

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO  
Monday, March 9, 2020**

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

**INVOCATION BY:** Councilman Michael Dudley, Sr.

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

**EXCUSED:** Burke

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Reading and Disposal of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, February 24, 2020.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Yes, Clmn Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Could we excuse President Burke for not being here tonight please?

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** On the motion by Tom Vaughn to excuse Clmn Matt Burke, President of Council, all in favor say Yea? Any opposed?

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

ABSENT: Burke

Thank you, Tom.

**READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:**

**CLMN BLAKE:** Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Yes.

**CLMN BLAKE:** I would like to make a motion to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Garfield Heights City Council for Monday, February 24, 2020 as written.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** On the motion by Mr. Blake to accept the Minutes of the Council Meeting for Monday, February 24, 2020, as written, all in favor say Yea. Any opposed?

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

ABSENT: Burke

Thank you, Mr. Blake.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

## **REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:**

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Before we get on with the reports of the Mayor and the Directors. Mayor?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Thank you, Mike. Before I get into my report, I wanted to say that when you run a city where there's 29,000 people, whatever happens in the city there's always difference of opinion. Comes from all different things—age, religion. The reason to have difference of opinions. But I can tell you this city of Garfield Heights that there's one thing that everybody agrees on. It's the safety forces that we have here in Garfield Heights. The police and fire make this city shine all the time. I am very proud of both of them, both police and fire.

Today I have the opportunity of promoting one of our fine lieutenants, Lt. Joe Warner. I just want to tell you a little bit about Joe. Joe and I got involved probably about a year ago with an incident that was going on in the city of Garfield Heights. He got together with our Law Department. We had two legal people plus Joe representing the city of Garfield Heights in a lawsuit that was brought on by the Attorney General. I want to tell you something--that Joe Warner was like a third attorney in that room. He did an unbelievable job. I could not have asked for anything better. The guy that he testified against wasn't that happy but I want to tell you, Joe, the rest of us are. You did a great job. With that said, I'd like to bring you and your family up to the podium. Chief, if you would come up, I'd like you to say a few words.

**FIRE CHIEF KENNETH STROPE:** I would like thank everyone for coming tonight for Joe's swearing in ceremony tonight. I am Chief Strobe. Tonight we are promoting Lt. Warner to the position of Captain of the Garfield Heights Fire Department. It's not only an important night for Lt. Warner but also for the city of Garfield Heights. I'd like to take a little time and go over Joe's history and how he's got to where he is today. He joined Hamden Volunteer Fire Department in 1992, the same year he graduated high school. In 1997, he joined Concord Township Fire Department prior to leaving there the last couple years he was promoted to lieutenant. Shortly after that, he joined Leroy Township. He was also sworn in on May 4, 1999 as a member of the Garfield Heights Fire Department. He moved up to lieutenant on December 29, 2012. In April of 2018, he was assigned as a lieutenant in charge of fire prevention. He is currently in charge of inspections, investigations, training and records.

Lt. Warner has the following certifications: he has Fire Officer 1, 2 and 3. He is a paramedic, a fire instructor, a fire inspector and a fire investigator. He has an Associate's Degree in Fire Science from Lakeland Community College, a Bachelor in Leadership from Bellevue University. He has his Executive Fire Officer from the National Fire Academy. He has participated as a member of the County Emergency Operations Team during the Republican National Convention. He has traveled to Colombia with Pat Nelson to train volunteer firefighters. He has traveled to North Carolina to participate in live fire research.

As you can see, Lt. Warner has done well. He's well educated, worked very hard to get where he is tonight. He is a valued asset to the residents of Garfield Heights and to the Fire Department. For the past two years, I've had the privilege of working with Joe on the front office. I tell you what. I could not find a harder working guy to work with in the front office. There's been nights when he would stay up at the station, help me do something, his phone would ring. He'd say Oh I'm late for something with his wife and kid. So I thought I told him,

Joe, you need to go home. I says if you don't start going home, I'm going to call up here and make you go home because the Mayor's not paying you any overtime. Joe has done well. He's a great asset to the city. Thank you.

*(At this time, Mayor Collova swore in Lt. Joe Warner as Captain and photos were taken.)*

**FIRE CHIEF KENNETH STROPE:** Everyone's welcome to go back to the station. We got some refreshments back at the station. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** OK. We'll get on with our meeting now. Class is done. Next, we will go through the reports of the Mayor and the Directors starting off with the Mayor.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As we all know, our Rec Director Mr. Dobies passed away. Until which time we replace him I will be giving the Rec Center report, if that's OK.

Our ice skating season is coming to an end. We will end it with the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ice Skating Show, Magical Moments on Ice, on Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Pre-sale tickets are available at the Rec office March 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup> and admission at the door is \$5.00 for ages five and up. The ice rink will be closed for the season after the ice show. Scheduled to re-open around mid-September.

Our t-ball registration is now going on during the office hours with a deadline date of Wednesday April 1<sup>st</sup>. T-ball is for ages five through seven and is co-ed.

Our co-ed softball registration is now going on during office hours with a deadline date of Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup>. Co-ed softball is for ages seven through 17. Although we will take registrations if there are openings, it is very important to register on time so that we can get coaches scheduled, uniforms ordered and teams formed to get the season started on all our sports and avoid any late fees.

The t-ball team will be in the Memorial Day Parade as the seasons will have started and the players will have uniforms.

Adult fitness 10 week spring session is for ages 18 and up. The deadline to register is by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

To check details on all Park and Recreation programs, go to the city's Web page at [www.garfieldhts.org](http://www.garfieldhts.org) and click on Parks and Recreation.

Our futsal season is in full swing. All games are played at Garfield Heights Middle School on Wednesday and Friday evening. At the end of the playing season the players and their immediate families will have an Awards and Skating Party inside the rink on Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup>.

The Rec Center is currently accepting applications for summer lifeguards. Lifeguards must be 16 years of age and American Red Cross certified. Download app from the city's Web page or stop

in and pick up one at the Rec. It's early but we need to have our staff ready to go when the pool opens. That is our Rec news.

I wanted to talk a little bit about as you, I'm sure everyone in this room is well aware that our elevator is down and is predicted to be down for another four to six weeks. They are actually having to build a part for this antiquated elevator system so unfortunately there is nothing we can do but try to put up with things the way they have.

Just to report the monthly produce giveaway and food bank changes due to the elevator being out of order are: due to the Civic Center elevator being out of service the monthly produce giveaway scheduled for March 17<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled. Again this month Food Bank bags will be prepacked for pickup from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup>. If you need additional information, contact the Senior Center.

Next, I wanted to talk a little bit about the Census. Garfield Heights is part of the Cuyahoga County Complete Count Committee. We have been attending meetings since the beginning of the year with collaborative partners from various agencies throughout the County along with the Cleveland Foundation. The focus of the committee is to increase the Census count in hard to count communities like Garfield Heights. Based on the 2010 Census Garfield Heights and several other Cuyahoga communities were tagged as hard to count. So this is why we are putting extra effort into the 2020 count. Locally we are partnering with Garfield Heights Social Service Collaborative, the Garfield Heights City Schools, the Garfield Heights Branch Library, the local churches and all the groups to get the word out about the importance of being counted. We are talking to parents and providing information to residents at school community affairs, community awareness meetings, etc. It is important that our community is fully counted so we receive the resources and influence we deserve. If you have any questions about the Census or want information to share, contact Pat Salemi here at the Civic Center.

I know I said this a couple Council Meetings ago, but folks, I hadn't realized it myself the importance of getting an accurate count on that Census. When there's funding, when there's grants given out, it goes by the amount of people you have. It goes by a lot of different things that are reported in the Census. If we don't report them we're losing out as a community. So please don't worry about going to jury duty. None of that comes into play. It's a Census. Just give them the information they need. It will help us all.

I wanted to talk a little bit about this seems to be the talk of the country, the talk of the world, this Coronavirus. Friday I did a report on information that I received about the Coronavirus. It is now Monday and it probably changed 20 times. This is an ongoing situation. Prior to this weekend, we had no reported cases in Ohio. As of today, I understand we have three/four people that have been confirmed cases in Cuyahoga County--two gentlemen and a lady. In the State of Ohio Governor DeWine has declared a state of emergency. This virus attacks the elderly and the sick. People with respiratory ailments, heart disease, and diabetes are at much higher risk. We as a city met with the Cleveland Clinic, the School Board and attended conferences from Center for Disease Control Prevention along with our police and fire. We are going to be putting together a City Emergency Plan shortly. We have been informed that it's 12-16 months away from having a vaccine for this virus. So what we have to do is we have to monitor and keep doing the practices that should be done to minimize the infection. The next best thing is soap and water. Use disinfectants but the best

thing you can do is soap and water and wash your hands frequently. That's what needs to be done to help. This is not a need to panic, but it's certainly a need to prepare. So every time we get information we're going to be putting it on our Website. We will do whatever we can to make sure the residents in Garfield Heights are well aware of what's going on. I hope this is nothing but a flu that goes away, but I got to tell you everything I'm hearing on TV and the meetings I'm going to, it gets pretty scary to hear what's happening throughout the world.

So that's my report, Mr. Chairman.

Oh, no, I have one more thing I wanted to report. There isn't very much to say on this matter right now but I do want everybody to know that the City View development on Transportation Blvd. a very prominent real estate developer has become partners in that development. They have unbelievable plans. They will be giving a press release very shortly. I think everybody in the city's going to be very pleased about what's going to take place shortly in Garfield Heights. That report can't come out fast enough for me, but we got some good things on the horizon and they're happening.

With that, I'm going to get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 26. An Ordinance entering into agreement with Teletronics Incorporated for upgrading the city's phone system software and providing technical support. Ordinance 27 allows us to enter into agreement with the City Engineers, OHM Advisors, for the Midwest Neighborhood Storm and Sanitary Sewer Reconstruction Project Phase 2. Ordinance 28 is an ordinance authorizing the City Engineer to prepare the necessary plans and specifications to go out for competitive bids for the Midwest Neighborhood Storm and Sanitary Sewer System reconstruction Project Phase 4. Ordinance 29 is an ordinance authorizing the City Engineer to go out for competitive bids for the 2020 Paving Program. We are looking to put approximately \$750,000.00 into some road resurfacing this year. We're going to go out for bids on it very shortly. Ordinance 30. Preliminary legislation for replacement of guard rails throughout the city.

A Resolution requesting Council support and urging the residents of the city of Garfield Heights to participate in the 2020 Census. Resolution 8 allows us to apply for a training and equipment grant for our EMS guys and our Fire Department. With that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mayor. Are there any questions for the Mayor on his report? If there are none, we will move over to the Law Director, Tim Riley. Standing in his place is Jeff Jerome.

**CHIEF PROSECUTOR JEFF JEROME:** Thank you, Mr. President Pro Tem. I have no report this evening.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Jeff. Next, we have Police Chief, Robert Byrne.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE:** No report tonight.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Sir. And Fire Chief Strope.

**FIRE CHIEF KENNETH STROPE:** Yeah, I do have a couple things. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First of all I'd like to ask your support of Resolution 8-2020.

I'd like to thank everybody for the opportunity to swear Captain Warner in this evening.

Also on April 25<sup>th</sup>, we are still planning on doing the Sound the Alarm, the smoke detector initiative that week. We are still planning on it. We'll see as it gets closer. Thank you. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Any questions for the Fire Chief? OK. Thank you. Next, we have Service Director, Tim McLaughlin.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN:** Thank you, Mr. President. In the last couple weeks with the weather not being so bad, we've been able to get out and get a little more patching done. We've been working on Broadway for a week in Johnson Parkway trying to secure it. Broadway's always a problem. Hopefully it's not too long till that gets repaved.

We've been working on some tree tickets and cleaning some catch basins. The sweeper's been out for a week but it is only on the mains right now. First time out you always have to double sweep because the debris, etc. is there from all winter. So they go down the street once and leave a trail. They got to come back over it so the first sweep always takes the longest. One of the sweepers is out there now.

I was asked to give this report on the River Valley Paper containers, which are outside the building there. They will no longer be there at the end of the month. The cost of it versus what we take in does not match up. So for right now they're going to suspend the program. You know the companies including our rubbish company they have nowhere to send this stuff to with the recycling. China is one of the biggest recyclers and some of the Asian markets and they're not taking anything. We've already sat with our own rubbish company but anyhow for right now that program is going to be discontinued until further notice.

Also I've been getting a lot of phone calls on the paper shred. Paper shred's May 30<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Service Garage, 13600 McCracken. With that, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** OK. Any questions for Mr. McLaughlin on his report? If there are none, we'll continue with our City Engineer Dave Krock.

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just want to ask support for four different ordinances. One is 27. This is East 100th Street. This is a requirement of the Sewer District that we do some post construction flow monitoring testing to make sure the project achieved its results. Number 27. Number 28 is the reconstruction of East 104th Street. This will be a 2021 project. We're still a year out on that one. That's to upgrade the sewer system storm and the street. The Mayor mentioned Ordinance 29. That's the repaving project for this summer. Then Ordinance 30. This is the replacement of some end treatments on guardrails. That's the very end of the guardrails. It the safety part of it. So we are not replacing all the guardrails, but the number of locations on Broadway and one on Rockside where we need to upgrade to the current standard. So that's my report. Thanks.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Krock. Any questions for Mr. Krock on his report? If there be none, we'll be going on to Finance Director Ms. Biro.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BARB BIRO:** Thank you, Mr. President. This evening I'm asking for Council's support on Ordinance 26-2020, which is the first phase of the upgrade to our servers. It's going to be the phones and the servers and our whole technology for the city is going to be upgraded in the year 2020. This is the first step and I am asking for Council's support. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Any questions for the Finance Director Ms. Barbara Biro? There be none. Are you going to take Kathy's report, Noreen? No? OK. We'll move on to Economic Director, Noreen Kuban.

**SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSON:** Absent.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Pat Salemi, my colleague, asked me to mention some important dates when it comes to the Census information. Between March 12<sup>th</sup> and March 20<sup>th</sup> you will receive an invitation to respond on-line to the 2020 Census. Some people will receive a paper copy at that time. So if they haven't received a response after that between March 26<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup> there will be a reminder postcard. Between April 8<sup>th</sup> and April 16<sup>th</sup> if you have not responded you will get a reminder letter and a paper questionnaire. Then you get your final reminder between April 20<sup>th</sup> and April 27<sup>th</sup>. You get a postcard again as a reminder. For people who don't respond, there will be an in-person interview.

I know the Mayor has stressed this but here is an important point we want to make. In 2010, Cuyahoga County had a 74% response rate to the Census. It's estimated that for every uncounted individual in Cuyahoga County there is a loss of up to \$1,800.00 per year. So we were considered to be underrepresented so it's very important that the County turn in accurate and good data so we can all benefit from that. Thank you. I apologize for reiterating the importance of filling out the Census but it really is very important. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you. Are there any questions for Ms. Kuban on her report? There be none, we'll move on to our Building Commissioner, Mark Moro.

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

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Clmn Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Can I ask that we recognize one of our Council colleagues visiting from Maple Heights here?

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** We could do that. We will do that right now.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** I'm going to ask the gentleman to state his name because honestly I could not pronounce his name. I talked to you but his last name I could not catch on. He's a great

guy, Mr. Chairman. He's visiting us from Maple Heights and served on City Council for several terms over there. If he could stand up and maybe state his name for us? And his Ward over there?

Mr. Richard Trojanski. Good evening. (*Inaudible*).

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** No problem. OK. Next we have comments by citizens on tonight's agenda. Barb, will you 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 NENADOVICH:** Is there anyone wishing to speak on tonight's agenda? No one? We will move on to Ordinances and Resolutions.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 26-2020**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TELETRONICS, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPGRADING THE CITY'S PHONE SYSTEM SOFTWARE AS WELL AS PROVIDING TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR A PERIOD OF TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS.

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Burke

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Burke

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Burke

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** On the adoption, beginning with Clmn Dudley.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Burke

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** That passes 6-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 27-2020**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY ENGINEERS, OHM ADVISORS, PER THE ATTACHED PROPOSAL, FOR THE MIDWEST NEIGHBORHOOD STORM/SANITARY SEWER

SYSTEM RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT – PHASE 2, AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF COSTS THRU FUNDING BY THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT.

Moved by DAVIS to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Burke

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Burke

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Burke

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** On its adoption, starting with Clwn Shayla Davis.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Burke

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** That passes 6-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 28-2020**

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 STORM/SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT – PHASE 4, AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF COSTS THRU FUNDING BY THE NEORS D MCIP AND THE NEORS D/COMMUNITY COST SHARE PROGRAM (2020-2021 FUNDS).

Moved by DONAHUE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Burke

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Burke

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Burke

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** On its adoption, starting with Clmn Donahue.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Burke

**ORDINANCE NO 29-2020**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING DAVID KROCK, CITY ENGINEER, TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, PER OHM ADVISORS PROPOSAL, AND TO GO

OUT FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS, FOR THE 2020 PAVING PROGRAM, AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF COSTS FOR THIS PROJECT.

Moved by BLAKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Burke

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Burke

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Burke

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** On its adoption, starting with Clmn Blake.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Burke

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** That passes 6-0.

**ORDINANCE NO. 30-2020**

PRELIMINARY LEGISLATION CONCERNING THE REPLACEMENT OF GUARDRAILS THROUGHOUT THE CITY.

Moved by BLAKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Burke

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Burke

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Burke

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** On its adoption, starting with Clmn Blake.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Burke

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** That passes 6-0.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Excuse me. We were going to discuss to let the people know what we're doing on the other one first.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** You were going to take that?

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Yeah.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Tom.

**RESOLUTION NO. 07-2020**

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING COUNCIL'S SUPPORT IN URGING THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2020 CENSUS.

Moved by DAVIS to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Burke

Moved by DAVIS to WAIVE THE 72-HOUR RULE:

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

ABSENT: Burke

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Burke

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Burke

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** On its adoption, starting with Clwn Davis.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLWN DAVIS:** Before I vote, I'd like to make a comment. I talked about the Census since the night that I got sworn in and every meeting that I come to the Mayor refers to the Census as well as Director Noreen Kuban. I think it is so vitally important that we as a community understand the importance of the Census, especially in Garfield Heights. Understanding that we have been undercounted in the past, I want everyone to also realize that on April 1, 2020—that is National Census Day—that gives everyone an opportunity to just share and spread the message. The reason why I wanted to create this resolution is because of those very things. I think it is very critical to our economic system as a government how we are able to operate and really support the needs of the community. I just wanted to say that. Thank you. And with that, I will vote yes.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Before I vote, I want to mention and reiterate I believe Clwn Davis put it pretty good. It determines the amount of dollars that we get to help provide the grants for various programs within our city. That is very important. If you ever go to some of the Congressional meetings and they put emphasis on that Census too because it determines how many representatives we have in the highest seats as well as some seats in Council. We can remain the same but that would determine how many Congressional seats if you have a large number of people actually going out and providing information. Mayor stated this is not nothing to get you drug into Court because you got a warrant or something or you owe a ticket. Very important that you do this. Provides money for programs not just for us but for our families and our community as a whole. With that, I vote Yes.

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

ABSENT: Burke

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** The vote stands on Resolution 07-2020 6-0.

**RESOLUTION NO. 08-2020**

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE AT THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT GRANT PROVIDED BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Burke

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Burke

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Burke

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** On its adoption, starting with Clmn Vaughn.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

**CLMN VAUGHN:** This is a good thing for our Fire Department. With that, I vote Yes.

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

ABSENT: Burke

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** That passes 6-0. That concludes our Ordinances and Resolutions for this Meeting.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Mr. Chairman, I'd like to go to Resolution 6 to explain what we're doing please.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Please, Mr. Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Tonight on Resolution 6 we are putting together asking urgently Governor Mike DeWine and the Ohio State Legislature to pass legislation limiting the monthly cost of insulin for Ohio residents. In there we wanted to include a cap of \$100.00. The reason being that people are paying \$700.00-\$800.00 for a vial of insulin. Some patients take up to two – three different vials. In the States of Colorado and Illinois they have capped insulin cost at \$100.00 so we are asking our Governor to do the same. So next meeting we will have the legislation rewritten and we will be voting on it at that time. Thank you Mr. Council President.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Vaughn

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS**

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Next, we have comments by citizens. Barb, if you would 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 NENADOVICH:** Is there anybody wishing to speak tonight?

Frank Tagliarini, 12404 Darlington Avenue. I'd like to address the sign issues in the city of Garfield Heights. We've had many problems in the past.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Did you discuss this with somebody before?

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Yes, he has.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** OK. Tom, thank you.

**MR. TAGLIARINI:** Yes, I have. Issues becoming a part of the signage ordinances that are allowed in Garfield Heights. I think it's time that we reviewed them with Council and the Building Department. Some of them are ancient. Some of them just don't fit today's times. Possibly review them. Make changes as needed. Especially with the new development of City View that the Mayor just mentioned with the signage that's going to be needed. There are a couple other new businesses that have had problems in the last couple of months getting proper signage through the Zoning Board, Planning Commission, etc. I know of major issues coming up right now with another business that is coming up and has had nothing but problems with signage. Trying to get into the ordinances. That's what I am asking for. Council and the Building Department to review them and see if we could make some changes for today's needs. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Tagliarini. Anybody else have a question for us today?

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Frank, I'm going to ask Mr. Donahue to call a Building Meeting so we can discuss these and look at what our options are and where we update these. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Anybody else have questions?

Barbara Croftcheck, 5271 East 102<sup>nd</sup> Street. I'm here for myself as well as an advocate for the residents of East 102<sup>nd</sup> Street that have had repairs done to their properties due to the multi-million dollar system that was put in last year. Our sanitary system. Our sewer line that was put in last year. There were 23 homes that were held to an October 1, 2019 deadline to have repairs done to their homes, which 90% have had it done. My question is as well as the residents that have had the repairs done, has there been any further extension to the homes that have not had the repairs done?

The second question is, is there the landscaping company going to be available to the residents on East 102<sup>nd</sup> Street for further repairs to the tree lawns as well as some of their properties? This is what I was going to address to Mr. Moro or to Mr. Krock.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO:** I can address the homeowners that have not completed the work. They are unfortunately in the process of citing them now and they will go through the legal process.

**MRS. CROFTCHECK:** Thank you. Is there any information in regards to the landscaping that was a two-year contract, which we understood was supposed to help us repair some of our properties as well as the tree lawns?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** I'll have to check on that, Ms. Croftcheck, to see where that was left and if something needs to be done. We have crews in the area. I can check that out.

**MRS. CROFTCHECK:** It was told to us that the company would have been out in the late fall of last year. That did not happen. The properties were then our personal contractors came out to do the work on our properties to fulfill the obligation that was held to October 1<sup>st</sup>. So now we are entering into spring, Sir, and there is still no evidence of anybody that may be coming out just to look at some of the work that needs to be done.

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** I'll need to see if the work you're referring to is work that didn't get done as part of the road project or whether it was damaged by the contractor that was hired by the property owner. We will look into that for you. Thank you.

**MRS. CROFTCHECK:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mr. Krock, if I may, and Mr. Moro, will you keep the Councilwoman involved so she can answer questions if she gets phone calls?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** Yes.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO:** Yes.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you. Anybody else wishing to speak tonight?

Valerie Brown, 5212 East 105<sup>th</sup> Street. I'm new to the area. I like to walk and run in the area. It's a very nice area. However, there's a lot of trash going down Turney and also in the CVS parking lot. I would like to have my running group walk in our city because I have to go to other cities to run and walk. I would love to have my group run and walk in my city of Garfield Heights. I wanted to know. I know that there's Coronavirus, etc. going on so there's some concerns here. I wanted to know if there's a committee or do the city have volunteers or some type of cleanup that they do for the city?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Mr. Chairman, if I may? We had a meeting recently about a group that came in through Clwn Davis about doing a citywide cleanup. I attended a meeting shortly after that became the Coronavirus although they didn't say don't do it, they said in their estimation it would probably not be a good time to do it. Probably put it off to a later date till we get a better handle on this Coronavirus so that is being cancelled as we speak. Just so you understand we have Court Community Service that we pay to come into Garfield Heights. Four

days/week they are here cleaning up and they will cleanup Friday and everything looks great. Come Monday it looks just like it did on Friday.

You know we are going to do what we can. We are going to spend as much money as we can to keep the city clean, but I really wish that some of these residents would take a little pride and pick something up, throw it into a bag and keep it in the car till they get home instead of just flipping all the McDonald's bags, etc. out the window. It would really be great to see the community come together and help us clean the city up. Because like I said, if you go down Granger Road and under the 480 bridge, it's unbelievable. We had a suggestion put up a don't litter sign. We put up don't litter signs. I'm the only one that reads it obviously, because I'm serious every weekend it is atrocious. People riding down the street probably say boy is Garfield Heights terrible. They don't even clean up. We could clean up on Friday. It looks that way on Monday. So we are doing what we can to keep up on it. We are going to put together that community cleanup once this Coronavirus gets out of the way. I understand what you're saying. I see the trash too. I just wish that we could get all the residents involved—at least a good portion of them and try to take some pride in the community.

**MS. BROWN:** I would like to be a part of that when you guys get that started because I really would like to. I'm from Mayfield and I like to run in Mayfield but I would love to run in the city that I live in so I would like to be a part of that.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** We'd love you to run here too.

**MS. BROWN:** I would love to get a team together and get it started. Thank you very much.

**CLWN DAVIS:** Ms. Brown, I also wanted to say, in terms of CVS, I will reach out to them if there are some issues. I have not noticed anything lately but they just happen to be right at the corner of my street so I am always looking at that dumpster but if there is something that you notice, just reach out to me and let me know and I will reach out to the management there. I do watch it because again, they are at the corner of my street but I have not noticed anything. Things blowing in the parking lot here and there but usually the dumpster is where the bigger problems were and I have not noticed that lately. Please let me know if you see something.

**MS. BROWN:** Thank you guys, so much. I'm new to the city and I enjoy living in Garfield. So thank you very much for listening.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mr. Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** The problem at CVS has been for a while, I can honestly say. I've gone in there before and talked to them. That's private property so they are supposed to maintain their own property, correct, Mayor?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Absolutely.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** So CVS needs to step it up a little bit. I know Walgreens does a nice job. Both of them keeping their space clean. CVS needs to start doing the same too.

**MS. BROWN:** Thank you very much.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you. Have you addressed somebody before?

Debra Feldkamp. I addressed CVS and local businesses about.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** I mean on the Council here?

**MS. FELDKAMP:** We had addressed the police. Before we had called the police about panhandling.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Have you talked to anybody on Council?

**MS. FELDKAMP:** No.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we allow her five minutes to speak.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** On the motion to allow this lady to speak. All in favor? Anybody opposed?

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

ABSENT: Burke

You have the floor.

**MS. FELDKAMP:** 12416 Oak Park Blvd. We have been seeing about panhandlers all over our business where we live at. It's getting more threatening me and my husband while our son is with us. We are afraid to go out anymore. What can we do to stop this?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE:** Mr. Chairman, if I may? On private property, I would recommend that you contact wherever you are going to that business owner and they can ask that individual to leave.

**MS. FELDKAMP:** They tried and they don't do nothing.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE:** If they're making threats to you, you can call the police. But this comes up a lot. You probably see them on street corners, etc. We have been advised by the ACLU (and I believe our Law Department can confirm this) that they threatened to sue the city of Garfield Heights if we enforce our city ordinance because they claim that it's a First Amendment right and I believe that there is case law to support that that we would get sued and probably lose. My opinion is and Mr. Jerome could correct me if I'm wrong if they are on private property and they're doing that which is a business, I think you can have some recourse with the business and ask them or point out to them that there is somebody in their parking lot creating this problem and they could certainly call us and ask us to have them removed. I think that would fall under trespassing.

If they're directing a threat towards you, you don't have to call anybody. You can call the Police Department and if there is a threat made towards you, a police officer could come out and look into the matter and investigate the matter and that person could be subject to prosecution.

Raymond Feldkamp, 12416 Oak Park Blvd. Given that what my wife has said, we had actually said something and I am also a security guard and I had said something to CVS, but they appreciated my help, etc. but it's even getting more worse. On top of the threats where we even had said something to Officer Dillon, which you know. We getting bullying even with our kids in the neighborhood. I would like to know if there is anything more we can do? Like stepping up?

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Let me tell you we went through this probably about six months ago. I don't think there's anything scarier than being at night, especially if you're a young lady in your car and a gentleman is approaching you and you have no idea what he's doing. I don't think anything is any scarier. The reality of it is the law allows him to do it. When we were approached about our ordinance, they said they will sue us if we stop. It's crazy how the laws work. I know residents say why doesn't the city do anything? Why don't the police do anything? Sometimes our hands are tied and we need legislators in Columbus to make the changes. Right now if we told one of those panhandlers that they had to leave, we are under a lawsuit for sure.

**MR. FELDKAMP:** OK. The second thing I would like to mention. Regarding our kids that we have in our community, we have noticed and said this too because we're part of the PTA committee. We had Officer Dillon, which he had mentioned that I should say something to the Council. When cars speeding up and down the streets just stop and then rolling through the stop signs, what else can we do?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE:** Sir, we only have so many police officers on the street. I have three traffic officers that every single day are stopping those cars. We're not going to be everywhere at once. We can't. It's impossible, but the officers are out there. They're writing tickets. So if there is a particular area that you see as a problem I have no problem directing an officer to that area and having him spend some extra time there, but I can assure you that the officers are out there doing that.

**MR. FELDKAMP:** OK. That is happening on Oak Park, Shady Oak and a couple if you go over the bridge here it's the first street there. It's getting more crazier.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE:** On Turney or on the side streets?

**MR. FELDKAMP:** The side streets.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE:** We can take care of that. Like I say, we can't be there all the time, but we can make our presence known.

**CHIEF PROSECUTOR JEFF JEROME:** Just to double back on the original issue, exactly what the Chief and Mayor have said is exactly right. But what I want to reiterate is what the Chief said. I mean if it's a situation where the person is threatening you or menacing. A person approaching you in a panhandling situation is not menacing in itself. The person who is threatening you certainly is a crime. So please understand if it is a situation where you feel like you're being threatened, make a report. If it's a situation where someone's walking up to you and asking you for money, we've been advised that that's no longer a crime. Also, what the Chief said, that's also regarding public property. So if you are on private property you can

always address the business and ask them to escort the individual from the property. They have the ability to do that. They are in control of their own property. On the sidewalk you are subject to panhandling.

**MR. FELDKAMP:** OK. Because I said something to CVS management.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** You have one minute left, Sir.

**MR. FELDKAMP:** They been having issues.

**CHIEF PROSECUTOR JEFF JEROME:** That is up to them to address. Unfortunately, we can't in that specific instance.

**MR. FELDKAMP:** OK. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you very much. Is there anybody else that would like to speak? Have you spoken to one of your Councilpeople about this?

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I'll make a motion that we give him five minutes please.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** On the motion to grant this gentleman five minutes. All in favor signify by saying Yea? Any opposed?

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

ABSENT: Burke

OK. Go ahead please.

Greg Skuta, 5308 East 104<sup>th</sup> Street. I have noticed the same thing this man and woman are talking about at the Shell station on Rockside and Turney. It's a beautiful station. It's been in operation a few months. While I'm pumping gas, one gentleman twice has approached me with a lit cigarette asking for money. I said get away from me. Get away from these pumps with a lit cigarette. I don't know what else to do. It was a week ago. Some guy pops out of nowhere. So I think somebody should really do something when they're smoking and getting near the pumps and asking me for money while I'm trying to fill my tank with gas.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** What I would suggest is like the Chief says, inform the business because they're breaking two laws and they're on private property and they're smoking near the gas pumps. Inform the business. They will have to do that.

**MR. SKUTA:** When I told him to get lost, he got lost. I raised my voice. I wasn't going to let him push me around, etc.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Don't get in any confrontation, please.

**MR. SKUTA:** OK. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you very much, Sir.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Anybody else? Nobody else? OK. If not, we will continue on to Miscellaneous Business. We will start off with Mike Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Once again, let's get those Census filled out and returned in. It makes a difference on how much grant money we going to receive in the city of Garfield Heights and help with various things.

I'd like to thank our Council colleague for visiting us tonight at our Council Meeting from Maple Heights. I appreciate your coming up. You are always welcome as well as other members of Maple Heights and the residents over there. Thank you.

Thirdly, I'm happy to see that we got several young people out here tonight. We got a young man right there. We got two young ladies back there. My neighbor with her granddaughters. Great to see young people take some type of interest, even if they making you come. That's a good thing to do. You got to know how your government functions. That is very important that you do that.

I became concerned like I said. It's getting crazy with some of this senseless violence going on out there. Some people have become so emboldened. They have no sense into their lives that they are losing in the family disrupted by them. It's like open season. They shoot all times of day. They open fire. Don't care where the bullet goes. Bullets has no eyes. They ain't getting less. It's getting more. Once again, I say do start at home. If you living somewhere and you have a relative and you know that they shouldn't be having a weapon that they're problematic with that weapon, first step you got to notify somebody. You got to step up to the plate and say hey, my brother, my cousin you got a heart to do that.

Because two things going to happen. If they go out there and they get shot by somebody else, the first thing the person will cry is he was a good boy. She was a good girl. She never bother anybody. I don't know why they shot him. They shot him because they pulled a weapon or he tried to shoot somebody. So it starts at home, with family and members of the community who know who these individuals are. If you live in the city and you love your city don't bring people into your city who is going to be problematic neighbors, etc. You come and move into a city and you want better conditions for your family and for your children. So the problems you move from, don't bring them with you. Leave them where they at. We don't need them here.

Last but not least we going to be holding our Ward 1 Town Hall Meeting coming up Tuesday March 24th, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Christian Kingdom Assembly Church located at 12700 Broadway. This month on the 24<sup>th</sup> our guest speaker is going to be our Mayor Vic Collova. He's going to be speaking. We will have Police Chief Byrne also speaking. I could not bring Fire Chief Strope because I'm looking forward to him bringing another one of his gadgets they have the one where it was so nice the Chief the way you brought the thing like a real fire. We had a great time. We brought resuscitation. It did it all by yourself. I'm looking forward. I'm sure the Mayor will be able to update you with whatever going on in City View, etc. Chief Byrne as usual can give you an update with some of the issues and concerns we may have with the department of safety forces that make our city safer.

We got that great day coming St. Patrick's Day. I don't wear the green. I don't wear the orange. I wear the white to signify peace on the flag. I like wearing the white. If you going to

drink, do not drive. Get your designated driver. That's one of the heaviest drinking days I know. Don't lose your life. Or cause somebody else's life to be lost as well. With that, I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Clmn Dudley. Next, we'll move on to Clmn Chuck Donahue.

**CLMN DONAHUE:** To add to St. Patrick's Day, seems like everybody's Irish on St. Patrick's Day. I'm Irish. We all know I don't anymore, but Irish people like to drink. So since everybody's going to be Irish on that day, somebody's going to have a drink. Like Clmn Dudley said, have a designated driver because there is a few out there that don't. Take them with you. They can drink coffee or pop.

Pleas vote before you drink, too. When I was young, the bars were closed when you had to vote.

He's not here but I want to congratulate Captain Warner for being promoted.

Reiterate on the May 30<sup>th</sup> paper shredding. It's always good to get rid of your private stuff and have it shredded.

The Census. I don't have all the dates, but if anybody out there needs help doing the Census contact me (216) 501-7665. I will help you. Just get this done so we can get some money in the city. With that, I pass it on.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Clmn. I'm next on the list. I'd like to wish everybody a Happy St. Patrick's Day. Like they said, vote first. If you feel like it vote afterwards. One of the Rules of Council and I know it's a Rule of Council but if you are going to come up and speak, please contact somebody first because we're going to get all kinds of responses. We'll be talking about dogs and squirrels, etc. not the important things. Please contact somebody so at least we have a heads up on what you're going to be talking about. We can inform the Law Department, Police Department, Fire Department so we know what's going on in the neighborhood before it's brought out here because we don't want to sit here like I didn't know about that. We want to know before you do it. On the rare occasion there is the chance that we have to make a motion to let somebody speak, but the rules state we don't have to. We're lenient, but please let us at least prepare. Five minutes before the meeting you could at least talk to the Law Director or the Mayor or the Fire or Police Chief or one of the Directors. Give us a shot too. A good shot. Not a bad shot. With that, my voice is drying out really quick. That's all I have. Ms. Davis.

**CLWN DAVIS:** Good evening again. First, I would like to thank the Fire Department for being so gracious in assisting me with hosting the free CPR class this past Saturday. It was amazing. Lt. John Shull and Firefighter Mark Creque. We had a wonderful time. About 22 residents came out and became certified along with myself. Hopefully I don't have to use it because I'm going to be very nervous, but if something does happen, at least I am CPR certified.

I would like to thank Council for supporting the Resolution 07-2020 for the Census because it began as we continue to talk about it it's extremely important. I'd also like to say that they are

still hiring. The pay is \$22.50. My son, who is 22, in New York, he was just hired on Thursday. He is the happiest 22-year-old on the face of the Earth because this is the most money he has ever made and he cannot wait to come home to start working. The issue is him being home for the summer with me now. However, he will at least have his own money so he can purchase his own things. One of the things that the recruiter said to him when they spoke on the phone (his interview was like 2.5 – 3 minutes) was that young people do not apply for these jobs. Those are the people that they want. They want to hire everyone but those are the people that they really want to hire so that they can attract younger people to complete the Census. His position is a numerator. Again, they are still hiring. The pay is \$22.50. So if you know anyone, please share that with them.

Also, I'd just like to briefly read this quote by Coretta Scott King. It says,

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."

I think that we all can take away from that. We all have a job to do in our community, but it's all based on our compassion and commitment to our city, our neighborhood. That ties into everything that's been talked about. People littering, showing up for City Council, voicing whatever your concerns and issues are, being respectful when you speak to one another, but just really being communal. It takes everyone in the community for us to be effective. With that, I have nothing else to say.

Oh, no. That's not true. When you guys are celebrating St. Patrick's Day, as it's already been stated, please remember to vote. The last day to do absentee or early vote will be March 16<sup>th</sup>. On the 17<sup>th</sup> you must go to the polls. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVCIH:** Thank you, Clwn. We will move on to Clmn Blake.

**CLMN BLAKE:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I will be as brief as I can. As all my colleagues have said, please participate in the Census. Why it's important has been discussed numerous times tonight. Please take the time and participate when the time comes.

This Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> Clmn Burke, Clmn Donahue and myself will have our Community Awareness Meeting here at the Civic Center. One of the speakers will be Dave Krock of OHM Advisors. Pat Salemi will talk about the upcoming Census and members of the Fire Department will talk about the Mobile Stroke Unit. All members of the community are welcome to attend.

I'd like to congratulate Captain Warner on his recent promotion tonight.

As a member of the Parade Committee for Memorial Day, we want to get as many people involved as possible. I received this today, which I will just read very quickly. One of the goals is to get families and children involved. It says:

"We welcome you and our family to join us with your bikes. Be festive and decorate your bikes with the Memorial Day theme. The parade assembly begins at 9:15 a.m. at Maple Leaf Elementary School located at Maple Leaf Drive on Turney Road. The parade

steps off at 10:00 a.m. For additional details contact Jennifer Newrones at (216) 624-8802.”

That’s all I have. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVCIH:** Thank you, Clmn Blake. Mr. Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Why thank you. I would like to start off by congratulating Captain Warner. I have been on a few issues with him and he is very professional, very helpful, goes out of his way to work with the residents. He’s a very kind, generous man and there is nobody probably more deserving in the Fire Department in that rank. I wish him the best of luck.

Folks, the end of this month on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March we are going to have our ice show. Please this year it’s very important we fill that ice skating rink. These people put a lot of time into it. We want to show them our support. I’m asking you all to come out.

As far as the Census, I do believe everybody has said what needs to be said. Fill it out. Tell your neighbors to call somebody if they need help. There’s always people who are willing to help out.

My next Block Watch will be on March 26<sup>th</sup>. I will tell everybody, with everything going on; I’m at the mercy of the Church. If they tell me to cancel because of what’s going on I will have to cancel it. So please keep posted. We will try to get out to everybody the best we can.

The paper bins. When the Mayor brought that up at a meeting the other night. At St. Monica’s they have seven of them. They will be gone March 30<sup>th</sup> as well. So folks, please use your recycling bins we were given by Kimble please.

St. Patrick’s Day. Just a little reminder. Back in Ireland St. Patrick’s Day is a holy day of obligation. And yes, I have been in Ireland for St. Patrick’s Day. The pubs do not open until late in the evening. Everybody goes to church. In the old days, they used to fast and wait until 6:00 p.m. Go out. Enjoy yourself if you can. Get a designated driver. Mayor, this year Bob is going to be my designated driver. Is that OK? Thank you. Please folks, have a good time but be cautious and be careful by all means. With that, I wish everybody Erin go Bragh.  
Mr. Chairman, may we adjourn this Meeting please.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** On the motion by Clmn Vaughn to adjourn tonight’s Meeting, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Anybody opposed? Meeting adjourned.

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

ABSENT: Burke

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:15 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Michael Nenadovich  
President of Council, Pro Tem

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Barbara Molin  
Clerk of Council