

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, February 25, 2019

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, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT BURKE: Reading and Disposal of the Minutes for our last Regular Meeting, which was Monday, February 11, 2019.

CLMN SUSTER: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Garfield Heights City Council, dated Monday, February 11, 2019 as submitted.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Suster to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, City of Garfield Heights, for Monday, February 11, 2019, as written, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn
The Minutes have been passed with 7 Yes votes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. We will move on to the Reports of the Mayor and the Directors. Mayor, do you have a report for us this evening?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I do. I want to start off by saying last Friday night I had the privilege of once again, along with some of our Council people, to attend the Black History event at the Fine Arts Theater at the Garfield Heights High School. I want to tell you what. This event I've been going for probably the last 10/12 years. It's bigger and better

each year. Each year they have a guest speaker that is just phenomenal. This year they had a young lady, Eleanor Hayes and this young lady gave a talk like I've never heard before. She was unbelievable. She gave a talk about the challenges that face people in life. She was an African-American girl, but she didn't talk about the struggles of Blacks or the struggles of Whites. She talked about the struggles of life. There's no doubt that in her case, as a minority and as a female, she had a little tougher challenge than a lot of us did. I got to tell you what. I couldn't believe the way this lady talked. She spoke for about a half-hour. Every sentence was better than the last one. I want to tell you something, Mr. Dudley, yourself, Janice, Joyce Tubbs, Pastor Snell, what a fantastic job this year. Eleanor Hayes was outstanding. I invite residents. This is not a Black thing. This isn't a White thing. This is about history. I would like to see more and more people come to it. They had a real great crowd. I'd like to see it even better next year. You guys did a great job. I wanted to thank you for giving me an opportunity to be a part of it.

Next thing I wanted to talk about was there were some power outages in Garfield Heights. Actually, there were 71 homes that I understand are still without power. I have some residents that have really been giving me a hard time about it. One of those residents happens to be my wife because we're one of the 71 houses. We talked to CEI today about how come they were still off and they are not expected to be back on until late Wednesday or Thursday. The story they said makes you think a little bit. They said last night when these outages hit, the wind was so strong that they could not send anybody up to fix wires on a pole in that wind. They had to wait until that wind died down. That wind lasted a lot longer than they thought. It put them behind, but they are working very hard at restoring power. Soon we will have a little heat in our house, I'm sure of that. I had a nice talk with CEI and they are working as fast as they can.

I wanted to talk to you about something I received the other day. Through the efforts of our engineer, Dave Krock, we received this message from the County:

"Thank you for submitting projects for the 2019 Preventative Maintenance Program. The Department of Public Works has completed the review of all projects submitted. The infrastructure needed in Cuyahoga County is extensive and budget constraints only allow the County to fund a limited number of projects each year. We wish to congratulate you on the following projects we have selected for funding."

Let me give you an idea of how many projects they have funded.

- Canal Road, West Corporation Limit
- East 131st Street, Broadway to North Corporation Limit
- Garfield Boulevard, Warner and Turney.

This is crack sealing, base repair, catch basins. It's not actual resurfacing of streets, but each one of these goes along with a cost.

- The Canal Road was \$5,000.00
- East 131st \$11,000.00
- Garfield Blvd. \$7,500.00
- Hathaway Road South Corporation Limit to Turney \$2,500.00
- Henry Street McCracken and Marguerite \$6,000.00

- Henry Street Marguerite to Broadway \$5,000.00
- McCracken Broadway to East Corporation Limit \$7,500.00
- McCracken Road \$9,000.00
- Osborn \$5,000.00
- Turney Road East \$11,000.00
- West Corporation Limit to Turney \$11,000.00
- Antenucci to 480 Bridge \$3,750.00
- 480 Bridge to ODOT \$3,750.00
- ODOT Drive to Granger \$7,500.00 (that's Transportation Blvd.)
- Transportation Antenucci to Southern Terminal \$3,750.00
- Turney Road from Hathaway to East Corporation Limit \$3,750.00
- Turney Road North Corporation to Hathaway \$3,750.00
- Warner Road Garfield Corporation Limit \$2,500.00.

This shows what our guys are doing. We are definitely in Garfield Heights getting our fair share of County money. I thank you for your efforts, Dave. You and Jim Sickels have done a great job getting some of this money so that's what you're looking for this year in reimbursements.

Next, on a sad note, many of you know my brother was the Chief of the Fire Department for many years, long time fireman, long time resident of Garfield Heights. His wife, Cheryl, who was also a long time resident of Garfield Heights, passed away on Friday. I just wanted to say that she had to be one of the sweetest people that I've ever met. What an understanding, unbelievably great lady. There's not enough words I could say. Our prayers go out to my brother's family. He will definitely be in our prayers. That's a sad note.

Now I want to talk a little bit about another happy note for most of us (maybe a little bit sad for Tim McLaughlin). As you all know, Tim McLaughlin's leaving. He was retiring. I have to tell you the story. Thursday night some of the girls in the office that are around the Service Garage and some of the guys in that area had a surprise retirement party for Tim McLaughlin. That was on Thursday. On Wednesday, myself and Tim Riley brought Tim McLaughlin in to our office (the day before—on Wednesday). I told Timmy I needed him to stay on. There was a few more projects that I needed his expertise. I needed him to stay on. He wasn't agreeable in the beginning. One of the things at his surprise party he knew about. He said you know they're getting ready to have a party for me in a couple hours. I said think of the surprise when they find out you're not leaving. What a surprise that will be. Timmy gracefully decided to stay. I want you to know that there's some people I know in the Service Garage that are a little disappointed because when one of our guys leaves everybody has the opportunity to move up, but with the work that's going to take place at Bridge View and at City View, I need all the experience I can get. Timmy has graciously stayed on and once those projects are finished—it might be 2030/2035 I'm not sure—but Tim's agreed to stay with us. I want to thank you for that, Timmy. I appreciate it. For all of you that thought Timmy was leaving, he's not.

I'll get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 12 allows us to buy a pavement roller. Right now we rent an extra one each year to keep up on the streets. It came to us for an opportunity to buy one. It would be a lot cheaper than continuing to rent. I would appreciate your support on Ordinance 12. Ordinance 13 is the ordinance authorizing Dave Krock, City Engineer, to prepare the necessary plans to go out for competitive bids for the Midwest Neighborhood

Storms/Sanitary Sewer System Reconstruction Project. That is Phase 3. Dave can answer any questions that you may have on that.

Resolution 5 is in regards to the legal action involving Niecy's Place. Riley has the information on that. If you need any information, you can ask Tim Riley on that. With that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mayor. Does anybody have any questions for the Mayor on his report this evening? Mr. Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: I don't have a question, but I just heard on the news before I left to come to the Meeting that CEI is bringing in a bunch of people from Toledo to help.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I certainly hope they come.

CLMN SUSTER: I just wanted to let you know that they're getting more people.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Does anybody else have any questions for the Mayor? Mr. LaMalfa.

CLMN LAMALFA: On Ordinance 12. That wasn't part of the agreement that Tim stayed, was it? To buy a new roller?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Not exactly, unless you made that deal with the Finance Director. It wasn't with me.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Does anyone else have any questions?

CLMN GLENN: Mayor, what year did you say he's going to retire?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: There is a question, Gene, and I'll tell you why because when Riley and I were talking to him, we asked him to stay through October. Then a couple hours later at the party he announced that he was staying till the end of the year. Recently I've been saying he's staying until I leave, which is down the road quite a bit, so. We have not come to a conclusion yet, but we are working on it.

CLMN GLENN: Tim, you get a lot of hard knocks in your job. You get a lot of criticism, but there's no replacement for experience and you have it. You do a good job. Even though we had our differences, you do a good job. It's all for the betterment of the city. Thank you for staying on.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Anyone else have any questions for the Mayor on his report? If not, we will move on to our Law Director Tim Riley. Tim, do you have a report for us this evening?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Yes, I do. I'm waiting for a reaction on that. I'm just asking for your support on Resolution 05-2019, which is the resolution of Niecy's Place, which does business as Topicz Sports Lounge down on Broadway. We objected to the liquor license and we worked out an agreement that's attached to the legislation. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Tim. Does anybody have any questions for Tim on his report? I mean it could be another month before he has another report. We'll move on to our Fire Chief, Chief Strope. Do you have a report for us this evening?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Absent.

FIRE CHIEF KENNETH STROPE: No, I don't, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: We'll 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. Of course, the last two weeks have been on and off salt and plow. A little bit of snow, a little more, icy spots. We've also been patching a lot these last couple weeks.

The cleanup from the windstorm. There were some guys out yesterday. Today I put most of the crews out going street-to-street picking up anything on the street. You, know—the garbage that blew around. So it's going to take a couple days. You drive down some streets and there's nothing on them. You drive down other ones and there's plenty on them. We do have that in progress.

You know what the Mayor talked about, about the County reimbursement. With that machine we bought a few years back with the spray. Last year we did 22 streets in crack sealing. On that part of it we usually do. We take the money from certain streets. There are some that are too large for us to handle, but that's been a helpful thing the last four/five years that we've gotten to do some maintenance on streets that, you know, you repave them. You go down the line three/four years and you didn't do anything to them and the cracks are coming back. The asphalt pops, etc. That has helped us out a lot. Like you said, Dave and Jim work on that every year, but we do do part of it to try to get more streets done by us doing it ourselves. With that, that's all I have.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Absent.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARB BIRO: Absent.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Tim. Does anybody have any questions for Tim on his report? Let's move on to our City Engineer, Mr. Dave Krock. Dave, do you have a report for us?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I do. Just one item. I ask for your support of Ordinance 13. This is for Grace Avenue to do all the reconstruction like we've done with the prior two phases. Total project costs about \$1 million. That's being 100% paid for through two different grants. So there is zero cost to the city. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Does anyone have any questions? Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Dave, is there a timeframe on that when it's going to start?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Yeah, this project is just getting started on design now. It will be about a year before it's under construction.

CLMN GLENN: OK. Very good. Thank you, Dave.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Does anyone else have any questions for Mr. Krock on his report? Then we will move on to our Social Services Director, Ms. Kathy Rush-Parsson. Kathy, do you have a report for us this evening?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSON: Yes, I do. Thank you. The Senior Center will be hosting a Brain Health Fitness Educational Series presented by the Alzheimer's Association, Katherine Kilpatrick, who is the creator of Memory Fitness Matters. This will be a five-part series and will teach participants about general brain health, the differences between typical age-related changes vs. dementia and will introduce various brain exercises that can be done to improve memory as you age. All sessions are free, open to the public and will take place at the Senior Center from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. beginning on Thursday, March 28th. As I mentioned it's five various classes. For more information and additional dates, you can call Annie at the Senior Center at (216) 475-3244. I do have some flyers that I will leave on the table for anyone who is interested. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thanks, Ms. Parsson. Does anybody have any questions for Kathy on her report this evening? If not, we'll move on to our Economic Development Director, Noreen Kuban. Noreen, do you have a report for us this evening?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I don't know who's driven by, but the Ceo Restaurant and Party Center is demolished. We originally demolished the restaurant and the bar and the Warner House was left. Due to severe deterioration, we had no choice but to have it demolished. There was structural damage. It was hit by a vehicle and it came down over the weekend. I drove by at lunchtime today and they were finishing tearing out some of the foundation.

We have done a lot consolidation. There were four parcels there. When the property is graded and cleaned up, we'll be offering it for sale. It is zoned U-4 Retail General Business District. We did attempt to work with local and State agencies trying to get some funding to try to renovate the property and it was in the six figures. So it was just too far gone over the years. That concludes my report.

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

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: Yes, I would just like to continue on with the demolition progress. That building came down through the grant money that we received as

long as several other buildings in the city. I plan to have a short presentation in March updating you on all the buildings that have already come down and what's in the near future. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thanks, Mark. Does anybody have any questions for Mr. Moro on his report this evening? If there are none, then we will move on to comments by citizens on tonight's legislation. Would the Clerk please read the rules?

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:

CLERK: Comments shall be strictly limited to brief statements not to exceed five minutes with comments limited to legislation on the current evening's agenda. No citizen shall speak more than once.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Is there anyone wishing to comment on tonight's agenda? If there are none, we will move on to Ordinances and Resolutions, beginning with Ordinance 12-2019. Will the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 12-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT CO. INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BOMAG PAVEMENT ROLLER.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 12-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 13-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING DAVID KROCK, CITY ENGINEER TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, PER THE OHM ADVISORS PROPOSAL, AND TO GO OUT FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS, FOR THE MIDWEST NEIGHBORHOOD STORMS/SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT – PHASE 3, AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF COSTS THRU FUNDING BY THE NEORS MCIP, OPWC AND THE NEORS/COMMUNITY COST SHARE PROGRAM (2019-2020 FUNDS).

Moved by GLENN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 13-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF THE CASE KNOWN AS IN RE: LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL OF NIECY'S PLACE DBA TOPICZ SPORTS LOUNGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, everybody's aware of Niecy's Place, which is located on Broadway across from the Garfield Park. It has been a problematic place for many a years. I was happy to see that the city got on it. The Law Department rode them to the end. They fought a good battle. I can say I appreciate the results that they brought back towards this community. I appreciate the Mayor's support. The Members of Council they didn't hesitate, knowing the problem that we had and even the shootings that took place down there, to throw on they support that we can get something done about this place. I am happy to say that we are not going to worry about liquor being sold down there (at least for a while) under the current ownership down there. I thank for the support. I thank the Law Department for their battle. With that, I know you're still worried, but I appreciate the support in helping getting that problem rectified. With that, I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 05-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT BURKE: That concludes tonight's Ordinances and Resolutions. We will move on now to Comments by Citizens. Will the Clerk please read the rules.

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

is presented on the floor at this time. Comments shall be limited to five minutes. No citizen shall be heard more than once.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Is there anyone wishing to speak in tonight's meeting?

Mildred Whitmore, 13154 Forestdale Drive. Good evening. I just want to thank the Mayor and the Police Chief, who is not here, for taking care of my problems speedily. Everything is taken care of. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Is there anyone else wishing to speak?

Todd Hansen, Police Chief for the City of Maple Heights. Good evening. Unfortunately, I'm a little surprised that Barb's not here tonight. I came to offer thanks on behalf of all the Maple Heights City Directors, specifically to Barb, but also to the Council and Mayor. I'll go ahead and read the letter and I'll talk to Barb tomorrow at work during regular hours. I'll read the letter.

PRESIDENT BURKE: I had no idea she wasn't going to be here tonight.

CHIEF HANSEN: That's all right. I appreciate your letting me read this. It says

"Dear Barb:

This letter is in appreciation of the dedicated service you provided to the city of Maple Heights during our time of need. We lost our Finance Director unexpectedly and were left in a dire situation with the State Auditor's Fiscal Commission monitoring our budget. You, with the approval and blessing of Mayor Vic Collova, jumped right into the budget of Maple Heights helping our understaffed finance department to keep the city finances and to start to balance our books and transactions. You went above and beyond the call for help. Your dedication to our situation and success was evident in the hours you spent not only doing the work that needed to be done, but also explaining and teaching others how to do the tasks so our staff would be better prepared in the future. You were also personable, approachable and knowledgeable. I asked you a number of questions out of the blue while you were working on other items and you immediately responded with answers without having looked over whole portions of our budget and system. To me, that showed your expertise and ability to multi-task and handle problems. There were many other instances involving other City Directors and me in which you provided answers, guidance and help.

We all appreciate your help and are grateful for your service and dedication. Garfield Heights, Mayor Collova and the Garfield City Council are blessed to have such a true professional. We also appreciate their willingness to help us with our issues in a neighborly way, without question, and in a timely manner. You all provided a shining example of cooperation and brotherhood.

We, the City Directors and Mayor wish to offer our thanks to the City of Garfield Heights and special kudos and gratitude to Barb Biro for the much-needed assistance. If we can ever be of assistance to you, please know we will do all we are able."

Thank you.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, if I may?

PRESIDENT BURKE: Absolutely, Mayor.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Let me say you are 100% correct as far as Barb Biro goes. We are blessed to have her. She does an outstanding job. We had no problem sending her to Maple Heights to help out with their problem. Garfield Heights is well aware being in fiscal emergency. I have to hand this to you. I thank you. I really do thank you.

You guys have a great Mayor over there. Mayor Blackwell is an upcoming young lady that has really got her head in the right place. I'm very proud to be a neighbor with her, to be a colleague with her. You guys are very fortunate. I think you guys are going to bounce out of this fiscal emergency and head to better things. There's no doubt about it.

CHIEF HANSEN: We appreciate that. You know in addition to this current thing, there are other ways you people have helped us. We've had gas problems; you've paved part of our streets. None of that goes unnoticed. We all do appreciate all the things that Garfield has done to help us out, so thank you very much. I appreciate your time.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Chief.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Is there anyone else wishing to come up and make any comments? There are none, we will move on to our 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.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: Since Clmn Vaughn gave the invocation this evening, we'll start with Clmn Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mike Dudley, I'd like to say that the program you put on on February 15th over at the high school was very enjoyable. Every year we see a few more people coming. One of these years soon, we're going to have that place packed. It's a well worth program.

CLMN DUDLEY: Thank you.

CLMN VAUGHN: Tim McLaughlin, thank you for staying. You do a great job. Glad that you are going to be here. It will make transition for the next guy easier if you train them and prepare them. Thank you.

Vic, to your family my sympathy from Barb and I from our family. Anytime there's a loss, the family is never the same. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

On Thursday evening at seven o'clock Ward 7 Block Watch will take place up at St. Monica's School. Dale Merchant, with one of the dogs, is going to be there. He will come in and he will be informing us about some things going on with that. All are welcome. We start at seven o'clock in the St. Augustine Room. With that, that's my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Vaughn. Mr. Suster, do you have anything you want to?

CLMN SUSTER: Yes, please. First of all, I, too, would like to say Tim, thanks for sticking it out for possibly another year. I know you'll be a great help to the city just by being here.

Mayor, as far as your brother's family, I knew your brother before he became a Fire Chief here in Garfield Heights. I met him first when he was a salesman for Kraft Foods. That's a standard joke with he and I because of the fact that it was on a Friday afternoon and it was about three o'clock and he was at the Convenient Food Mart on Lee Road and Rockside Road. It was three o'clock in the afternoon and here's Tony running around moving all this stuff and I walked up to him and I said, "Who you with?" and he said, "Kraft Foods" and I said, "Are you crazy? This is Friday afternoon. You are supposed to be at home doing your paperwork for the next week." He never talked to me again after that. No, my sincere condolences to Tony and the family. That's all I have this evening.

PRESIDENT BURKE: OK. Tim, I would also like to say thank you for staying. I know as I sit here and look at you, you're hiding back the smile. I can see it, you know. I really appreciate it. I think you do a great job. You got a great team over there. That's what you like to see out of a department is teamwork. You have a great team.

Mayor, I also want to offer my condolences and my sympathy to your brother and his family as well.

I attended the Coffee with a Cop on Thursday. It was put on by Garfield Heights United at the McDonald's over there at the Garfield Commons. I thought it was pretty well attended. I thought it was nice to have something that kind of brings the community together with the police officers. So I thank the folks from Garfield United for putting on an event like that. I really think it was a positive thing here to do in Garfield Heights.

I also want to say that I also attended the Black History celebration put on by my colleague Mr. Dudley, Janice and Joyce Tubbs and Pastor Snell. I, too, thought that Eleanor Hayes was a great speaker, but I have to tell you, one of the speakers that really captured my attention was a young man named Myron Spikes. Myron was up here about a year ago. He was the valedictorian a year ago, I believe, in 2018. I remember him a year ago, but I didn't even recognize him. He looked like he grew up so fast, but Myron is going to Cornell University. When he stood up there and accepted his scholarship award that he received, he made a speech about what it was like for him his first semester at Cornell University coming from Garfield Heights. One of the things he said was a lot of the students there told him the only reason why he was at Cornell University was that he was Black and because they needed to get the numbers up. That could push a man down. But then he also said that a lot of his fellow African-American students that were there, he felt, that he couldn't compete with them. They were in a different class level. He said that he did not come from that type of a family that was

sort of a high-class family. He came from Garfield Heights. He said that it was a struggle that very first semester, but then something clicked inside of him and he said you know what? I belong here. My grades were good enough to be here. I was really proud to hear that from a young man coming from Garfield Heights. I went up to him after the event and I told him how proud I was that he is from Garfield Heights. I told him to keep fighting for us here in Garfield Heights because that man's going to go on to do some great things. I'm convinced of it. So I really want to say thank you to the folks that put on that Black History celebration. I had a good time there. I really wish it was better attended than it was. That's really all I have for this evening. Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, Mr. President. Mayor Collova, condolences to you and your family. When it's a family member, it touches home. With that, my condolences.

I want to say thank you to Tim McLaughlin. I want to tell a little story, Tim, about you, where you live at and all the criticism you got and I got and the Mayor got for a street called 102nd Street. I had so much grief over that street over the years--flooding, backed up--as did the Mayor, but nobody knew who lived on this street. Let me tell you. I told them. Tim, you do a good job. The job is done well. Your expertise, your knowledge of the city even though we don't have a lot of records, you have it up here and I hope it's passed on to the next generation. Thank you for staying on.

As far as the Black History goes, I, too, remember Myron. He's very knowledgeable. He speaks well beyond his years. He's going to go a long ways in this society. He makes Garfield proud. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Glenn. Mr. Nenadovich, do you have anything you'd like to share?

CLMN NENADOVICH: Yes, I have a few things here. First of all, Vic, knowing your brother like I did, my condolences to you and your family.

Mr. Dudley, every year you outshine yourself. Every year it gets better and better. I didn't know how you could top last year's concert that we had. That was fantastic. It did it with the speaker. She talked for two minutes and was that informative. I was really enthralled when she said it went by so fast. Very good speaker. The young lady that got the scholarship, speaking on Kenya, when she went to Africa and saw the animals, how she worked with them, a great speech from both of them too. That young lady and young man. One thing I was impressed with is you mentioned the fact that they are already working on next year's program. It's a year long to plan it. It's well worth it what you put on. I thank you for that.

CLMN DUDLEY: I couldn't do it without Janice and Snell. I don't want to cut into your time. You all know I started it with Mr. Charles Bryant and Reverend Jones, who used to sit on the Zoning Board. Both of them passed, you know. I tell you Ms. Tubbs came in and she just worked on filling that one gap or two gaps you know. Most of all I appreciate you guys. You all make the difference.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Tim, thanks. You always helped me out. It may take time, but you always got it done for me. I appreciate that. With that, that's all I have to say.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Mr. LaMalfa, do you have anything?

CLMN LAMALFA: I give my sympathy to the Collova family. Tim, this is a good time now. We could have a party a month. Thank you for staying on. That's all I have today.

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

CLMN DUDLEY: All right. Mayor, condolences to your family. You all are always in our prayers. At night, I pray for my colleagues as well as the people in the city and you and also the Directors. I pray for the city as a whole and the residents. You are in my daily prayers and my nightly prayers. I want you to know that we with you on this right here.

I want to thank all of those who came out who attended the program. I messed up and didn't bring the raffle tickets and so what is going to happen--it's not from me--but on Thursday the 21st of March at our Town Hall Meeting the prizes that is raffled off is coming from the contributions from the African-American Black History Heritage Program. Those are the prizes. You don't have to be a member of the community to come there. The cash envelope is still sealed. It's been touchy but it's still sealed. If for nothing else, come by for the raffle, win your prize and you can be on your way, etc.

I did get the pictures of the Coffee with a Cop Program. I appreciate that. I worked at a distance. I was unable to attend that with Garfield Heights United that time. I see it was great and it was good to get people out there to know the officers and form a relationship with them. It was a great relationship with the previous Chief and also the current Chief and the individual officers themselves. I think that's great. People got to get out and know these guys other than just a uniform that drives up and down the road. That was a great program you all put on. I wish I could have attended that.

Also so I can get this part out of here, there's going to be the Town Hall Meeting for Ward 1 on March 21st at 6:00 p.m. at CKA. That's Christian Kingdom Assembly located at 131st and Broadway. It's the church right there at 131st and Broadway right across from the market. That's going to be at 6:00 p.m. That's where the prizes will be raffled off.

I want to thank the Mayor because actually we go way back. Now we known each other for 14 years because I remember the first election we ran you won. I lost. In 2005. After that, we had been together since then. So our relationships go back. I know he has come to even back then he would show up to the Black History Program when we were doing it up on Dressler Road. He always showed up. He always been a supporter of the program from day one and we appreciate that, Mayor. Like he has said once before, it's not a Black program. People when they hear the word Black History don't just look at the first word. Look at the entire both words. History. I have no problem when I'm going to the Hispanic historical events that they have. I go there, I fit in. I have a good time because I'm looking for the history and the knowledge. If I want to get to know them. If I want to know something about you I got to know your history as well. I was stationed in Europe. It's about history good or bad, but I got to know your history when I was in Germany. I wanted to get along with you and understand you. Same thing when I was stationed in Korea and it goes on and on through my duty stations.

I want to thank a special thanks that we put out to the Mayor Vic Collova and his wife for every year they are a sponsor of the program, Garfield Heights City Schools, who provides a venue for the program to be held and I want to make sure the paperwork is done in a timely manner. Clmn Matt Burke, Council President, I appreciate the gift you provide. You've been a sponsor for the last several years. Clmn Nenadovich, you are always there man, I appreciate the gifts. The wine was tempting, but I quit drinking. I appreciate it. Clmn Vaughn, I appreciate that you are always there. I appreciate our colleague, Joe, sitting next to me. In the past, he had been contributing to the program. I thank Jason and Annemarie Blake for their gift. It is to be raffled off. All the gifts will be raffled off. Karen and Philip Rittman, Mr. Hero on Turney Road. That guy does not just me but he does all the programs in Garfield Heights. Subway from East 131st.

Then we have sponsors, as you know, Metro PC. They changed their name now. It's called Metro By T Mobile. They had been a sponsor for the last three/four years. We appreciate them. There's a guy, Eagle Used Auto Parts in Cleveland. He's not in Garfield Heights, but he has been a sponsor for several years. He don't mind sponsoring programs that will help the community whether it's in Cleveland or outside of Cleveland. Just somebody to keep in mind when you're putting on something, but it has to be a community project. I thank McDonald's on Turney Road, Mr. and Mrs. John House. They do a lot of things in our community for our city as a whole and are more than happy to help. Our very own Lucas Funeral Home up there. I'm not in a rush to give them my service, but that's my guy though. I appreciate Mr. Lucas. He is someone who will support projects in the community. Our Lorenzo, we know that's the dog trainer facility and everybody is familiar with Lorenzo, who is expanding his business in Ward 1 and city of Garfield Heights. I thank him and the Baumann's even though it has caught on fire and has been burned down, he has still been a supporter of the program. I thank Mrs. Tubbs and I thank my friend and my best friend since God knows when, Pastor John Snell. He lives in Maple Heights and he used to live in Cleveland. He had done Halloween projects, a lot of projects for me in the city of Garfield Heights even though he's not even a resident here.

Like I said most of all I thank the people who come out and attend and those that keep the program going. Wendy, in the past was taking pictures. We appreciate that and I still got the disc from you. I just ask for your continuous support and my vision is one day I'm going to look out there and that whole room is going to be filled because it's not Mike Dudley's program, it's our program for the entire city of Garfield Heights. We going to keep on giving it. I appreciate everything and I appreciate you guys support.

Tim, now I know you probably want to go, but when you turn around and you look at the dog and his beard is grey like yours, etc. you know your time is getting close, but I appreciate what you're doing. I appreciate the Service Department. I done been there before. With that, Mr. Chairman, I thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Can I have a motion to adjourn tonight's meeting?

CLMN SUSTER: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: I'd like to make a motion we adjourn the Meeting please.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I second.

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Matthew Burke
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council