

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO**

**Monday, May 10, 2021**

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

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

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Moving right along, I would like to call to order the regularly scheduled Council Meeting for the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to order. Barb, will you take a roll call.

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

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Six to zero, which means zero is basically vacant. I won't be repeating and I'll just announce the votes as 6-0.

**READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:**

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** First up is the Reading and Disposal of the Minutes. I would like to make a motion to accept the Regular Meeting of Council Minutes on Monday, April 26, 2021 as written. Do I get a second please?

**CLMN TAGLIARINI:** I will second that.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Tagliarini. Barb, would you take a roll starting with me.

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

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:**

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Are there any written communications to Council?

**CLERK:** No, there are none.

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Is there any legislation coming out of committee?

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** No, Mr. Chairman, there is none.

**REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND THE DIRECTORS:**

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Okay, we will move on to the reports of the Mayor and the Directors. Mayor, the floor is yours.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. President. First, I'd like to say that we're working hard to try to get the Council Chambers back in line for you and also for the rest of Council to be able to do the meetings in person. But I have to tell you, there's a lot of serious technology upgrades. I'm going by what you had said. We're going to work with Bruce Hobson and Tom Vaughn, as you instructed, to try to get those efforts coordinated and get the equipment that we need to be able to make live streaming possible, things like that, available. So I just wanted to give you an update on that. We're still waiting for whatever the contractors that do that stuff to come in and do.

Still also waiting to find out if there's any news to open up our buildings. I'm on a Mayors and Managers call once a week and there has been nobody that has fully opened their buildings. Some of them have tried to do it by appointment only. But you know, we've got people that are not taking the COVID vaccine all of a sudden. I think that's the concern, and then also, some of the cases of COVID has started to rise, some of them are stabilizing. You just don't really know what news report to believe half the time. At any rate, I know that the Ohio State Department of Health and also the Western Reserve Center for the Aging has not cleared us to open. So until that's done, we're not going to be able to and also when we do open, there's going to be a slew of mandates that we're going to have to follow. So we have to start preparing ourselves for that, when it happens.

I would like to introduce Innoplast. If you've caught the Crain's Business Week, you'll see that there is a new company that just signed their lease and they're coming to Highland Park. Innoplast is a company that has acquired two other companies: Thermoprene and Skillco. Just in a nutshell, this is about a \$4 million payroll that is coming to the city of Garfield Heights. They have taken up the Dick's Sporting Goods and the AJ Wright building, which is the building close to Giant Eagle. So now ICP, what they have done, is they've secured the Wal-Mart location and they've secured a tenant in the other end. So they're kind of like the bookends.

Let me give you a little bit of history on Innoplast. They make the bollard covers. If you have ever gone through a drive through at McDonald's/Taco Bell, you'll see these metal poles that stick up out of the ground to keep you from hitting the building. On those poles (those are called bollards) those have a plastic sleeve that fits over them. That's what this company makes. They also make when you go through the sometimes some of the drive throughs have them, but a lot of the car washes have them the little plastic thing that hangs from the top that tells you what your clearance is. They make that. They make the plastic speed bumps you see in the roads and parking stops.

Now, this is what I found shocking when I when I spoke with them the other day. They sold 100,000 of these bollard covers. If you look around, there's probably got to be literally hundreds of thousands of these things. So they're just one company that makes those. They're calling Garfield Heights their home and they have plans to expand. So I think what you're going to see as time goes on, you know, they want to actually sell 200,000 of these next year, these bollard covers, which to me is like doubling their business but I think as time goes on, you could possibly see them build into a bigger facility and hire more people and that'd be good for the city of Garfield Heights. So there's a major opportunity for growth in that area. They did sign a 10-year lease. If you get a chance to read the Crain's article, it's a very positive article in regards to the city of Garfield Heights.

I also want to let you know that there are some rumblings about the Bridge View site. I have been contacted by that developer. He would like to meet with Council at some point in time. I told him that we should wait till the appointment of the Ward 4 Councilperson and then we can have him come in and possibly talk about Bridge View. So once that happens, I'll be contacting you to try to put together some sort of a meeting in regards to that.

This week is National Police Week and I would be remiss if I did not mention our fallen officers. Officer Hubert J. Smykowski. His end of watch was Tuesday, October 5, 1976. Officer Smykowski died after suffering a fatal heart attack following a foot pursuit and a struggle with a suspect. Officer Smykowski was survived by his wife and three children. Officer Michael Brown and Officer Robert Stefanov. Their end of watch was Thursday, December 8, 1994. Both were killed when their patrol car struck a utility pole during a pursuit. Officer Brown had served with the agency for four years. He was survived by his daughter. Officer Stefanov was survived by his son and daughter. Sergeant Dennis Glivar. End of watch Sunday, August 14, 1994. Sergeant Glivar was shot and killed by a man who had barricaded himself inside an apartment when attempting to shield and escort medical personnel into the building. Sergeant Glivar had served with the Garfield Heights Police Department for 17 years. On October 19, 1994, Sergeant Dennis Glivar was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and the Medal of Honor. He is survived by his wife. Please join me now for a moment of silence for our fallen officers.

*(Moment of silence.)*

Thank you. And I would just strongly urge any residents if you see an officer this week, thank them, thank them for what they do. I'm sure they would like to hear it. I think we have a great force, you know. These guys work hard for us. When somebody needs to answer the call, they answer the call.

With that, let me get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance number 43-2021 is to hire a Caterpillar hydraulic excavator. The point I want to make on this, is there is some time sensitivity here. That's why it's an emergency ordinance. It is something that these are not available all the time. So being that this one is available, I strongly urge support from Council so that we can get this ordered and get it into our inventory of our Service vehicles. Ordinance number 44-2021 is our Website. It's to enter into an agreement with Civic Plus, who does Websites for Berea, Shaker Heights, Mayfield Heights, Westlake, Fairview Park, Twinsburg and, I believe, Solon. If you have a chance to look at Shaker Heights's Website, you'll see that it's much, much better and faster than what we have to offer. These guys are good at what they do. They specialize in only governmental Websites. I'm only asking Council for support on this. The main focus here is this funding comes from our COVID fund. So it's not coming out of our regular budget and it will not raise taxes to the residents. With that, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mayor Burke. Are there any questions for the Mayor from Council at this time? Fine. There being none. Are there any Directors that are on call right now wishing to make a report? Fine. There being none. Are there any Directors that are on call right now wishing to make a report? Fine. There being none. We'll move on with tonight's meeting.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR MARK SIKON:** Council President.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Yes, sir. Mark, go ahead. You have the floor.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR MARK SIKON:** I apologize. I am multitasking here. I'm driving so I had to take one of my kids to a basketball practice so forgive me when I'm out driving, but I'm going to just go ahead and get my report here. We are currently patching. We have four crews out today in four different Wards. We had some of our part timers show. They're out of college. We're waiting on a few that are still getting out of high school. But we are making progress. Give us time. We are going street to street to street please.

Also, this week, we started the Household Roundup. It's at the Service Garage at 13600 McCracken. During the week, it's 7:30 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. For two weeks, we'll be running that and then on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. That's our shred day and that'll be from 9:00 a.m. till noon. The limit is four bags/boxes per resident, no businesses.

We also managed to get three extra city cans put out. We put an extra of the garbage cans that we spoke of in the prior meeting. We did put an extra one up on Rockside on the other side of the RTA bus stop, which seems to be a problem. We added another one over at Woodward Boulevard on the east side of Turney Road. And then we also reinstalled one over across from Sts. Peter and Paul. So we have three new ones. We have practically four other ones we will be putting out. I was looking for the problem areas and then we'll be putting those out as well. And with that, you have my report. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Sikon. Are any of the Council people have a question for Mark Sikon, Service Director? Mr. Donahue, you have the floor.

**CLMN DONAHUE:** Okay. It wasn't what he what he was talking about. I was just wondering about if we're going to start grass cutting.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR MARK SIKON:** Grass cutting has started. Yes. Obviously, this is the worst time of the year because grass grows so fast. We do have our crews out there. We had some rainy days. Obviously, we can't cut during that time. We also struggled a little bit. We had an illness I believe with Court Community. So that pushed us back a little bit, but we are back on track and we should be getting to a lot of these properties here soon. We are also waiting for some more part timers to show up after high school. So once we get some of those employees in, we'll be moving even faster. But, understand, this is the worst time of the year when it rains all the time and the grass grows all the time. People are calling me complaining and rightfully so. But you know, we only do so many in one day when the weather's nice. So rest assured that we will be getting to them. It will be a minute but we will be getting to them.

**CLMN DONAHUE:** Okay, thank you.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR MARK SIKON:** Sure.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Anybody else have a question for Mr. Sikon? From Council? Okay, there being none, any other Directors wish to make a comment? There being none, we'll move on.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:**

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Next Comments by Citizens on tonight's agenda. That would be the two items that we have: 43 and 44. Barb, would you read the rules, please?

**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:** Any citizen wishing to speak on tonight's agenda? None?

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Okay, then we'll just move on to Committee Reports. Are there any Committee Reports?

**CLMN VAUGHN:** None, Mr. Chairman, as said earlier.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you very much. Thank you, for taking care of that, Clmn Vaughn. Okay, next we'll move on to Ordinances seeing as how there are no resolutions we'll keep moving on. First ordinance coming up for business tonight is Ordinance 43-2021. Barb, would you read the title please?

**ORDINANCE NO. 43-2021**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) CATERPILLAR HYDRAULIC EXCAVATOR, THROUGH OHIO CAT, AN APPROVED VENDOR UNDER SOURCEWELL, CONTRACT NUMBER 032119-CAT AGREEMENT NO. 38936, PER THE ATTACHED PRICING QUOTATION.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Ordinance 43-2021 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 44-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CIVICPLUS FOR THE DESIGN, CREATION AND CONTINUING TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR A NEW GARFIELD HEIGHTS CITY WEBSITE

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** That passes 6 Yes votes. That concludes our Ordinances for tonight.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:**

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Next, we have Comments by Citizens. Barb, would you read the rules please?

**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:** Thank you, Barbara. Again, I will reiterate--no request of a first time. So if you have spoken to your Councilperson or a Director that counts as a first time. Are there any citizens wishing to speak tonight?

**CLMN BLAKE:** Renae Bolton.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Ms. Bolton, you have the floor.

Ms. Bolton. Good evening, everyone. I have a question. But it's based on something that Mr. Donahue just brought up this evening. Just a question about grass cutting. Can I ask that now?

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Yes.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Did she talk to anybody? Did she talk to anybody?

**MS. BOLTON:** It's about what Mr. Donahue just brought up.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Did you talk to anybody previously?

**MS. BOLTON:** How can I previously talk about it when he literally just said it this evening?

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Ms. Molin, please.

**CLERK:** Yes, may we have Ms. Bolton's address?

**MS. BOLTON:** 5749 Turney Road.

**CLERK:** Thank you.

**MS. BOLTON:** That was why I asked if I could ask a question based on something that Mr. Donahue. That was specifically what I said.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Okay. I was under the impression that you had spoke to him before.

**MS. BOLTON:** Well, I said, can I ask a question based on something he just brought up about grass cutting.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Okay. I was under the impression that you had talked to him prior to that? No, that would be a first time nature.

**MS. BOLTON:** Okay.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Ms. Bolton. Thank you, Mr. Vaughn, for the clarification. I appreciate it.

**CLMN BLAKE:** Gisele Gainer.

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

Ms. Gainer. Hi, good evening. What can.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Give us your name and address, please.

**MS. GAINER:** Gisele Gainer, 4957 East 81<sup>st</sup> Street? What committees have vacancies on them right now?

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Okay, offhand, I don't have that in front of me. I did send a copy to Ms. Bolton on that. Again, I do not have that in front of me. If you would give me a call, I will answer that for you tomorrow and I can print another list. Because there was a list that came out and I only got half of it. Apparently, Ms. Bolton got the full email. I do not have the answer to that right at my fingertips right

now. I will look into it. If you would, I'm not going to ask for your phone number. I'll give you mine. Mine is area code 216.

**MS. GAINER:** I have your phone number and I actually have a second question. I'm pulling my words together.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Have you brought it up before? Did you speak to somebody about this?

**MS. GAINER:** Yes.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Okay.

**MS. GAINER:** What is the escalation process if my specific Councilperson is not very responsive or easy to get a hold of?

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Okay, what I would do is call that Councilperson again. And if you would, call me, and I'll alert him that you're trying to get a hold of him. He may not.

**MS. GAINER:** You are my Councilperson.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** I do answer my phone calls when I get them.

**MS. GAINER:** Oh, well, I have proof but I just want to know future state what is the escalation process?

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** What is the day? Tell me the day and I'll look it up because I haven't erased this for two years.

**MS. GAINER:** Okay. But okay, so my question is to actually Director Riley, because I don't really have any interest in going back and forth. Mr. Riley, what is the escalation process if you do have someone that is unresponsive?

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** There's actually no set escalation process in place. So my suggestion would be is that is why we have the rule that we were just discussing, that if there's been a problem that you've called a Councilman about and it hasn't been addressed, then you're allowed to bring it up at a Council meeting. So this would be the time to say, whichever Councilperson you called, I called you, I asked you about the grass cutting on my street or whatever it may be and you never responded. That is why this process is in place. If you're not getting a response.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** You still have the floor, Ms. Gainer. Tell me what you called me about. Please, I don't remember the call. Because I don't have it in my phone. But you say you called me and you can prove it? Let's talk.

**MS. GAINER:** Okay, so I'm, from a pettiness perspective, I don't go there. But I can, I can call you again and we can discuss but I was actually trying to open a small business in the city. And this actually came up during a meeting in February. I contacted you at that time before that meeting and didn't get a response. I've been working with the city since then. And I'm still kind of in limbo on what that response is. But I've been a couple months; I've called a few times. And last meeting, I actually messaged you directly on the chat feature here four times, and I did screenshot that, but I didn't get a response at that time, either.

So I'll give you a call, again, in all fairness, but I do as a citizen, expect some kind of response. And again, I'm not a petty person. I don't get into the tit for tat and the, you know, tell me what date you

called me and all of that. I think that from a professionalism standpoint, it's a better way that it can be handled and I'd like to go that route. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** There's no problem with that. Thank you very much. Anybody else have any comments tonight? The citizens? Mr. Blake, I allude to you.

**CLMN BLAKE:** I see no other hands.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Well, then if there be no other hands, we'll start comments by Council. Miscellaneous Business. We'll start off with Mr. Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ms. Gainer, concerning a small business, if you'd like, I would really talk to Noreen Kuban. She's Economic Developer. She can answer those questions.

**MS. GAINER:** I have talked to Noreen and emailed back and forth for her for quite a bit, but I still don't have a concrete answer. It's been a few months now.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Okay, well, okay. That was just my suggestion. Is Noreen on tonight? Does anybody know?

**MS. GAINER:** I'm sorry, Mr. Vaughn. I do appreciate that though. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** I'll take care of it, Tom.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Okay.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Tom, I'm sorry. I was just going to ask Ms. Gainer the same thing, but I didn't want to butt in, but I will get with Noreen tomorrow and find out if she's gotten anywhere and I'll have her call you, Ms. Gainer.

**MS. GAINER:** Okay. Thank you.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Thank you.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thank you. This past weekend, a lot of phone calls about grass cutting. The crews, we have been told, are out. You know, they can only do so much every day. The fact that we've had rain the way we had all last week had really hampered them from getting out. This week is supposed to be a drier week. Hopefully we can get caught up on a lot of this. If residents have issues about a neighbor whose lawn is out of control, please feel free to call your Councilman. I drive past these homes when you call me about them. I check them out. I have a hard time differentiating between the grass and the weeds to be honest with you. I'm not sure if the dandelions come into play here on the rule, but it's a mess out there and it makes the city look uncut. So people could you please get out and get your lawns cut.

This past week we had our Day of Prayer over at St. Therese's Church and it was a fantastic day, two hours of prayer. The community came together. It was great to see people again. To be gathered in a house of prayer. There were about 100 people there. It was very well done. Scripture was good. Prayer was good. I'd like to thank the committee for putting it together. I look forward to us having one again next year.

Our Parade Committee, I'm hoping that we get some information from them in the next few days. So that we're all up to date on what we're doing, where we're stepping off from so that the neighborhoods

can be told and people can be out there. Hopefully, we'll have a good turnout for that. With that, that's all I have tonight. Everybody, have a good week and to all the mothers, belated Happy Mother's Day. Thank you.

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

**CLMN DUDLEY:** All right. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Okay. All right. I like to say that Clmn Vaughn was absolutely right about the Day of Prayer. I did make it. I wasn't able to stay because I had to actually go to a funeral service. But I did enjoy the part that I heard--the first part--and even I met some guy, I thought he couldn't sing. But he turned out he could sing. So I enjoyed the singing as well. I enjoyed the speech, even I made it in time. I saw the Mayor speak as well. I really enjoyed myself and I agree with him, you know, maybe it shouldn't be once a year a Day of Prayer. Maybe they should pray several days a year, you know, and open it up so people can come. I did enjoy whoever put it together. I really did enjoy the program. That I did.

Also, I want to mention too, we also had a nice program. We had the Stop the Violence. It was streamed live and is going to be placed on YouTube. You can find that information through Weldon's PC on his post and it's going to be posted on YouTube and actually be on Facebook here in a minute. So you can watch it. It was a great program and I tell you, I believe the speakers were right on target. Okay, we so we had a great program, which was held. The Stop the Violence program. It was great. Started up a little chilly, but it warmed up as the speakers warmed up. I appreciate everybody that came out. It was live stream, but it's going to be placed on YouTube. So everybody can get a chance to see it, you know, and it also is going to be placed on Facebook. You'll be able to get that information through Weldon PC and I appreciate them once again for coming out and live streaming the program. For those who couldn't make it out it'd be due to the weather elements at a time.

But I'd also like to state, Ms. Benson who helped me put that program together and everybody else who participated. What we've done, we actually named the names of all the individuals who lost their lives who was killed in Garfield Heights through an act of violence. As their names were called off, a candle was lit for them. It was a prayer between various clergies. We thank Father David and Holy Spirit for giving us a venue to hold a program at. We thank Mr. McHenry, for being one of the clergies who done a prayer for a group. And also we get to write also, Father David who done it as well. We had from Christian Kingdom Assembly we had Elder Gianni and he raised some of the names.

At the end of the program we've done about a 100-balloon release into the air and it was beautiful. You know, it was absolutely beautiful. So you will get a chance to see that. I encourage people when we have the program's going out to sit I know we all can't make them, but try to make some of them. It is a good thing, it's a positive thing and bring that unity and the community together and given the chance to kind of communicate at the same time.

Also I want everybody to realize that we know we're coming up on Memorial Day. I tell you that's a dangerous weekend for drinking. Last year I lost my little brother around Memorial Day weekend. He was getting on his motorcycle riding home about 10 o'clock at night from Baltimore, Maryland. That's where I'm from. On 10 o'clock at night Memorial Day weekend. He was not drinking. No alcohol in his blood system. He was struck by a car that hit him so hard, knocked him 30-40 feet down the road and he died. That's why I said do not drink and drive. The individual hit him was not sober. Do not drink and drive people. If you don't have to be nowhere, hey, just sit at home, enjoy your family. Pay your tribute and your respect to the Vets and go and see your family members and you know give praise to them as also for the time they gave you while they was here.

With that, Mr. Chairman, I also like to give my prayers to the officers' families that lost their lives in the line of duty, also in city of Garfield Heights, because you know that, I can say when you have a problem, first person you call is them. The first person to go run into the building is them and the Fire Department,

your first responders and your paramedics. So we got to keep them in prayer as well as our community here.

I must make sure I got nothing else going on here. No, I believe that takes care of it. And I like to tell everybody have a happy, safe, Memorial Day weekend and definitely come out to the parade the city parade. Come on out to they put it out. Come on out there. I believe our Clmn Jason Blake is heading out of working with a part of the group that is getting that together. So let's show our support for our city. I'm definitely going to be and I know our Council colleagues will be there and the Mayor as well. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for the time.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Mr. Dudley. Next, we move on to Mr. Donahue.

**CLMN DONAHUE:** Okay. I'm not going to talk about much. I'm sorry I brought anything up about the grass.

Ms. Bolton, if Frank Tagliarini can't give you the answer, I'm sure he'll pass you on to the person who can. Other than that, I'm not going to say much. That's all. Have a good evening. Okay.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Thank you, Chuck. I'm going to jump over. I'm going to go to Mr. Tagliarini. Frank.

**CLMN TAGLIARINI:** Thank you very much. First of all, I'd like to talk about the grass cutting. It's not only the city's responsibility. We have so many homes that people haven't caught up on it. I understand it's raining circumstances but please just try to get out there and get your yard caught up so that we get some of this. The city's going to look so much better.

Next about the parade. I am on the Parade Committee. The portion of it that's mine is the vintage vehicles. I've got quite a few lined up. It should be a very nice parade. The only hold back that we might have is weather because a lot of these guys won't take them cars out in rainy weather. Let's all say a special prayer we get good weather for Memorial Day morning. It is leaving from Maple Leaf School, 10 o'clock is what we got to schedule. It's going to be going down Turney Road over to Marymount. It's at Marymount or either Marymount or Jennings we're going to be going to both of them and then ending up at the Civic Center. Sure, Jason can fill us in a little more about that when it's his turn to speak.

I also like to put out my condolences to the police officers' families that gave up their lives for our community. If you see a police officer, like somebody mentioned earlier this week, but not only this week, any time, thank them for their service. They do a great job and I support them 100%. With that, I'm done and everybody have a great evening.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mr. Blake, the floor is yours, Sir.

**CLMN BLAKE:** All right, well since the Memorial Day Parade has been mentioned. It'll start at 10 o'clock at Maple Leaf school. We will start staging at 9:15 a.m. We're going to head north on Turney Road to Granger, we're going to take a right on Granger and go down to Marymount Place. We're going to drive through Marymount Place so those Seniors can enjoy the parade. We will exit that facility and head west on Granger. We will go to Jennings Hall and do the same thing. It will be pretty much a motorcade. There won't be anyone walking. There will be no band this year. It's going to be something similar to what Medical Mutual did last year. We currently have in the neighborhood of 60 to 70 vehicles that are participating in the parade. The American Legion will hold a ceremony after the parade at the Plaza; however, it'll be closed off just to the participants in that ceremony. We will live stream the parade as well and we will get that link out. I don't have it with me. I apologize. If anybody would like to participate you can contact myself and I will get you the information.

I would like to clarify one thing. I am part of the committee as is a lot of people but the driving force behind this parade is a resident, Jennifer Newrones. I can't say enough about the passion that she has to get this parade going. Again, she's incredible. She's really, this is one, this is her project and she loves it and I support her 100% with it.

Moving forward, there will be a Recreation Committee Meeting this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. The information is posted on the city Website.

There will be a Community Awareness meeting, Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, that Clmn Tagliarini and I will be holding. I can send you the information if you reach out to me and it also will be in the Neighborhood News this week.

I'd like to thank everyone who participated and put together the Day of Prayer. I'd also like to thank Clmn Dudley for his Stop the Violence program this past weekend. Both programs were very well attended and good for our community. And lastly, please pray and support our officers that serve the community. And you know, that's all I have right now. But that's it.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Okay, and then I'll close it off. I would like to welcome Innoplast to our Garfield Heights family of businesses. As the Mayor has stated, they make 200,000 of these barriers, I think if we could get them to start producing orange barrels, we'd be fat. Because those are all over.

Mark, I'm getting a lot of comments about the Service Department the way they're patching and the sweepers being out on a regular basis. A lot of good comments, nothing negative. You're doing a great job, I feel. I know we just got another sweep here shortly a while ago and there's new equipment. Coming up, we'll be able to do a little bit more work and a little bit more efficiently. Keep up the good work, Mark.

Fallen officers, anybody thinks that they're brutal or whatever. Remember, when you call them into a situation, you're expecting them to defend your life. It's their life they're putting on the line to defend yours. Yes, we do have some that are not adhering to the policies, but it's just like anything else. We hear about all the bad kids in the city and all the bad kids across the world and it's one or 2% of the total kids that are causing all the chaos. Our officers are in the same position. One or 2% of all the officers we have across the country, one or 2% maybe, but those are the ones we hear about. Nobody talks about the accolades to the homeless man or the crippled man, a motorized wheelchair, or took food to families that didn't have it out of their pocket. Nobody talks about those. We talk about the bad officers as we should; they should be weeded out. But it's just very, very small percentage. It's not all our boys in blue. When they come there, they have your best interests at heart when they're walking through that door. Especially if you're not home and somebody is in your house. You want them to go first believe me, they're the ones you're going to put in the top line. So keep them in your prayers. Remember the fallen officers in Garfield Heights. They did what nobody else was willing to do.

Oh, as far as the chats, I do not listen or look at the chats on the bottom of the screen. I'm running a meeting. I'm making notes. I'm listening to what the people are saying. I'm going to be honest, I don't have time to listen to that because I'm not getting the full message. I get a portion of it just as you do. And I'm not going to sit here and click and miss something and say, hey, we missed that. You want to look at the chats--fine. I'm listening to the meeting. I'm making my notes. I'm the President of Council. It's my job to keep the meeting running. If you want to talk fine, I have no problem with that. But I will not read the chats. I'm not being rude or being disrespectful. If you chatted me, I'm telling you right now, I don't pay attention to the chats at the bottom of the screen.

**MS. GAINER:** No, I know I'm out of line. But that is rude and disrespectful and I messaged you after trying to contact you. Again, from a professionalism standpoint, I have a reputation to uphold. So but I will not allow you to drag me like that. Like I said, I will for sure handle it because I'm tenacious about

my business and my opportunity. So I will get a handle, but I will not allow you to downgrade me like that when it's something that I'm doing the right thing by contacting you.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** And again, I stick by my comment. And it was not meant to be disrespectful, Ms. Gainer, it was not meant to be. A lot of people are very, very thin skinned and everything's right now looking for. How can you disrespect? I'm not even going to go there. I'll drop it at that. Please do call me. I look forward to speaking with you and it will be a very civil conversation. I have no problem. And as far as you're a resident in my Ward, I have 1,100 residents. I don't know them all. I've seen you maybe four or five times. I understand that. But I have 1,100 residents. If I don't get five or six calls from different ones that I go out on every day. I talk to a lot of people. A lot of people I see their face. I don't know their names, but I have 1,100 people.

And with that, I have nothing else to say except thank you everybody. Have a great Memorial Day weekend. And if one of my Council colleagues would be so kind as to motion.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Chairman.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Mr. Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Our next Council Meeting will be May the 24<sup>th</sup>. Correct?

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** I believe so. Yes. I don't have a calendar in front of me.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Right. May the 24<sup>th</sup> . So with that being said, I make a motion to adjourn.

**CLMN TAGLIARINI:** I second that motion please.

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** Seconded by Mr. Tagliarini.

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

**PRESIDENT NENADOVICH:** At 6 Yes votes as of 7:49 p.m. on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2021, I end the Regular Council meeting for Garfield Heights. Thank you, everybody. Have a great evening and thank you for your participation. I really mean that.

**APPROVED:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Michael T. Nenadovich  
President of Council

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Barbara Molin  
Clerk of Council