roosters crowing. Then we heard goats baaing and then we hear pigs and it has gotten to the point where in Mr. Vaughn's Ward, we had one woman that wanted to raise barnyard animals, small pigs, small chickens, goats, sheep. If we allow one, what's to say that we're not taken to Court to allow more and that's the line of thinking, I believe we took on.

There are other cities that do allow this but first, Garfield Heights was one of the ones that put it in their legislation that we can't have this. As you know, we will be going into a legislative meeting, which I will call in the next couple of weeks. You will be informed and we can go into very detailed discussion and we could even bring in the legislation from the past meeting for you to look over and see. And if I can, I will get that legislation to you prior to the meeting so you know what we went to before. And that way, it gives you a little hindsight so we don't have repetitive questions. Plus, you could do a little research on what we found there. But it's going to be looked at the legislative meeting. Those were some of the reasons that people did not want it.

The main one was the rooster crowing. I don't want to be woke up at six o'clock every morning, you know, or I don't want to be smelling the manure. You know, if we don't limit the amount of chickens, it will be piled up and then somebody will say, hey, let's make a compost pile. Now you got a compost pile with manure in it rather than being disposed of. These are things we're running across. That's what we ran into.

**MS. SCHILLERO:** Yeah, I'd love to respond to that. Because those are concerns that other cities have had as well and they have overcome those due to the way that ordinances were written. So I would love to bring in ordinances from other cities so that we can review that together and we could look at what they've done to make sure that those things don't happen because roosters definitely would not be something that cities will not permit. They're very loud, but hens are another story. As in the letter that I had written, six chickens make about as much poop as one medium-sized dog to be you know, just really honest with that. And the neat thing is, the manure from cats and dogs is very harmful to human beings. However, chicken is not. So chicken, you could throw it in your vegetable garden/in your flower garden. So I really would love the opportunity to talk about these details more.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Carol, we will definitely give you an opportunity to speak at the legislative meeting when we call it. You will be informed. Like I said, I will try to get the past legislation that we've had on those problems or recommendations to you.

MS. SCHILLERO: Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Anything else you wish to speak on?

MS. SCHILLERO: No, I could go on.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Okay, well, we don't want to go on too far because you only get five minutes. OK. Anybody else, Mr. Blake?

CLMN BLAKE: I think Mr. Suster wants to speak.

## **PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Go ahead.

Mr. Suster. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Is the Police Chief still online?

## PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Chief, are you still online?

**POLICE CHIEF KAYE:** Yeah, I'm here. Yes.

My name is Joe Suster. I live at 11000 Brunswick Avenue, here in Garfield Heights. I would like to compliment our Police Department. I have called them several times. They were here rapidly. If anybody has anything bad to say about the officers in Garfield Heights, they better take a good look at it before they make their comments.

And as far as Ms. Schillero talking about having chickens. I was on Council when that ordinance came about and there were a lot of different reasons. I'm glad to hear that Mr. Nenadovich is going to have a meeting in regards to this because you'll probably, I'm sorry, Ms. Schillero, but you'll probably have more people there against having chickens in Garfield Heights, than you will have there for them. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Hello, Joe and I thank you for your comment.

MR. SUSTER: You're welcome.

CLMN BLAKE: Mr. Chairman, Jen Lake has her hand raised.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Jen, you have the floor.

Hi, Jen Lake at 5303 East 133<sup>rd</sup> Street, Garfield Heights, Ohio. 44125. I would be interested in sharing more about the chickens in the backyard. I appreciate Carol bringing it to the floor. That's all.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Ms. Lake, it will be a legislative meeting. It shall be posted. It will be in the paper. So you and everybody in the city will know when we're having that meeting. It will be an open meeting to the public, because it's a legislative meeting.

MS. LAKE: Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: OK. Jason?

**CLMN BLAKE:** Just giving it a once over here.

#### **PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Please.

CLMN BLAKE: I am not seeing anyone else with a hand raised.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Does anybody else have any comments tonight? OK. If there being none, I will close the Comments by Citizens and we will move into our selection of the Ward 6 Council representative. Mr. Riley, stop me if I'm doing anything wrong, as I know you will. At this time. I would like to make the motion to open the floor to nominations for Ward 6 Council representative.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mr. Dudley, you have the floor.

CLMN DUDLEY: So, this is what? The naming of a nomination?

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Yes. Naming the people that we're going to vote on.

CLMN DUDLEY: OK. I would like to nominate Mr. Clifford Kelly.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Are there any other nominations?

CLWN DAVIS: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Clwn Davis.

**CLWN DAVIS:** I would like to nominate Renae Bolton.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Mrs. Renae Bolton. Any others?

CLMN DONAHUE: I would like to nominate Frank Tagliarini.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Are there any other nominations to the floor? I repeat, are there any other nominations to the floor? OK. That being done, the nominations are closed.

**LAW DIRECTOR RILEY:** Point of Order. You need to make a motion and take a vote on closing nominations.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Riley. I would like to make a motion at this time to close nominations. Barb, would you take the roll call starting with me? AYES: Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Six votes in favor of closing nominations. Nominations are now closed. We have three candidates for nominations: Mr. Clifford Kelly, Ms. Renae Bolton and Mr. Frank Tagliarini. I will label them a, b, and c, in the order they were nominated in and we will proceed with the voting. Barb, would you proceed with the voting, starting with Clmn Dudley.

LAW DIRECTOR RILEY: Point of Order. Before you start, you have to say who you're voting for.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** I'm going to name the candidates, Mr. Riley. I'm trying. We'll proceed with Mr. Dudley. We're voting for Mr. Clifford Kelly. Mr. Clifford Kelley is on the floor now for the vote. You either vote Yay or Nay.

CLERK: I didn't understand. Yay or Nay?

CLWN DAVIS: Yay. I said Yes.

**CLERK:** It's hard to hear.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Was it Yay or Nay, Tom?

CLMN VAUGHN: No.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** No. OK. At this point, I would like to make it yes or no, it's a little bit easier. Barb could understand. So could I.

**CLERK:** Thank you. That would be a lot better.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** We'll do it that way, Barb. We will go Yes or No.

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

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: So for Mr. Kelly, we have 3 Yes votes and 3 No votes. It's a tie.

Next, we will go to Ms. Renae Bolton. Barb, would you start off with Clmn Dudley again? With a Yes or No. It's a little bit easier that way.

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

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: This was Renae Bolton. There are 2 Yes votes and 4 No votes.

Next, we will go to Mr. Frank Tagliarini. Again, Yes for and No against. Starting with Mr. Dudley again.

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

Voting on the last candidate was 4 Yes votes and 2 No votes. According to the rules we had set forth, Mr. Tagliarini is the new Ward 6 Council representative. Mr. Riley, did we do that properly?

### LAW DIRECTOR RILEY: Yes.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Sir. I would like to make a motion to close voting. Barb, would you take the roll call please.

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

Thank you, Council. That went rather smoothly. Again, Mr. Riley, thank you for being here to save any improprieties. I appreciate your input. I really do. Your word means a lot to me, Mr. Riley. And with that, I'd like to congratulate Mr. Tagliarini for his new appointment to Ward 6. And at this time, I would like to inform Mr. Tagliarini that he must get a hold of the Mayor. Are you listening, Matthew?

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: Yes, I was talking to Barb Biro. I'm sorry.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** That's no problem, sir. Mr. Tagliarini will have to get in contact with you for the swearing in ceremony. I would encourage him to do it as soon as possible. Sorry that we all can't be there for it. But if you could make it a Zoom where we can get in, I'd appreciate it. I'm sure you'll give him the right ceremony and we'll go from there.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: We will do our best.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mayor. Appreciate it.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Now we will go to Miscellaneous Comments by Council and we will start off with Mr. Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** All right, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Well, first I'd like to congratulate and welcome Mr. Tagliarini aboard as the new Clmn for Ward 6.

Second, I would like to let everybody know that on February 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m., we will be having our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Black History Program. You will be able to pick up the information. It will be on Facebook and all other areas like that for it to be virtual. I would like to say that we have Clarence Bosman, who was Dr. King's driver. He's well informed. He came for a couple years and he's a great guy to listen to. And you better get some information that you didn't always see published in books. And we are going to have Mrs. Inez Killingsworth. She's the founder of ESO. And like I said, if you go up on 131<sup>st</sup> and Miles, somehow, you see this giant mirror on the wall and that's actually her. And we remember how ESO came into the various cities during the housing meltdown in 2007-2009, etc. But these two individuals, like I say, Mr. Clarence Bosman, you can Google them and there's a great story to be told. And as for Ms. Killingsworth you Google and you found that she started from the basement of her home. It is a great story to be told there.

And with that, I'd like to also thank Weldon PC of Garfield, because we wanted to find a way to get it out to everybody. Because of COVID we've been stuck in the house and I think this is a good time to do it. So I really appreciate Weldon PC who put it together. Even if you just have Facebook you will be able to watch the show live. That information will be put out tonight so you can actually look on Facebook or any type of internet you will be able to get that. I believed I had to come back to my phone and give it to you but I actually have it here. And that's one thing I want to take. Let me move on down.

Also, there's going to be free raffle tickets that is going to be provided and a raffle ticket for a 40 plus inch television and also the gift baskets that comes from members of Council and also the Mayor and all of them making donations to this one way or another and also the community as well as some of the businesses. So I would like you to definitely be there to pick them tickets up. You can get them at Munchie's on East 131<sup>st</sup>. You can actually get tickets at Weldon PC. You can actually get it at A and H on Broadway and Open Pantry on 131<sup>st</sup>. The other two stores I can't mention because they did not get back to me. But the raffle tickets are free. Nothing is going to cost you.

We will not be having it where you come in actually in the prior programs, where you can come in and sit. We're going to be holding it at the church. I'd like to thank Christian Kingdom Assembly on Broadway and Pastor Johnson down there, as well as Minister Johnny, for making it possible for us to use that church in order to hold a program because of the downsizing. And also Ms. Ashley Thomas, who came through again, providing and setting up the flyer and working with us.

I want to say most of all, people, COVID is no joke. COVID is no joke. That's why we limited the amount of people coming in, in the church. I had it. And I believe we had other members of Council that went through it. You know, keep yourselves covered up, keep your hands sanitized, keep them clean, you know, if not for just yourself, but for others who come in contact with you.

But we will be providing that information. And I believe it's www.BlackHistory44125.com. And it's easy to remember the BlackHistory ZIPCode.com. So you should have it and that link from there will take you where you need to go. But once again, I thank the members of Council and the Mayor and also the people involved who give the gifts every year because it means a lot and allows us to do this program. This is a program that has never had to be funded by the city. It has always been funded through the contributions and that we do appreciate it. With that, Mr. Chairman, I thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Dudley. I'll get in touch with you. I got a call. They are going to give you a donation.

CLMN DUDLEY: I appreciate it, Mr. Chairman, as always.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** I know you always do, Michael. Next we will go to Mr. Donahue.

**CLMN DONAHUE:** As usual, I don't have much to say. Mr. Dudley always has a lot to say and that's why I like following him. He gives out all the information. I just give out a little bit for myself. First, I'd like to congratulate the three new police officers we have and I'd like to congratulate the new Clmn for Ward 6, Frank Tagliarini.

Michael, I do have something for you for donations. If you don't mind, I'll call you some time before that. It's some gift cards for McDonald's.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I appreciate it, Clmn Donahue.

**CLMN DONAHUE:** Okay, and with that, that's all I have. Everybody just be safe out there and have a good evening.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Charles. Thank you. Next, we will move on to Clwn Shayla Davis. Do you have anything to say Clwn?

**CLWN DAVIS:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to welcome the new appointed Council member Mr. Frank Tagliarini.

I'd also like to thank Ms. Ashley Thomas and her 17<sup>th</sup> Foundation. Yesterday, we were able to provide PPE bags and equipment for 50 Seniors in Ward 4. I actually got an email for two other Senior residents that were not in my Ward. And we were able to deliver to them from paper towels to toilet paper, masks, face shields, disinfectant cleaner, hand soap and hand sanitizer. We created some inspirational quotes to put in there. They got some crossword puzzles, Sudoku and word search. Just different things to, you know, let them know that we're thinking about them. It's very difficult to reach Seniors and stay in touch with them. This was a beautiful way to display, you know, some of our care and concern for those community members. Unfortunately, we couldn't do everyone because supplies are limited, but I really appreciate Ashley Thomas and the 17<sup>th</sup> Foundation for putting that on with me.

I'd also like to thank Jason Lucas and his funeral home because he allowed us to utilize the space on Sunday and bring in all the volunteers to package all of the bags that were delivered yesterday evening.

Thank you to all of Council for working together in the last couple of weeks. It's been a little tough, trying to figure out these interviews and how to go about appointing someone, but I will say that on Friday night, we were successful in accomplishing that goal. So thank you, Mr. Chairman, for, you know, taking my assistance with getting us into breakout rooms and all of that. I'm not feeling well. So that is all that I have to say. Have a really good night everyone and thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Clwn. Next we'll go to Clmn Blake.

**CLMN BLAKE:** Thank you, Mr. President. I'll be brief. I'd like to congratulate the new officers sworn in by Mayor Burke this afternoon and welcome to our community.

I'd like to thank Ms. Schillero for contacting Council about the concerns that she has regarding the issue she brought up. I know there'll be some interesting conversations moving forward when we go to the Legislative Committee with that topic.

Lastly, I would like to speak to the candidates who applied for the vacant Ward 6 position. Each candidate brought experiences that could easily apply to the Council seat. You all showed enthusiasm, professionalism, and most of all, admiration for our community. For me, it was a difficult decision, because I had people grouped together, you know, very closely. I know, there's disappointment, but as a

resident, I'm proud that such a strong and diverse group came and stepped up to the challenge to fill this position. I would hope, in the future, that, you know, the people that had applied when there's a committee opening that we look at these individuals, because they brought outstanding credentials to the table.

I'd like to congratulate Mr. Tagliarini, on being named to the Ward 6 position. I know your experiences will assist you greatly. If I can be of any assistance to you or any of the candidates who had applied in the future, please feel free to reach out to me. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Clmn. Next, we go to Clmn Tom Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'm going to start on a very sad note. Today in this country, we reached 500,000 deaths from this COVID crisis that we've been living with for the past year. I beg everybody, please sign up, get on the list, get your shot, might be uncomfortable for a day or two. Go through the process. It's very important. If we want to return to any type of normalcy, we need to get these shots and we need to do it. So please, I know some people are on the fence about this, but please get your shot.

I'd like to thank the Service Department for a great job the past couple weeks, getting out there getting the snow removed, getting things cleaned up and Mark, I really liked the way we're laying the salt. You know, previous years, we always worried about whether or not we have enough to go through. We did that only at the intersection salting. It's great help. It's really helping. And I think all of your guys, you know, yourself included, Mr. Burke out, are also plowing. I really appreciate it.

I'd like to welcome the new police officers. It's great to have you aboard as well as the new dispatchers. I wish you luck. I wish you prayers and welcome to our community.

I want to congratulate Mr. Frank Tagliarini. Frank, you've got some big shoes to fill there and Mr. Burke. But let me tell you, I don't think there's a person on this Council. If you need help with anything, please reach out. We're here to help. You know, one of the questions that came up in this was is there a learning manual or any handouts? Just learn as you go, my friend. So we're here to help you. So don't feel that you're an island by yourself. That is about all I have for tonight.

I'd like to thank everybody that did come out for these. Some great people. Everybody had talent and was willing to share with this community. I hope we can find ways in which you can get involved in this community and share those talents.

Mr. Chairman,

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** I haven't spoken yet.

CLMN VAUGHN: Oh, okay. Good. Go. I was going back to you

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Do that right after I speak. Mayor, I thank you for your comments tonight. I think everything went well. I do get a lot of questions. How's the new Mayor doing? I think he's doing a great job. I think these past three weeks, you've accomplished a lot and I feel there has been no gap in the leadership this city had. I feel no gap. The transition was wonderful. I don't know how you're doing, but as far as the public goes, they see no difference. They just know there's a different name there but the transition is beautiful and I believe you're doing a great job.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: Thank you, Michael.

### **PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** You're very welcome.

MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE: Hair's getting grayer every day, but you know, I can't control that.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** After a while you lose it.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** It's been a lot of long hours every day, let me tell you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** You're doing great, Matt. We will schedule a legislative meeting, I will get in touch with Carol and let her know the legislation. I will get that sometime this week. I will print it up and we'll go from there. I will contact you how we can meet to pick it up and exchange it. I'll get that and I will schedule the meeting. I will get with Barb for that.

I want to thank Shayla Davis for the work she's done on the interviews. Those were three wonderful days she handled the Zoom calls rather well, we did have some glitches. But the glitches gave us a learning opportunity and I think we went through it well. I want to thank Jason for all the work he did in those interviews too, keeping track of the hands raised, keeping track of who was at the meeting, admitting them, going out of the room and having to sign back in about nine times, but I appreciated that, Jason. I really did. I think we worked well as a committee.

I would like to thank all the candidates that came. They gave us their best. I would like to have seen a little bit more about the candidates themselves. I appreciate all their family involvement in the city. That's part of being part of Garfield Heights--family involvement--and I think that's coming back. We had a time there where people just didn't want to get involved.

Mr. Burke now has five candidates. I hope somebody else signs up so we can get this city underway and get it moving and get the city in the right direction and complying with the law.

Welcome to the three new police officers. I know the Chief's going to give you the best guidance and I know the men are going to accept you rather well. We need you. I'm glad about the coming in and the diversity of the group. I think it's about time we got to that point and that's what the committee that the Mayor is forming is about.

Mr. Tagliarini, I'd like to congratulate you. Welcome to the Council. I know you'll have a lot to say and I know you'll have a lot of positive input. At least I'm hoping it's positive.

I'd like to thank Mr. Gary Wolske, as Tom said, for getting this legislation through the FOP, our first line defense. Like I told the folks, Mr. Wolske, you're there before the ambulance, you're dealing with this at traffic stops. So we got to protect our officers and we have to do whatever we can to get them there.

Mr. Vaughn always says it well because he is our Safety Chairman and he takes care of the police. He alerts me to what their responsibilities are and what they need and I thank Mr. Vaughn for that.

And last but not least, I'd like to thank the Service Department. Mark, you guys did a great job. You put down salt. It's all on my van right now, but you did put it down and the streets were clear. We always have somebody that complains but you know what? If we went around and melted all the snow, they'd say what are you doing with the water? So you can never please everybody. But I do have to caution you one thing Mark, we do not salt the ice rink.

So with that, I'd like to thank everybody for the Council meeting tonight and I will refer to my colleague in Ward 7 to make his announcement.

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Chairman.

## PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Yes, Mr. Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I would like to make a motion that we adjourn at this time.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** A motion by Mr. Vaughn to adjourn. Barb, will you take the roll call starting with Mr. Vaughn.

**CLMN DONAHUE:** I'll give a second.

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

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Council. I declare the meeting for February 22, 2021 ended at 8:27 p.m. Thank you, everyone.

## **APPROVED:**

## **RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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