

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, March 11, 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 LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn

EXCUSED: Dudley

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: At this time, I would like to excuse Clmn Dudley tonight's proceedings.

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

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

ABSENT: Dudley

PRESIDENT BURKE: Clmn Dudley is hereby excused for tonight's Meeting.

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT BURKE: We will move on to the Reading of the Regular Minutes of Council for February 25, 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 25, 2019 as submitted.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Suster to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the City of Garfield Heights, for Monday, February 25, 2019, as written, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn
Absent: Dudley
The Minutes are passed with 6 Yes votes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

PRESIDENT BURKE: At this time, I would like to make an announcement that we will be having a Special Council Meeting on Monday, March 18th to talk about the True North sign over there on the corner of Rockside and Turney. So that will be at 6:00 p.m. That's an announcement for you.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

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

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I do. Thank you very much. Before I get into my report, once again, it's an honor and a privilege for me to be able to swear in a new Garfield Heights Firefighter into our department here. The young man's name is Alonzo Wright. He has quite a bio. I will let the Chief get into that before we do the swearing in. Chief?

FIRE CHIEF KENNETH STROPE: Thank you. Alonzo comes to us from East Cleveland. He's got six years full-time experience with the East Cleveland Fire Department. He's got an Associate Degree in Computer Networking from Tri-C. He's got a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and Computer Science from Wilberforce University. He's a co-founder in Brothers of Preserving Through Unity, which is a community college outreach organization. He comes with quite a background. We appreciate it.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Alonzo, let me tell you this. That bio is extensive. You have a lot of background. We appreciate having that at the Garfield Heights Fire Department, but you know, it doesn't pay any more. Seriously, you're coming into a great department and a great bunch of guys to work with. You will be working, because we're busy. If you and your family would come up?

(At this time, Mayor Collova swore in Firefighter/Paramedic Alonzo Wright. Pictures were taken afterwards.)

PRESIDENT BURKE: As usual, I would like to say congratulations again, but also you don't have to stay for the entire Council Meeting. If you'd like to, you can, but if you're going to leave, please do so quietly so we can have our Meeting.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Alonzo and family, thank you very much.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Like I said, you don't have to stay if you don't want to. Go ahead, Mayor.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: OK, Mr. Chairman. Continuing on, please join us on March 29th right here at the Civic Center for the Vietnam Veterans' Day Celebration. Each year we are honored to host this event for the Vietnam Veterans of America. They put a program on that's really great. It's a thank you for the Vietnam Veterans that didn't get the thank you when they first came home. This group is sure to make sure that they get thank you'd every year since then. So please join us here. It's a great time. Great speakers. It starts at six o'clock. The doors open at six. The event actually starts at seven. They have food, beverages, refreshments and it really is a great time.

The next thing I wanted to announce was this year the Garfield Heights Memorial Day Parade is back on. We are having a Memorial Day Parade and service Monday May 27, 2019. Garfield Heights Memorial Day tributes honoring our deceased Veterans of all wars and conflicts will be held on Monday, May 27, 2019. There will be a parade, a service at the Veterans' Plaza at the Garfield Heights Civic Center and refreshments following. The parade assembly will begin at 9:15 a.m. at Maple Leaf Drive and Turney Road. The parade will step off at 10:00 a.m. If you wish to participate, make monetary donations or have any questions, please contact Jennifer Newrones at (216) 624-8802 or you can contact Jason Blake at (216) 338-7883. We want to make this a really special parade. We haven't had it for a long time because of the work that was being done on Turney Road so we want to get this back on the road and do a great job in honoring our Veterans.

I'm going to get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 75. We're amending the original contract to allow for an escrow agent. Ordinance 14 and 15 are in regards to purchasing a new snowplow. Ordinance 16-2019 authorizes an agreement for additional work needed for the city audit. Ordinance 17 is in regards to financial appropriations. Barb can certainly touch on it in her report. With that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

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

CLMN SUSTER: Is the parade going to end right at?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Right here.

CLMN SUSTER: At the Civic Center? It's not going to go down to the Boulevard?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: No, no. We're too old for that. We're going to end it right here. Too far to walk. We're going to end it right here.

CLMN SUSTER: Speak for yourself.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I wouldn't speak for you, youngster. The Veterans aren't as young as they used to be, including you and I, Joe. So we decided that it would come off here. We would do the entire dedication right at our memorial out in front here and then comes inside the Civic Center for refreshments.

CLMN SUSTER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Does anyone else 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 for us this evening?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: No report tonight.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Tim. Let's move on to our Fire Chief, Chief Strope. Do you have a report for us this evening?

FIRE CHIEF KENNETH STROPE: No report. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Chief Byrne, do you have a report for us this evening?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: No report tonight.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: Absent.

PRESIDENT BURKE: We'll move on to our Parks and Recreation Director, who we know has a report. Mr. Bob Dobies?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: You know I do. Mr. President and Council Members, good evening. It's a short one. A reminder if you're signing up for t-ball we're taking sign ups through Monday, April 1st extended office hours to accommodate signups are available. Just please call the Rec Center if you have any questions.

Softball signups will begin March 18th and run through April 22nd. One difference this year is that we are offering co-ed softball. This has worked in all of our other programs over the years and we will introduce this this season. We have had positive feedback from those inquiring. We still partner with Bedford. With the only difference we'll be handling all the signups for softball. This is not to dissuade anybody from participating in baseball, but to only offer a different opportunity to stay active. All information is available on the Website.

Baseball signups are taking place, again, in conjunction with Bedford. If you have interest, you may pick up an application at the Bedford Rec or visit their Website. All baseball registration will be done through Bedford. Understand this, that Bedford has played a part in Garfield Heights baseball for the last six almost seven years. You may go to the Garfield Heights Web to obtain a flyer. If you have any questions, Bedford Recreation is 1-440-735-6570 and they will answer your questions.

We are taking registration also for Spring Fitness classes beginning April 1st. Classes will be for a 12-week session Monday and Wednesday held at Fire Station No. 1. All that information is on the Website also.

As we wind down our ice season, I'd like to remind all to come out and enjoy the 51st Annual Ice Show, which will be held Saturday, March 23rd from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. This year's theme will be Cinema Skates. It will feature all of our figure skaters from tots to advanced soloists displaying their talent and gracefulness developed during all the hard work they put in this

season. I ask all to come out and enjoy our children performing. Thank you. That concludes my report.

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

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARB BIRO: Thank you, Mr. President. I do. This evening we're asking for Council's support of Ordinance 14 and 15. It's the purchase of the 2019 freightliner for the chassis for the salt truck. The salt bed will be coming from Concord. We're passing it now. It's going to take about six to seven months to build. That's why we are asking for Council's approval this evening.

I'm also asking for support for Ordinance 16-2019. It's a modification to our original agreement for our 2018 audit due to additional audit procedures for GASB 75 pertaining to the reporting of pensions on the city's financial statements.

Lastly, I am asking support for Ordinance 17-2019. It's amending the appropriation measure that you passed in December of 2018 to begin the year of 2019. Several changes were made due to the upcoming construction projects for 2019. The increase in what was reported to us by the County as the potential collection on the increase in real estate taxes and also to cover the costs of the equipment that we are buying this evening and have bought in the last month or so with the roller and hat. With that, you have my report.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Absent.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Barb. Does anybody have any questions for Barb on her report this evening? If there are none, we will move on to our Social Services Director, Mrs. Kathy Rush-Parsson. Kathy, do you have a report for us?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSON: Thank you, Mr. President. I have nothing new tonight.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Kathy. Last, but not least, for this evening, we'll move on to our Economic Director, Noreen Kuban. Noreen, do you have a report?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. This month's Help for Homeowners Program will be held on Wednesday, March 20th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. As I've mentioned in the past, it's a good idea to contact or register at (216) 205-4468. Just ask for Stephanie.

Also, the city of Parma and their Fair Housing Center is going to have a Fair Housing Law Seminar. It will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Parma City Hall, 6611 Ridge Road. This would be something that local realtors or landlords would want to attend. Thank you. That's the end of my report.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: Absent.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Noreen. Does anyone have any questions for Noreen on her report this evening? If there are none, then we will move on to communications from citizens on tonight's agenda. 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 out there wishing to speak on tonight's agenda? If there are none, we will move on to our Ordinances and Resolutions.

(A resident stood up in the audience, wishing to speak, but was inaudible.)

Yes. Is it on tonight's agenda? That will come after. I will call you. We will begin with Ordinance 75-2018 Amended. Will the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. AMENDED 75-2018

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE TWO PARCELS OF LAND, PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBERS 545-22-086 AND 545-22-087

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 75-2018 Amended passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2019 FREIGHTLINER 108SD CONVENTIONAL CHASSIS, FROM HANS' TRUCK AND TRAILER REPAIR, INC. UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 125.04(C)

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 14-2019 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2019

AN EMERGENCY 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 SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 15-2019 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO MODIFY THE AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO WITH CIUNI & PANICHI, INC. IN ORDINANCE 59-2015

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:
AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn
ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:
AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn
ABSENT: Dudley

PRESIDENT BURKE: On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Suster.
VOTE ON ADOPTION:
AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn
ABSENT: Dudley

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 16-2019 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2019 WAIVER OF 72-HOUR RULE
AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:
AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, LaMalfa
ABSENT: Dudley

Moved by NENADOVICH to WAIVE THE 72-HOUR RULE:
AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, LaMalfa
ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:
AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, LaMalfa
ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:
AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, LaMalfa
ABSENT: Dudley

PRESIDENT BURKE: On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Nenadovich.
VOTE ON ADOPTION:
AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, LaMalfa
ABSENT: Dudley

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 17-2019 passes with 6 Yes votes

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT BURKE: That concludes our Ordinances and Resolutions for this evening. 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: Ma'am, did you want to come up? And you spoke to somebody in the city already?

Barbara Krawczyk, 5271 East 102nd Street. I am here not only representing myself, but 13 out of the 23 of my neighbors on East 102nd Street. Is that possible? Is that OK?

PRESIDENT BURKE: Yes.

MS. KRAWCZYK: Like I said, I am here representing myself and 13 out of 23 of my neighbors who are homeowners on East 102nd Street that received notice by letters from the City Engineer on October 1, 2018 of further repairs that are needed on our properties in order to have Phase 1 of the multi-million dollar Storm and Sewer Project that has been totally completed on our street function properly. The repairs are to be completed by May 1st of this year.

Unfortunately, we cannot meet the deadline or any further deadlines for this project because of our money situation. We have invested over \$20,000.00 and \$30,000.00 in our homes to prevent the flooding issues prior to the Phase 1 Project. We've done all we possibly could now as retired residents of the East 102nd who no longer have those monies because we're on limited income, Social Security and our pensions. Most of us that aren't here right now will be hospitalized very shortly in the next few months for severe conditions that they have to address, which will cost them money, taking away from what repairs that are necessary for this project. I thank you for your time. I thank you for your attention. I don't expect answers. I just hope that this can go on record to know that we will not be having the repairs done on our properties- 13 out of the 23 that were notified. Thank you.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman. Barb, if you wait.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Yes, Mayor.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Unfortunately, our Engineer is out of town today and he would be able to respond to this much better, but you know, I talked to him about this and I understand the problems with the money. There was a lot of money put into this by the city and other funding to get you to where you are now. What everybody's telling us is to have this where it's really sure that you're not going to be flooded again, we need to do these individual repairs on your own house. Now I told the Engineer if the people refuse to do it, I can live with that, but you have to understand that there may be flooding that occurs in the future if you don't have these repairs on your house done.

MS. KRAWCZYK: But you know, Sir, it's not like we're refusing. We'd like to have that work done, but Sir, we were offered and the Engineers have been kind enough to offer us the banks and financial institutions that would offer us a good rate on loans, but Sir, we don't have no money to pay the loans. How long we've been there and now that the work has finally been

accomplished and it's finally working well, we don't have the monies to add to it to keep it where it's supposed to be. Does that make sense at all, Sir?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I totally understand. I just put a driveway in my house. I didn't like spending that kind of money. I understand totally. I would have been much better off spending it on something else, but you know, you have to do what you have to do. I'm only saying that I'm not telling you you have to get this done, but I'm telling you that to make this thing work the way it was supposed to, you need these repairs done. If you don't get them done, that's fine, but there still may be flooding on that street.

MS. KRAWCZYK: Sir, may I just ask maybe the attorney just one brief question? Some of these people that now have medical conditions and are going to be hospitalized for quite a while, maybe even nursing home, how are they going to be able to sell their homes without doing these repairs?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Well I don't know if they're going to be able to sell them, but they will probably have to put them on notice of the flooding conditions and that there's repairs that need to be done. That's always something you could negotiate. You could do a price obviously.

MS. KRAWCZYK: Correct, but Sir, you know, can I also mention just one thing and that will be it? Since we had the project completed, we've haven't had any more flooding. So how do we know for sure that these connections that said that it's our responsibility (*inaudible*)?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: The only question I would say is you haven't had any problems and there's nobody happier than I. If you do have another problem and you don't get these repairs please don't come here and say the city screwed us up. Everybody was made aware of what they had to do to make this thing work properly. We did everything that we could do to make you guys be able to have a normal life (so to speak) when the rain season comes. I hope that you never get flooded again. I'm only saying that the Engineers and the experts say you need this last piece to assure it, but even then we can't guarantee 100% that it's not going to happen no matter what kind of rain comes in. I hate to give you an answer when the Engineers aren't here, but as far as I'm, if you guys don't want to do it, that's on you. You know what you needed to do.

MS. KRAWCZYK: The May 1st deadline we don't have to be concerned (*inaudible*). I could address it.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I would say let me talk to the Engineers. Maybe they want to have another meeting? I hate to respond for them because I don't know the exact workings on it.

MS. KRAWCZYK: Thank you. I understand. Thank you so much for your time.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Is there anyone else wishing to speak? Yes, Mr. Douglas.

Bill Douglas, 13665 Hathaway Road. This is for the Police Chief and Fire Chief. Our family would like to express our gratitude and appreciation for your service and sacrifice for us and all the

citizens of Garfield Heights. We would like to present you and please accept these tokens as a gift from our family to you.

(At this time, Mr. Douglas presented the Police Chief and Fire Chief with large wooden American flags engraved with sayings.)

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Thank you.

MR. DOUGLAS: The one for the Police is engraved, "Heroes overcome. They endure. Indeed they are rare." The one for the Fire EMS says "All in. All out. Where you go, I go."

FIRE CHIEF KENNETH STROPE: Very nice.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Is there anyone else wishing to make any comments this evening? Mr. Glenn, did you have a question?

CLMN GLENN: First of all, I want to thank the two people who brought these American flags up. As a Veteran, being a Veteran and we also have Veterans on this Council, I'm asking the Mayor that we find a good place in each department—in the Police and Fire Department—maybe in the entrance way or some place where these signs could be recognized?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Gene, I would certainly think that these two Chiefs will definitely do that. This is quite a deal. I like it very much. You guys make sure it's proudly displayed.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Is there anyone else wishing to make any comments this evening? If not, 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.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: OK. Mr. LaMalfa, do you have anything you'd like to share this evening?

CLMN LAMALFA: I feel I should because Mr. Dudley's not here, but I don't.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all, I'd like to wish everybody a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

I'd like to recommend everybody attend Mr. Dobies' ice show. Fantastic program. You wouldn't believe the skaters. The work they put into this program. It's a little chilly. Bring a jacket, but it's well worth the entertainment for about an hour or an hour and a half, Bob? Is anybody special coming this year? Like Katie?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Besides our skaters, yes. Katie McBeath will be there. Katie competes at a national level. She started and learned to skate here I'm not quite sure what year, but she's about 23/24 years old now so her dreams are to participate in the Olympics one day. She's working hard I think.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Dobies. It's like she's not even touching the ice. She just glides. Just a fluid movement. It's a great show. I encourage everybody to attend.

Thanks for the parade coming back, all the people that are getting involved in it. If you have something to put in it, Mr. Jason Blake is sitting right there. You could talk to him.

I'd like to thank those two young people there for the tokens they've bestowed upon our city. It's a great gesture and I thank you for it. With that, Mr. Chairman.

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

CLMN GLENN: I do. First of all, Happy St. Patrick's Day to everybody. Those who are Irish. Those who want to be Irish for this one special day.

The city is going forward. We're going to have a Building Committee Meeting to be announced later on.

I want to thank everybody who attended this Council Meeting. I'd like to see everybody here on a regular basis. It helps Council and it helps get the word out to the city what's going on. That's our form of communication. Neighbors talk to neighbors. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Glenn. I, too, would like to wish everybody a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

I also want to remind everybody that we are going to have a Special Council Meeting on March 18th, which is a week from tonight to talk about the True North gas station. They're going to be remodeling their gas station and rebuilding and they want to talk about their sign. So we will have that meeting on the 18th.

At which case I will not have my Community Awareness Meeting on March 18th. I don't have a speaker and I don't really want to waste anybody's time so there will not be a meeting for my Community Awareness Meeting on March 18th.

I, too, would like to thank the Douglas family here for those fine pieces of signs that you came out with. I think that's great. I think that you know we don't see enough of that thanks from a lot of the residents, but I know everybody's busy so it's hard. I know when Mr. Douglas contacted me earlier this week about it, it gave me a sense of pride to be a resident alongside somebody like him and his wife. I appreciate that. So thank you. That's all I have. Mr. Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: First of all, I, too, would like to wish everybody a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

I'd like to congratulate Alonzo Wright for joining our Fire Department. As you all heard, his credentials are great and I know he will do a good job.

I, too, would like to thank the Douglas family for recognizing the Fire Department and the Police Department. I know a lot of times they don't get kudos from a lot of people, but people like you are the ones that make them do the things they do every day.

The one thing I hate to do tonight, Mayor, and I hate to put this on you. I talked to the Building Commissioner about this last week. Alongside a house on Granger Road, which is right next door to the Williams Funeral Home, is so much garbage you can't believe it. It's been there for about a month. I drove by again today. Now they're throwing it out the front door on to the grass. I think if they went there and they cited them, I think now we ought to take them to Court because I tell you, it's very unsightly. You have a lot of people that come out of that exit from Marymount Hospital and they see all that garbage and it grows. I've been watching it grow for the last month. I did bring it up to the Building Commissioner and nothing was done about it.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Let me ask you this. Did they cite the house?

CLMN SUSTER: That I don't know. He is not here tonight so I couldn't ask him about it.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Well if they did not cite the house, I'll certainly find out tomorrow if it's cited, but normally, and that's the biggest problem, they cite a house and it goes through a long process before the people we can actually bring them to Court in front of the Judge. That proves it isn't always easiest. The Court has regulations. Our Building Department has to follow the regulations. So I can't answer you where that's at until I talk to the Building Department tomorrow. It's not always easy as it seems.

CLMN SUSTER: I understand that, but today I'm driving by and I went by because I was going to get the address. Here they are. They are just throwing it right out the front door. Garbage bags.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: And they are on the front lawn?

CLMN SUSTER: Yes, Sir.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I'll take a look on the way home.

CLMN SUSTER: OK. Also in front of the US Bank on Turney Road, there's a hole in that parking lot that has been there for quite some time. I also talked to the Building Commissioner about it. Somebody's going to break a leg in there. I mean I know it's not going to be our fault, but he told me it was filled in and it's never been filled in.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: And that's the US Bank that's their property?

CLMN SUSTER: Right across the street. No, that belongs to Snider.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: OK. It's not city property though?

CLMN SUSTER: Right, but it's right across the street from the hardware store down on Turney Road. That's all I have this evening.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: That's enough. I'll look at it, Joe.

CLMN SUSTER: OK. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Suster. Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: I thank you. Mr. LaMalfa, I have Mr. Dudley's.

CLMN LAMALFA: Six minutes?

CLMN VAUGHN: Six minutes. He sent me stuff that he wanted me to announce. I'm sorry. Mr. Dudley wanted me to announce that on Thursday, March 21st there is supposed to be a Town Hall Meeting for his Ward. It has been rescheduled. It will be Tuesday, March 26th at 6:00 p.m. at the Christian Kingdom Assembly, 12700 Broadway. Please note the change. Thank you. That's all he had.

Now my part. I'd like to congratulate the new Firefighter/Paramedic Alonzo Wright. I wish you a happy and safe career here in Garfield Heights and welcome.

The Douglas family--those flags are beautiful. Thank you very much. You can't say enough. It really shows how much you appreciate what the Police and the Fire do in this town. Thank you.

Parade Committee. I want to thank them for getting this parade going. You know, for a few years we couldn't do it because of the chuckholes and condition of the roads and everything else that was going on. So, please everybody, let's get a good crowd out for this. Let's support it. If you have an organization, please contact these people because the bigger it is, the better it is. We look forward to everybody coming out that day.

As many of you know, Sunday will be St. Patrick's Day. Be safe. Be wise. Enjoy the day. That is all I have.

Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: At this time, I'd like to make a motion 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, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke

ABSENT: Dudley

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Matthew Burke
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council