

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO**

**Monday, February 24, 2020**

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

**INVOCATION BY:** Councilman Thomas Vaughn

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

**EXCUSED:** Davis

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** I would like to make a motion at this time to excuse Clwn Shayla Davis from tonight's meeting.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Seconded.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Seconded by Mr. Nenadovich. All in favor signify by saying Yea? Any opposed?

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

ABSENT: Davis

Ms. Davis will be excused from tonight's meeting.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Reading and Disposal of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, February 10, 2020.

**READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:**

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Clmn Nenadovich.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** I would like to make a motion to accept the Minutes of Monday, February 10, 2020 Garfield Heights 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, February 10, 2020, as submitted, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

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

ABSENT: Davis

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** The Meeting Minutes pass with 6 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:** Yes, Mr. Chairman. I do. Thank you. I wanted to start off by saying we have a new Urgent Care coming into Garfield Heights on the corner of Rockside and Turney Road in the old Payless shoe store. It's called Hometown Urgent Care. This is what they sent us--a flyer--that says:

"Hours that fit your schedule. We are open 7 days beyond regular business hours. The doctor is in. Unlike other facilities, we always have a provider on staff. Short wait time. With wait times as little as 15 minutes, access is easy."

They are fully equipped. They have on-site x-rays, lab and EKG. They are opening March 3<sup>rd</sup>. They cover about 99%. All health care is covered there including MEDICARE and MEDICAID. I think this is going to be a great service for the residents of Garfield Heights. Again, they open on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. I would ask that everybody look into this. I think it's really going to be something good.

I want to talk next about we had in Garfield Heights last week two Black history events. One was on Wednesday and it was put on by Mike Dudley. He has been doing this for the last 15 years. Another one was put on by Janice Tubbs. It was a multi-city Black history event with Garfield Heights, Bedford and Maple Heights. If you didn't go, you missed two incredible events. You can't believe the entertainment, the information that you gather and the friendliness. I just loved the fact that it's a community that's working together. There isn't anything bad at these things. Everything is positive. Everything is good. Everybody gets along. Mike, you did a great job. Janice did a great job. I'm looking forward to next year. Garfield Heights is really a better place for that. I really believe that.

I want to move on to something a little bit different. Unfortunately we have residents and former residents that die much too often and it would be very difficult to mention them all as they die. Lately we had an unusual amount of residents' deaths. They were actually personal friends. I'd like to talk a little bit about some of them. For those of you who may have known Tony Zambitaro died last week. Tony's been a lifelong resident of Garfield Heights. He was a three-time Golden Gloves champ back in the '60s and '70s, a long time supporter and resident of Garfield Heights. He was just a great guy. I knew his whole family. I know his brother. Tony's going to be sorely missed. He was a three-time. That's tough to do State champ. Cleveland champ for the Golden Gloves.

The next was a very personal friend of my wife and I and my entire family—Tom Gallagher. Tom Gallagher was also a lifelong resident and friend. Although he didn't fight the Golden

Gloves he fought in every bar in Garfield Heights and he won just about every one of them too. Tom is also a great resident. He will be sorely missed.

A young man who I played softball with back in the day and came from the largest Italian family in Greater Cleveland--Gary Corsi. He was a member of the most prominent families in Garfield Heights. I believe his parents had 15 -18 kids (couldn't get the exact number. I think they forget when you get that many), but the Corsis were true Garfield Heights from the time I was a young man until now and they're still around.

The next one is Annie Johnson. Many of you may not know Annie, but you certainly know Jesse Johnson. Jesse Johnson has been a part of Garfield Heights for as long as I can remember. He's politically motivated and he was very strong in the ASCME Union when I was in the Teamsters and Jesse Johnson was in the ASCME. He and I worked very well together. My wife and I knew his wife, Annie, very well. She will be sorely missed.

Another one--Ed Licht. Ed Licht, a resident of Garfield Heights had worked for the Courts and was personal friends with everybody in the Courts. He passed away last week. They buried him yesterday. Another resident that will be sorely missed.

This one hurts a little bit. We all know him. Danny Deliberato, born and raised in Garfield Heights. Owned Danny's Barbershop in the early '60s. He married Marilyn Golubski. Her and Danny became owners of Golubski-Deliberato Funeral Home. If you had an opportunity to visit that funeral home for a friend or a family member, you could not ask for a nicer family. Somebody that took care of you. I can't tell you how many times somebody could not afford a funeral he took care of them. Danny's a great guy and he's going to be sorely missed.

The last one I wanted to talk about. Bobby Dobies. Bob was a personal friend of mine and my family's. We were together from high school, we were in the Teamsters together, we drove trucks together, we did Golden Gloves together. One day we were sitting in a coffee shop and we said what do you think about running for politics in Garfield Heights? Bobby at the time worked for the city of Orange. He could not run for Council. He ran for the school board. I ran for President of Council. We both won. When later, when I became Mayor, he came on as the Rec Director and did a phenomenal job. When I tell you that I didn't even have to think about the Rec Department because I knew it was in great hands. He's going to be sorely missed. I loved the guy. We're going to miss him.

So with that said, on a much brighter note. In tonight's legislation you will see that we are in the process of purchasing a new fire truck, a new snowplow, a new Senior shuttle, a van, two Chevy Tahoes for the Police Department. Folks, we haven't been able to do this since long before I was Mayor. Before we had 95% of what was used or donated because of the financial crunch we were going through. Along with the vehicles this year we are looking at doing something again with the resurfacing program that we have not done for a few years. Although we are not out of the woods financially, we are doing a hell of a lot better than we were before in my tenure for sure. This is exciting for me. This has been able to be accomplished by sacrifices made by all our residents, tough decisions made by our Council and great cooperation from our Unions and dedicated staff and employees. I want to thank all of you for your cooperation. Like I say, don't get excited and try to spend any money because we just about

ran out and Barb will be joining Bob Dobies if we spend too much more money so be a bit careful. That's my report.

Let me get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 15 allows us to purchase a new snowplow at a cost of approximately \$78,000.00. Ordinance 16 allows us to purchase the snow and ice control equipment for this new snowplow. Ordinance 17. We're replacing a 1997 fire engine. I thought it had another 10-20 years life on it but the Chief didn't agree but now we're buying a brand new fire truck. It's really a good thing for the city. Ordinance 18 and 19 allow us to compensate substitute secretaries for Planning and Zoning Commission. If one of our secretaries can't be here, we have somebody coming to replace them. This just allows us to pay them what they are due. Ordinance 20 allows us to purchase two Chevrolet Tahoes for the Police Department. Ordinance 21 is an ordinance authorizing to enter into agreement with North Coast Two-Way Radios for the outfitting of the two Chevy Tahoes with police equipment. Ordinance 22 is an ordinance for the purpose of having the Ohio Attorney General's Office serve as the Court's collection agent. We have done this in the past. Ordinance 23. We are leasing a brand new Senior shuttle bus for the Seniors. Again, this is something that we really needed. We needed to do it pretty quick because our bus now did not have air conditioning and we didn't know how happy the Seniors would be to get on a bus with no air conditioning. I'm very happy and urge Council on that one for sure. Ordinance 24. An ordinance authorizing the City Engineer to prepare the necessary plans and specifications per OHM Advisors to competitively bid for the Multi-Street Reconstruction and Waterline Replacement Project Phase 5.

Resolution 4 allows us to apply for the 2019 Assistance to Firefighter Grant through the Department of Homeland Security. Resolution 5 is a resolution requesting Council's accord in signing the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding relating to the opiate litigation. If you have any question on that, Mr. Riley's going to handle that for you.

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?

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Just a brief report. Asking Council's support on Resolution 5-2020 which has to do with the major opiate litigation that is going on across the country. It's been debated as to how this is going to be settled. This is one of the first steps in the settlement of it. Thank you.

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

**FIRE CHIEF KENNETH STROPE:** Yeah, I do. Just a short one. First of all, I want to ask for your support on Ordinance 17-2020 to purchase a new fire truck and Resolution 4-2020 to apply for a grant from homeland security.

Also last month I brought up the Red Cross is going to come out and install smoke detectors. About two weeks before they start to come out to install those and go street to street, or a

couple streets in town, they are going to put out a hotline you can call. If you live on one of those streets, you can call that hotline and they will get to you but don't call them. They got several calls from our last meeting and they are not prepared to take those calls yet. Two weeks to a month before they said they will use the hotline. That will be April 25<sup>th</sup>. That's all I got. Thank you.

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

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. No report tonight, but I would like to ask for City Council some support of Ordinance 20-2020 authorizing the purchase of two Chevy Tahoes. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Chief Byrne. Are there 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. I hope that you would support all of the vehicles that are up tonight. You know we work very hard to try to keep the ones running that are there but sometimes their usefulness is not worth repairing. Everything that's on here is dated.

The other thing I have is we've just been out four times since our last meeting with the salt trucks. We been doing a lot of the work tickets, patching some streets, trying to get by. We had a great winter so far but we still used almost 3,000 tons of salt. With all those freezing rain days where we kept putting it down so we are probably halfway to what's a normal winter. Not being out there much we probably only been out 20 times the whole winter. I think it's absolutely wonderful but maybe not everybody would agree with me on that. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Tim. Does anybody 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?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BARB BIRO:** Thank you, Mr. President. I do. This evening I'm going to start off with supporting for Ordinance 15 and 16. This is for a new salt truck. It was discussed in the Finance Committee Meeting in December of 2019. The reason we're ordering it now is because the chassis may take until summertime or early fall to get. Then after that, we have to take it out to Concord to be fitted for the snow and ice control package. Just to let Council know, we are still awaiting the salt truck that we ordered one year ago at this same meeting. Hopefully we will be getting it within the next two/three months. It's just starting to be worked on at Concord now.

Next one is the support for Ordinance 17-2020 for the Toyne fire engine. Council will be receiving in the near future legislation financing it. We are looking at financing this purchase either for seven years or a 10-year repayment plan. The reason we are putting it up as an emergency today it is being built currently as we speak. Once we have the financing in place you will see the legislation on that also.

We would like support for Ordinance 18 and 19. We hope to see great things come to the city of Garfield Heights in the year 2020. In the Finance Department and Payroll we asked for clarification in regards to the substitute secretaries for these two Boards.

The next one is Ordinance 20 and 21. It is for the two Chevy Tahoes and the outfitting of those two Chevy Tahoes. These two particular purchases along with the chassis and the snow and ice control will be paid with cash by the city of Garfield Heights. Something that we haven't been able to do over the last 10 years and we should all be proud of that fact. We don't have to finance these purchases. Our Directors, our employees—everybody has learned to think outside of the box and by thinking outside of the box, we have been able to begin purchasing and paying with cash for these items. The Police Department has asked for Tahoes and along with our Police Officers and our mechanics it has come to light that the Tahoes have better safety in the front for our officers. They are slightly more expensive than the Ford SUVs that we had bought in 2018, but the reason that we went to the Chevy Tahoes is because we cannot put a price on our officers' lives and we want to keep them safe when they are out there patrolling our streets.

Next one is Ordinance 23-2020, which is a lease agreement for a Ford/Elkhart coach for our Senior Center. In discussions with the Mayor and Kathy, the Senior Services Director, we decided to lease our buses. We travel anywhere between 7,000-8,000 miles per year. This is a 10,000 mile/year lease and we will be leasing a bus for the Seniors in a four-year term. With that, you have my asking for support on all those pieces of legislation.

I would like you to understand that I do not sleep at night so if you think this is a lot of money, if you're not sleeping, you can rest assured I'm not sleeping either, but with the Mayor's support and again with the Administrators and the Directors and our Service Department, all these items are needed. We are thinking outside the box and we have been able to accumulate enough reserves so I can comfortably say that we can pay for these items with cash.

Finally, I would like to say a few things about Mr. Dobies. Mr. Dobies was a mentor to me. When I became Finance Director, he was kind. He was very informative. He helped me through the first month to a year being a Finance Director. He also sat down. He taught me how the schools and the city are intertwined. When one is successful, the other one is successful.

Mr. Dobies came in and was hired by Mayor Collova in 2010, I believe. The Recreation fund had \$1,000.00 in it. The balance now is substantial and it was because of Mr. Dobies' continually watching his budget every month where every penny went. He knew exactly where everything was going. The reason it is substantial and he worked at that because as he told the Mayor, at any time at the Recreation Center something could go. We replaced the chillers. He did a great deal on the chillers. But at anytime the pool could go, HVAC, whatever is over there. The building was old and it could go at any time. He built up a balance so that we would not have to be worried about fixing that building at any time.

Mr. Dobies wouldn't hire somebody for the first couple years in his tenure here because he felt he wanted to make sure that the Recreation fund could sustain another full-time employee with the benefits because he was a man that did not want to lay anybody off if times got tough again for the city of Garfield Heights. The Rec Center ran like clockwork. Between him and Mary

his assistant, there was never a hiccup. If there was a hiccup, we didn't see it. Mayor Collova may have heard about it but we didn't see it. He ran it. That's how a well run machine the Recreation Center was.

There were times when Mr. Dobies and I didn't agree. He would come to me. He would say Recreation fund's not paying for this. And I would say Mr. Dobies the fence is part of the Recreation program. No, it's got to come out of Lands and Buildings, which is the General Fund. I would say no, Mr. Dobies. Then he'd leave my office and he'd go down to Mayor Collova and before he got there, I called Mayor Collova and say Mayor Collova, I really need your support here. It's got to come out of Mr. Dobies' fund. So there was more than one or two times Mr. Dobies and I disagreed about which fund this was going to come out of--for the grass cutting crew, whatever it was. Whatever we may have disagreed on, we each had our points, we discussed it and we ended up walking out of the room either agreeing on where it was going to be expensed or agreeing to disagree.

Mr. Dobies was also my friend. He was a very dear friend. We talked about family, friends, politics, and religion. He will be sorely missed, not only by myself, but all the Directors sitting up here this evening, the Mayor and the employees and residents of the city of Garfield Heights. With that, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Barb. Does anybody have any questions for Barb on her report this evening? Let's move on to our City Engineer Dave Krock. Do you have a report?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** Thank you, Mr. President. I do. I want to first report Midwest Neighborhood Phase 3 and Grace Avenue were scheduled to start construction (weather permitting) next Monday. This is the third phase of the sewer project we've been doing in the Midwest Neighborhood area. We did 100<sup>th</sup> and 102<sup>nd</sup> already. So Grace Avenue will be started the same type of process as before.

Then I want to ask support for Ordinance 24-2020. This is Multi-Street Phase 5. Again, this is about a \$5 million project. We are doing over two miles of new streets and waterlines. It is costing the city very little, thanks to some grants we were able to get. So that's my report. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. Krock. Does anybody have any questions for Mr. Krock on his report? 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:** Just a quick comment. I just ask for support of Ordinance 23. As both the Mayor and Barb mentioned, this would be to lease a bus for the Seniors. Two of the three buses that we currently have on the road have been on the road since 2007. So they are frequently in need of repairs. Despite the fact that I tell the mechanics—Rich Matey and Tim Sagan--all the time that that's job security, they have to keep fixing our buses, I'm sure that their time could be much better spent on other vehicles. We want to make sure that our Seniors are safe and we do a lot of transportation so I would love for you to please pass on Ordinance 23. Thank you. That's all I have.

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

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Absent.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO:** Thank you. No report tonight.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. Moro. We will move on to communications from citizens on tonight's agenda. Let's have the Clerk 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 come up and speak about tonight's agenda?

Charlestine Pride, 10728 Raymond Avenue. My husband and I have been residents of the city of Garfield Heights for a year and I'm here to just get some clarification on your Ordinance 24-2020. I am concerned about the streets as a resident. I'm wondering will like the residential streets and the sides are they included in this street improvement project?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** I will list off the streets. I don't believe Raymond is on here, but I'll list the streets just so everybody can hear these: East 109<sup>th</sup> Street, Grannis Road, S. Parkway, Garfield Drive, Wolf Street, East 88<sup>th</sup>, Park Heights, Darlington and Monica Lane. Those are the ones that are part of this program. We have other programs that we'll be doing but this particular program's just those streets.

**MS. PRIDE:** Just those streets in this particular program for what particular time period?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** This construction would start in 2021 so we're about a year off for these.

**MS. PRIDE:** OK so that means that any other street not on the program would be after 2021, you think?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** I'm sorry. This project is actually later this year. I'm sorry. There are other programs we do and when they come up we'll certainly let people know.

**MS. PRIDE:** OK. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Is there anyone else wishing to come up and speak about tonight's legislation? OK. We will move on to our Ordinances and Resolutions beginning with Ordinance 15-2020. Will the Clerk please read the title?

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 15-2020**



AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2020 FREIGHTLINER M2 106 CHASSIS, FROM HANS' TRUCK AND TRAILER REPAIR, INC. UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 125.04(C).

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Absent: Davis

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Davis

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Ordinance 15-2020 passes with 6 Yes votes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-2020**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) CONCORD MINUTEMAN SNOW AND ICE CONTROL EQUIPMENT PACKAGE, THROUGH CONCORD ROAD EQUIPMENT MFG. INC. UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 125.04(C).

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Absent: Davis

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Davis

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Ordinance 16-2020 passes with 6 Yes votes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 17-2020**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH TOYNE, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2019 TOYNE FIRE ENGINE.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Absent: Davis

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Davis

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Ordinance 17-2020 passes with 6 Yes votes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 18-2020**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 96-1998 RELATIVE TO THE RATE OF PAY FOR SUBSTITUTE SECRETARIES OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

Moved by BLAKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Davis

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Davis

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Ordinance 18-2020 passes with 6 Yes votes.

**ORDINANCE NO 19-2020**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 99-1998 RELATIVE TO THE RATE OF PAY FOR SUBSTITUTE SECRETARIES OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

Moved by BLAKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Ordinance 19-2020 passes with 6 Yes votes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 20-2020**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE TWO (2) 2020 CHEVROLET TAHOES FROM GANLEY CHEVROLET OF AURORA, LLC.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Before I vote, I want to say that the Chevy Tahoe is a good vehicle. In the wintertime when it's getting heavy snows it got great traction and can go off the road and manage to get back on. It's a good vehicle while you try to save somebody life. It's a safe sound vehicle. If you roll, you got a better chance of surviving than if you roll in another vehicle. Personally, I think it's well worth the money for the safety of the people in the community or one of our officers driving that vehicle. With that, I vote Yes.

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Before I vote, I'd like to say something. There was a word used tonight that I haven't heard in the past 10 years for buying something that big. It's called cash. That was very good. Thank you to every one of the Directors and Council. You did a great job on saying cash. I vote Yes.

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

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Ordinance 20-2020 passes with 6 Yes votes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-2020**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NORTH COAST TWO WAY RADIO FOR THE OUTFITTING OF TWO (2) 2020 CHEVROLET TAHOES WITH POLICE EQUIPMENT.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Absent: Davis

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Before I vote, we buy new cars we got to buy new radios. It goes one on one. Our guys need to be equipped with them. I vote Yes.

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

ABSENT: Davis

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Ordinance 21-2020 passes with 6 Yes votes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 22-2020**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE FOR THE PURPOSE OF HAVING THE OHIO ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE SERVE AS THE COURT'S COLLECTION AGENT.

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Absent: Davis

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Dudley.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Before I vote, I think this is a good thing that they turn it over to Attorney General because a lot of time when they let them leave Court some people do not have the money to pay him. Glad they don't lock you up for not having the funds. When they give you arrangement to come back you got to come back and pay something because that contributes to the daily operations of the Court. It is self-sufficient and not having to collect money from

somewhere else. But if you turn to the Attorney General you don't keep it on staff you don't pay any of that. You may get a income tax check and it may be offset by money you didn't pay. It's going to come out of your check or something like that so you got to make the fee get paid quicker and like a candy you know. Pay for it now or pay for it later. I think it's a good idea. It's going to better the Court system as it is. I vote Yes.

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

ABSENT: Davis

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Ordinance 22-2020 passes with 6 Yes votes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 23-2020**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TESCO TRANSPORTATION, LLC FOR THE LEASE OF A 2020 FORD / ELKHART COACH ECII.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Absent: Davis

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Davis

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Ordinance 23-2020 passes with 6 Yes votes.

**ORDINANCE NO 24-2020**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING DAVID KROCK, CITY ENGINEER, TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, PER OHM ADVISORS, PROPOSAL, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A", AND TO COMPETITIVELY BID, FOR THE MULTI-STREET RECONSTRUCTION & WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT – PHASE 5, AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF COSTS FOR THIS PROJECT, WHICH COSTS WILL BE FUNDED THROUGH THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, THE CLEVELAND WATER DEPARTMENT, AND AN OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION GRANT.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Davis

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Ordinance 24-2020 passes with 6 Yes votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-2020**

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR THE 2019 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTER GRANT THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY.

Moved by BLAKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Davis

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Davis

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Resolution 04-2020 passes with 6 Yes votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 5-2020**

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION REQUESTING COUNCIL'S SUPPORT IN SIGNING THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING RELATING TO THE OPIATE LITIGATION.

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Davis

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Absent: Davis

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Dudley.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Before I vote, I'm glad to see us get involved in this. A lot of people realize you know when you look at the pharmaceutical companies and you read about how they get your doctors prescribing opium to our family members. We all family in one way or another. It started with a little opium and next thing you know a stronger drug. A lot of lives was lost. A lot of families was hurt. A lot of parents are not with they children because they have passed on. They need to be held accountable. In a lot of cities you got to figure they was just strong armed because they resources were being strained and it's causing to go back to the same person who was overdosing. So I'm glad that they be held accountable. At the same time they had to pay for what they done to people. It's not a issue where it's a Black thing or a White thing or Hispanic thing. It hurt everybody. I'm glad to see them held accountable. With that, I vote yes.

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

ABSENT: Davis

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Resolution 05-2020 passes with 6 Yes votes. That concludes our legislation for this evening.

### **MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS**

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

Norouz Dashtianpour, 6351 Meadowbrook Road. I was walking down Shadyway and I saw a new fresh patch of asphalt putting into a hole. As I walking, I bent and feeled the asphalt on my shoes. It was just so fresh. My foot just went down. It only shows that when they dump the asphalt into the holes they didn't tap it down. I'm going to give you a list of maybe two/three days before they come off. As far as I'm concerned, it's a waste of time and waste of taxpayers' money.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN:** Yeah. I'll look into it.

**MR. DASHTIANPOUR:** Thank you.

Karin Jones, 13505 Hathaway Road. On Friday February 14<sup>th</sup> I came home to a yard full of dirt, grass, tree bark and concrete. Snowplow, thank you for your service. You do a good job. Somehow destroyed my whole tree lawn on the side on 135<sup>th</sup>. I just want to make sure that that will be repaired. I know it's cold outside now, but I want it to be repaired.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN:** Did you call it in to my office?

**MS. JONES:** I called a Councilman.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I turned it in.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN:** OK. We won't be doing anything till winter's over with totally. For us to fix it right now we wouldn't be able to do everything the right way. So when the winter's over we have so many grasses that the snowplows hit the curbs. We will take care of all of them as long as I have it. We will handle this.

**MS. JONES:** I will make it short because it broke some of the curb and some concrete in my driveway.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN:** I will send a foreman out there to take a look at it and mark down what they see. Then we will fix it like I said at the end of winter.

**MS. JONES:** Thank you.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Karin, thank you for coming up here.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Is there anyone else? OK. We will move on to Miscellaneous Business. Will the Clerk please read the rules?

**CLERK:** This involves the business of Council in the legislative function; any other problems should be directly dealt with by the department involved. This area of the agenda shall be limited to legislative business, Ward business, lack of attention toward problems, etc.



**PRESIDENT BURKE:** We will start off with Ward 1 Clmn Mike Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Thank you, Chairman. I hate the pharmaceutical companies. I dislike what they done. They hurt a lot of families in the process and that's what I don't like. They cost some family members they lives, etc. I can forgive them but I can't forget them.

First of all, Bob Dobies. I will miss him. I'm not going to tell all my stories, Mayor. I'll tell them one story. There's a lot of stories I can tell you about Mr. Dobies and me. There's one I told several people and his children too. When the Family Life Center was coming and the Garfield Heights Community Center was closing down on Dressler and they had them for a while. They were doing t-ball over here and I was complaining. I said my kids (all the kids in the Ward I consider to be my children) I said they got nowhere to go. They can't play. They can't pay no fees it cost to be in the t-ball, etc. I was a little upset about that. I pointed that you couldn't even tell there was baseball played behind the fence at the Family Life Center. They had a pitchers mound three/four feet high. I come back a couple days later and I looked over there and I see some guy riding around a tractor like on Green Acres. Riding around in circles, etc. I go back over there and it's Bob Dobies. He went and got on his tractor, came back and smoothed it out. He made a diamond, etc. That's how much he cared about children. On Forestdale I said we not paying for the kids to play on the Forestdale little park area we had. We had some swings, etc. I know if we had some money we had to share the money. He told me there were nothing he could do. I came back two/three weeks later and that's when we had the little thing for the kids to bounce back off and on. So he done things for the kids. I can't say all of it. I'd take all day. He did care about the kids. He did. And he bent over backwards when I would ask for things concerning the children. He always got through. I'll miss the guy. He reminds me of the guy what was his name? Larry? He built a box in the movie and said get ready to rumble. That's who he remind me of. He was a big-hearted individual. If he told you he going to do something, he did it. He's going to be missed.

After that, I thank everybody for coming out to the Black History Program we gave on February 19<sup>th</sup>. It was our 15<sup>th</sup> annual show. It started with me and it passed on to Maple Heights Pastor John Snell. We been doing it ever since then. This year I had to fill in some spaces and put things in a different direction so it was kind of new members coming in. I give everybody a responsibility. I had the help of two new School Board Members. Not because they was elected. Ms. Nichelle Daniels and Ashley who came right in and filled that gap. They helped me get the flyers done, the programs and they did some writing that saved me and Pastor Snell a lot of time. They heart was really in it. I thank them a lot because that took a lot of initiative. Even for the one that was given on Friday. They planned months ahead of time. We are already working on 2021. I do thank them for they help to make it a successful program.

We had two citizens who received the Distinguished Citizenship Award. One went to Ms. Estelle Forster of Garfield Heights. I didn't realize the history she had. She had done so much for the community. The other one went to a guy you know he had done a lot of things and did not know he was getting an award. Just like Mr. Dobies, I have to take you back in history for you to understand as to why we gave it to him. It went to Mayor Collova. The reason why is there

been periods of time on short term notices and he has always fulfilled and always taken care of it for me. Even though the differences it was always handled. I appreciate that. Congratulations to both of you all.

The Community Award went to Christian Kingdom Assembly Church. We gave that to them is because the food locker went down the food pantry because the Family Life Center closed. They was distributing them food before they was certified. The food lockers feed the kids in the community who was hungry. They depend on that at lunch. Some children during the summer what they get at the lunch program of Garfield Heights at the different churches and programs, that is their meals for the day. They let the kids come down and play. So they received that.

Last, I want to thank everybody for coming and the work my family put in and all the other members of the community. I'd like thank the sponsors that we had this year. I always thank them for their contribution because this costs the city no money. The sponsors pay for everything. Everything is free from donations of people to Council Members who provide baskets and gift cards. Thank you all for your support as well. This year's sponsors was Metro by T-Mobil, Lucas Funeral Chapel, Lorenzo Dog Training, Diamond Communications and John House of McDonald's. He does a lot in contributing back to this community. We also had Mr. Hero from Vic Patel on Turney Road. He provides 100 and some sandwiches every year to the program and other programs. I also want to thank Dave Krock and OHM. We appreciate you all. I want to mention about Dave Krock. They do different things that really help students in the educational process. I won't go into detail. We appreciate the company that you have, Dave. People are unaware of the lot you do. I'd like to thank Sam Sylk.

One Member of Council, Clmn Blake, brought out that the information as to where I hang the legislation was not current the way it should be in Ward 1. It is located at Direct Wireless. If you want to see a copy of the legislation that we are voting on at nighttime, you can go to Direct Wireless at 4546 East 131<sup>st</sup>. They post this on a wall. If you want to see the hard copy (not the Minutes because they ain't been voted on) they would be more than happy to let you read it while you're there. When you get through you return it to them.

Once again to all the people who lost family members, my condolences to you.

I think it was a good year starting off with Members of Council and the Administration. I think it will be a nice year. Tahnkyou both Chiefs. We made it through and we lost no lives into the New Year of 2020. I appreciate what you all do for the community. You put your lives on the lines. That's it, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

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

**CLMN DONAHUE:** Bob Dobies. He was a neighbor. I didn't think it was going to end like this. He was the first person I met when I moved in. My daughter used to go over his house all the time. She really took it hard. My wife has known him ever since I moved in back in the '80s. He is part of the reason I'm here right now. He gave me reasons to run. He talked to me about it. I'm done.

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

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As we all said, we will miss Mr. D. He was there when you needed him. He asked for few favors but I was more than happy to help with anything he asked me to do. He started me on a 10-year career of being Santa Claus. I think I missed two years. Mr. D. We had a good time. I'll remember him as that.

I want to comment on other lives that were lost this past week. A friend of ours, Tony Zapitaro. I didn't know this until the Mayor told me. Tony never lost a fight. I asked him if he knew boxers. He said if I know them, I beat them. He was what three times Golden Gloves, Mayor? I, along with the Mayor have been to nine wakes these past four weeks. I also lost two residents in my Ward. Mr. Gallagher was one of them. He's going to be missed a lot.

Mr. Dudley, your entertainment for the Black History night and the Multi-City. There was a singer there. Her name was Maria Daniels. That lady could belt out a song. I had chills when she hit some high notes. I would say get her back again and also the flutist she had. He played a little rendition there that I really liked. You had a good program, Mr. Dudley. Keep going. And the tri-city first year—fantastic show.

Again, accolades to Directors, especially the Mayor. Like I said that the first time I thought Barb would swear on this but she said cash. We're doing really good. Best in the 10 years. It was a lot of hard work citizens, residents especially the employees who gave up a lot.

One other thing I have to say the Neighborhood News every week (Council had a little session on it) there's a little article we all voted on it is called "Law of the Land". It is put in when the Neighborhood News has room. So it may not be every week. This week's topic will be parking on the grass. The Police Chief said that was a good one. Any ideas from Council please let me know. I'll get it in the Neighborhood News if they have room.

With that, I say good-bye to everybody. Always be loving to your relatives and your friends. You don't know when they're not going to be there. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. Nenadovich. Mr. Blake.

**CLMN BLAKE:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would like to offer my condolences to the Dobies family. I think all the words that have been said here tonight speak to his character. I didn't work with Bob for a long time but I met Bob probably about 20 years ago when I was a high school football coach. I hadn't talked to Bob in a long time. The first time I started coming to the meetings he remembered me and we had a lot of talks about football, etc. He always treated me with respect and I had a lot of respect for Bob.

I want to thank Clmn Dudley and Ms. Janice Tubbs for their programs this past week on Black History. They were well attended. They were very informative. They were outstanding.

Tomorrow at 6:00 p.m., here at the Civic Center we will be having a Memorial Day Parade Meeting. Our goal is to have as many people involved in it as we possibly can. We want to make it bigger and better than it was last year.

Just to give me a little leeway here, Mr. Chairman, a few years ago when I started coming to Council Meetings, I really didn't quite understand the shape the city was in. I started coming to

meetings and I learned a lot. Lo and behold, this past Thursday I had my packet by e-mail. I went through the packet. The city has come a long way. I even called Barb Biro this past Friday morning. I think she thought I was nuts just because for my peace of mind I said Barb is there anything you need to tell me or anything I need to know that I'm not seeing in the legislation? I kind of chuckled at it. I think she got a kick out of it too. The city has come a long way. All these purchases are well warranted by the men and women who will be benefiting from those, especially our safety forces. That's all I have. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. Blake. I think I just want to talk little bit about inspiration tonight because I attended on Wednesday the Black History celebration that was put on by Mr. Dudley. I've gone to a few of these before. I got to tell you it was inspiring. Not just because of the Judge Larry Jones. He talked about a few of the other Judges, but he talked about how they inspired him. That was a pretty powerful message for me.

Then a few days later I thought I don't know how they can top that one. Then history was made. We had a multi-city Black History celebration here in Garfield Heights. It was long, but it was very good. I thought it was very, very good. Certainly Marie Daniels and her voice is incredible. Also Herbert Wilborn. I'm a big fan of his and I got to see him at your Black History celebration two years ago. I'm just a big fan of his. I have to say that I've been inspired by that. I was inspired just getting a chance to meet some of the people and to be around history being made. Years from now I think when my grandkids if they say something to me about it, I will be able to tell that story of how I was there and how I witnessed this. I'll have you know Ms. Daniels on Saturday on Michelle Daniels Day I didn't do anything. I celebrated it by relaxing.

I also want to talk about. My topic was inspiration but I remember the first time that I met Dobies. I was a baseball league Commissioner for a baseball league program that was failing miserably in the city of Garfield Heights. I had parents asking me to take it over. I looked at it and I thought this is impossible. I don't think it's going to work. We're \$12,000.00 in debt. How do you put on baseball for kids in the city? I can tell you I called Mr. Dobies and I asked him if he could just do something as simple as going and dragging the fields, which was a phone call that I think I made to him almost every week asking him and then thanking him. He would never be able to say I can get it done, but somehow it was always done.

One of the things he really taught me was he said to me we have to work together. I said well I have a baseball league that has zero money, Mr. Dobies. I have no money to operate with. He said we'll talk about that when you do have some funds. I thought that was pretty crass of him to say it like that, but I thought OK, he's obviously working hard for me and I'm thankful for that. So when I became elected to Council and I got my first report for the Recreation Department, first Finance Committee Meeting I went to, I could not believe how thorough Mr. Dobies was. Like he had a report that was literally word for word i's dotted, t's crossed. He was so thorough. Sometimes I get criticized when I'm reading this legislation on being thorough with this job on City Council, but I'm telling you, that came from an inspiration of Mr. Dobies being as thorough as he was as a Rec Director. I will never ever forget him the conversations I've had with him in the last seven years that I've been a Council person and I think back to those days as a baseball league Commissioner when I did have some money and I went to him and I said I don't know what we can ever do to help you. He said you could pay for the port-a-

potties over there. You know what? We did that. The very week we did that somebody lit them on fire. I'll never forget his tutelage. I'll never forget him being an inspiration to me.

Just like the Black History month celebration. I will never forget how inspirational it has been to learn about people like Garrett Morgan, Matt C.J. Walker. Some of these folks I never even heard of before in the history books when I went to high school. I was able to learn through just attending. My hat's off to both of you for putting those on. I was proud of our youth. I was proud of the high school children and most of all I was proud to be a citizen and a resident of Garfield Heights because we showed we lead the way around these parts. We're leaders. That's what made me proud. Mr. Dobies, may he rest in peace. I think he was one hell of a leader.

I'd also like to offer my condolences to the Deliberato family and also the family of Mr. Ed Licht. Ed was a resident of Ward 6. Although I didn't know the man, I did have plenty of e-mails where I conversed with him. He always asked about the city. Always asked about what was going on. If he hadn't asked some of the questions he asked I probably would not have known some of the things that I know today. So I want to offer my condolences to his family as well. That's all I have this evening.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Yes.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I also want to mention so people understand that you do compensate your speakers. I've been blessed because no speaker except for one time has ever asked for a significant amount of money. I want to say something about Judge Larry Jones. He refused to accept any money to speak at the program. He said he wanted to pass on some knowledge that you have a lot of issues going over the judicial system, incarceration and he wanted to pass the information on to the youth to understand how America was a part of the system. Even though I offered it to him, Judge Larry Jones refused money two/three times. So with that we going to get some essays rolling and we going to take the money from Judge Larry Jones and offer a scholarship in a month or two and bring him back to present it. That's it, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Clmn. Mr. Vaughn, you have the floor.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. This has been an extremely tough emotional few days and definitely today. Very long for all of us here. Bob Dobies, you will truly be missed. One quality I can always remember from Mr. Dobies was his ability to get blood from a penny. I never met anybody that could get money to do whatever he needed to do. He did it for the best of this community. You know, my sons worked for Mr. Dobies and they have stories. They have a lot of them. They were both emotionally moved when they heard this. They couldn't believe a man that dynamic is gone. He will be truly missed and he will be hard to fill.

The only other thing I have for tonight is I have Block Watch Thursday night. All are welcome. We're going to be meeting at St. Monica's in the school in the basement the Augustine Room at seven o' clock. Please join us. I already placed the pizza order so we'll have pizza. Really no agenda. I've got a lot of stuff to talk about. I also want to hear from residents. I'm so glad you came up tonight to share with us.

I was over at the Urgent Care center today. They're rolling. They promised me today that they will get all that garbage picked up because we had a resident concerned about that. They're going to be an asset to our community. Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Yes.

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

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

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

ABSENT: Davis

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:18 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Matthew Burke  
President of Council

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Barbara Molin  
Clerk of Council