

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO**

**Monday, May 24, 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 Pro Tem Michael Dudley, Sr.**

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** I would like to say good evening and welcome to Garfield Heights City Council Meeting on May 24, 2021. We're going to skip the invocation. We should be doing the invocation sometime. I'm just saying I really would like to go back to that. Okay. Barb, can we have roll call?

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

**EXCUSED:** Nenadovich

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** All right. We have all seven Council members here tonight. So that's good.

**READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:**

Next we have Reading and Disposal of the Minutes.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Mr. Chairman?

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

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I'd like to make a motion for us to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the city of Garfield Heights for Monday, May 10, 2021.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** All right, Barb, can we have a roll call.

**CLMN DONAHUE:** I second.

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** We have seven votes to approve the minutes. Now do we have any written communications?

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Point of order Mr. Dudley. There's only six Council Members present.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** I keep forgetting. Correction. I forgot Clmn Mike Nenadovich. Okay, that's me. That we already made the motion though. We didn't excuse Clmn Mike Nenadovich from tonight's meeting,

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Yes.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I make the motion to excuse Clmn Nenadovich from tonight's Council meeting.

**CLMN TAGLIARINI:** I second.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** We have a motion by Clmn Tom Vaughn to excuse Clmn Mike Nenadovich from the night's meeting and seconded by Clmn Frank Tagliarini.

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** All right, we have six Yes votes to approve the reading and disposal of the minutes.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:**

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Barb, do we have any written communications to Council tonight?

**CLERK:** No, sir, I did not receive any.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** I believe we have Ms. Millette King, the liaison from Garfield Heights city schools, who would like to read her comments tonight—her letter.

Ms. Millette King. Thank you, Clmn Dudley. We are nearing the end of a very unique school year. The last day of classes will be June 4<sup>th</sup>. Over the last month, the district was able to bring back some of our traditional in-person celebrations, such as National Honor Society induction, musical performances, senior awards. Prom and graduation will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Rocket Mortgage Field house. The district will offer a summer program in a full day format that will allow students to strengthen their academic skills, as well as participate in fun and engaging activities each afternoon. The first session is June 14<sup>th</sup> through June 25<sup>th</sup>. And the second session is July 12<sup>th</sup> through July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The next regular School Board meeting will be held on June 21<sup>st</sup> at six o'clock and you can view it via our YouTube channel. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Thank you, Ms. King.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Okay, next are there any Committee Reports?

**CLMN BLAKE:** Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Clmn Blake.

**CLMN BLAKE:** I'd like to make a motion to accept the Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting for Wednesday, May 12, 2021, as written.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Okay, well, can we get a roll call?

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

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

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** You're losing me.

**CLERK:** I just called on everybody. Can I correct later?

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Is it ok, Tim, for her to correct that later? Or should we redo it?

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** I would suggest you redo it.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Once again, do we have any Committee reports tonight?

**CLMN BLAKE:** Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Mr. Blake.

**CLMN BLAKE:** I'd like to make a motion to accept the Minutes of the Recreation Committee Meeting for Wednesday, May 12, 2021 as written.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Can this committee get a roll call, Barb?

**CLMN BLAKE:** Need a second.

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

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Can we get the roll call, Barb.

**CLERK:** Okay. Starting now. I'm sorry. I will start with Mr. Blake.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Mr. Johnson can't partake in that.

AYES: Blake, Tagliarini, Dudley, Donahue

**CLERK:** He cannot? All right. Because he wasn't there. We have four Yeses.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** All right.

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

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Next we have we have reports of the Mayor and Directors. Mr. Mayor.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I do have a report tonight. It's relatively I'll try to make it as quick as possible. The River Sweep event was held I believe last Saturday. We had eight participants, I believe, you know, because of COVID, it was low attended. But, you know, it's always the Saturday before Mother's Day. So I know we can do a better job as a city in helping. I'm going to put it on my calendar for next year for that Saturday before Mother's Day. I could be a participant and I would ask that other residents do the same. If we can all get together and help, it makes our city a lot cleaner.

I wanted to also talk about an event that we're planning here at the city at the Civic Center, we're targeting July 24<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup> to have a City Flea Market, open to residents to come in, set up a table and there'll be some information on that. So just be looking for that July 24<sup>th</sup> and July 31<sup>st</sup>. We just kind of put the ball in motion now.

I wanted to talk a little bit about some of the things that we have been doing here with the Rec Center with Paul Birk. First of all, I have to say that I was contacted probably about a month ago by a good friend of mine, fellow classmate, good friend of Clmn Blake as well. Her name is Beth Stolarcek. Beth called me. For those that don't know anything about Beth, Beth is a 1988 graduate although she probably would not like me saying that because it would age her. But she is also a reality TV star. Currently lives in Southern California. She's been on the MTV Real World. She's currently on the Challenger All Stars. She starred in The Gauntlet in the Duel. The reason why I bring her up is she contacted me just to ask me what she can do to help children in our community. It kind of caught me out of the blue. I have not even spoken to her since 1988, but it was coming out of the blue. It's something that I believe when Paul gets in his report, he will detail some of the things that they spoke about. I think that's pretty exciting that here we have a Garfield Heights alumni who wants to reach out and help with recreation in the city.

I wanted to talk a little bit about Cranwood fields--the baseball fields down there at Cranwood. Mr. Paul Birk and I have had numerous conversations in regard to this particular park that is basically just sitting currently vacant. What we are looking at doing is actually going in, cleaning it up, making it available to residents where they can host their own like birthday parties or maybe family events or so. Residents would have to reserve the picnic area or reserve the park. We would ask them to put a security deposit down. Then once they are done using the park we would go in, assess it, make sure that it's not you know, it was cleaned up and everything and then they would get their security deposit back.

I attended the Lupus Walk the other day. I was talking to Mr. James Johnson who had said to me that he had paid \$350.00 for the pavilion over at the Garfield Heights Metro Parks, the Garfield Reservation. You know, when you do a event that's going to help people in the community and it ends up costing you money, it's really not a good event. And this is just something that you know will help in that because he could have possibly done this event at Cranwood fields and it would have been more beneficial to the residents and to the organization he was raising money for. Having said that, I also think it helps with addressing a need in the community but also a field that really has not been used for years and I believe to be utilized.

I want to talk about we have Dr. Adrian Fletcher Crawford. We just set some dates with her today for our in-person Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training. We're dividing the staff up and we're going to actually take about 30 people at a time. June, July and August. We're having three different training modules. They will be in-person. We're very excited about it because she is also a Garfield Heights graduate. She is currently the Dean for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at Case Western Reserve University. So I'm very excited about having her. We've been trying to get this done for months.

I also want to welcome Clmn Avery Johnson Ward 4 and congratulate him on his appointment.

And if you guys would also join me in welcoming some pretty important people in the city as well. First of all, we swore in officer Noelle Baskiewicz, she comes to us from I believe University Heights. We also have Echo, one of our newest canine officers, who is handled by Patrolman Baon. I want to congratulate Auxiliary Captain Gecki for his promotion. Lieutenant Kastelic and Sergeant Price also for their promotion.

I want to talk to you a little bit about how we're going to open the buildings here June 7<sup>th</sup>. We're targeting for the Civic Center to open up. We will be following whatever the current CDC guidelines are. We will have those posted on the door. We are going to ask that residents if they do not want to wear a mask and it's part of the CDC guideline, then they should not wear a mask or will not wear a mask. That's really up to them. But I would ask that you be cordial to those that want to wear a mask. You know, we have it here in the Administration, I believe everybody still wears a mask. I'm very respectful of anybody who comes into my office who wants to have the mask on. If they decide they don't want to have a mask on, we will address that, you know, individually, but we will abide by whatever the CDC guidelines are. The Civic Center rear entrance will continue to be the only entry to the building. We want to make that clear. Because we are still under restrictions for our Senior Center. We're not going to be

opening up the Senior Center. That'll be more of a Phase 2 rollout when we get the go ahead to do so. We will be cleaning and disinfecting the building every night just like they do now.

There will be a sign-in sheet for everybody that comes into the building. I'm asking that they sign in just so that we know who they came in to see and what your nature of business was. This is something that we did prior to the pandemic. So I want to make sure that that continues to be followed. And then also, again, social distancing, working remotely. This is all stuff that we're looking at, as long as the CDC guidelines are followed. I believe that's the fairest way to go. When we got into the pandemic, we were told that we had to follow the CDC guidelines and that's how we're going to proceed.

I would like at this time to read a proclamation that I'm dedicating here. I don't know if Mr. Suster is on the call, but I will read this proclamation. This is to former Council President and also former Councilman Joe Suster. And I will read it as follows:

"Office of the Mayor proclamation.

Whereas Joseph Suster was born on May 26, 1941, in Cleveland, Ohio. He graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes High School and joined the Coast Guard where he was stationed in Cape May, New Jersey.

And whereas Joseph Suster married the love of his life, Donna, on May 27, 1961, at St. Catherine's Church in Cleveland, Ohio. 2021 is their 60th wedding anniversary. They moved to Garfield Heights, Ohio in 1964.

And whereas Joseph and Donna were blessed four children, Joseph, David, Tina and Lynn, who all attended and graduated from Garfield Heights High School. Their family continues to grow to include 12 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

And whereas he was first elected to Garfield Heights City Council as the Ward 5 representative in 1986, served on Council for nearly 30 years including several terms as Council President.

And whereas Joseph is an active member of St. Therese Parish in Garfield Heights, he served as a Eucharistic Minister, altar server, President of the Boosters, member of the Holy Name Society, and coached CYO football.

And whereas, Joseph was an active member of the Knights of Columbus Council 4130, where he received the Past Grand Knight Medal, as well as becoming a Fourth Degree Knight, which is the highest and most status level a Knight can become.

Whereas Joseph enjoys spending time with his family, camping and fishing.

And whereas it is only fitting that the citizens of the city of Garfield Heights join me, along with his loving family and many friends, in extending heartfelt best wishes, that Joseph Suster, on the occasion of his 80th birthday.

Now therefore, I, Matthew Burke, Mayor of the City of Garfield Heights, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, May 26, 2021, to be known as Joseph Suster Day throughout the city of Garfield Heights."

Congratulations, Mr. Suster. If you're on the call, I wish you Happy Birthday.

Mr. Suster: I'm here.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Happy birthday, Joe.

**MR. SUSTER:** Thank you.

**CLMN BLAKE:** Happy birthday, Joe.

**MR. SUSTER:** Thank you.

**CLMN JOHNSON:** Happy birthday.

**MR. SUSTER:** Thank you.

**CLERK:** Happy birthday, Joe.

**MR. SUSTER:** Thank you.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Mr. Michael Clyde. Are you on the call?

Mr. Clyde. Yes, I am, Mayor.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Okay, Mr. Clyde at this time, I'm going to just say this to Council and the residents of Garfield Heights. I got a text message on Sunday afternoon about a fire that happened at 4923 East 86<sup>th</sup> Street on Sunday morning. Mr. Clyde saw the fire, saw the smoke. He kicked in the door and alerted the occupant and assisted her out. That is some heroic events there that I just think need to be pointed out. Mr. Clyde, how long have you lived in Garfield Heights?

**MR. CLYDE:** Roughly about three years.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Three years. I want to personally say thank you for being the person you are and the neighbor that you are. It is just unbelievable that you took your time and your courage to do what you did. I want to say thank you for that. I urge Council to have a resolution drawn up for the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting to honor you for doing what you did.

**MR. CLYDE:** Thank you, Mayor.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Mr. Mayor.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Yes.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I ask my fellow Councilmen to please vote with me now for a resolution to honor Mr. Clyde at our next Council meeting. If I could get a roll call on that, please.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** All right. Barb, give a roll call to be able to vote on a resolution at the next meeting that Clmn Tom Vaughn is asking for the support.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Yes. most definitely. Thank you, Mr. Clyde.

**MR. CLYDE:** Thank you, Mr. Vaughn.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** We appreciate what you done. It's exactly bravery. And with that I vote Yes.

**MR. CLYDE:** Thank you, again.

**CLMN DONAHUE:** Yes.

**CLMN JOHNSON:** It's absolutely marvelous. Mr. Clyde. My vote is yes.

**MR. CLYDE:** Thank you, Sir.

**CLMN BLAKE:** Yes, thank you, Mr. Clyde, for your actions.

**MR. CLYDE:** Thank you.

**CLMN TAGLIARINI:** Yes. And thank you, Mr. Clyde. You are a hero.

**MR. CLYDE:** Thank you.

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Is that everybody? Thank you, Mr. Clyde once again. We'll get that resolution drawn up. I'll give you a call and we'll go over that and I look forward to seeing you tomorrow and going over that video that you have. I'm really anxious to see it and like I said, I want to say thank you. I think the residents need to know there are neighbors like you out there in our community who will help serve their fellow neighbor. Like I said, I can't thank you enough. Thank you.

**MR. CLYDE:** Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, City Council.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** With that, let me get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance number 45-2021 is to address Phase 6 of the Multi Street Repair. This is something that we originally had to apply for a grant and I believe now we have to look at it as a loan because grant funds we did not receive. So I ask Council for support on 45-2021. 46-2021 is to get bulletproof vests for our safety department. This is a grant that I believe we always apply for and we usually get. Ordinance number 47-2021 is the Kmart building. ICP is entertaining a potential renter for that particular potential business for that particular space. So they want to zone it from U-4 to U-11b. It's the entire parcel except for a small spot in the very front. I believe that it should go to the Ways and Means Committee. I would ask for Council to act on it as soon as you can, because I don't really want to hold up any businesses that are coming into the city. It's very important, especially the type of businesses that Industrial Commercial Properties can bring to our city. Ordinance number 48-2021 is for the purchase of a Tahoe for another canine unit. Ordinance. 49-2021 is for the equipment for the canine unit. Ordinance number 50-2021 is addressing the Average Pay Fund and the Police Department. And then also Ordinance number 51-2021 is to address the Average Pay Fund for the Fire Department. I would like to have consideration on all those and support on all those.

Also, Mr. Chairman, I think you're doing a great job tonight. I know this was kind of sprung on you. My prayers go out to Mr. Nenadovich. I don't know what he's doing tonight but I hope everything's fine. Like I said, Mr. Chairman, I think you're doing a great job and I know it's not easy. With that, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Thank you, Mayor. We really appreciate that. Do any members of Council have any questions for the Mayor? Clmn Donahue.

**CLMN DONAHUE:** Mayor, I may have missed it, but do you have a potential date for the park availability? Or is that just something you're working on?

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** I believe Paul Birk is looking at cutting back some of the shrubs and stuff that has grown in. He was looking at that, I think yesterday or the day before? Actually, no, it was last week, like Friday or so. So I don't know where he's at with it. But I'm sure he can address it. But it will be soon because I think it's a necessity.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** All right, thank you. Clmn Donahue. Does anyone else have a question for the Mayor? Well, I have a quick question Mayor. I want to say I'm glad that somebody and we are talking about the Cranwood Park correct on 131st.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Yes, we are.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Okay. We know it has been a long time coming. I can remember when well you probably remember that, Paul, where you couldn't even get a date to get over there. That's how far back up the waiting list was to get into that park over there. It was something. It is a beautiful area and I'm glad that we are once again going to take care of it moving forward because I know some residents want to get in there but I don't want to think back. I want to think forwards. I do appreciate you all moving forward with that and I'm quite sure more than enough people are going to be lined up waiting the opportunity to get in. So I thank you Paul and Mayor because I think it's been a long time coming. Wwe've been trying to get it done and finally it's getting done. So it is appreciated. And with that I thank you Mayor and thank you, Paul, as well.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Do you want to elaborate on that? I don't know if I answered Mr. Donahue's question and I, you know, feel bad if I didn't, but you can elaborate on that. I know you wanted to say some things also.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** I'll let Mr. Donahue speak. I didn't know I cut him off.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** Oh, no. Mr. Donahue. Mr. Birk. Paul Birk.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR PAUL BIRK:** I apologize. I don't know if I was waiting for minutes from the Directors or not. But if I got the floor, then yeah, there really isn't a whole lot that needs to be done there. I mean, the grass has been cut once already. I know Mr. Jackson had his crew there once before. So cutting grass and some brushwork and it's as ready as it's going to be, as far as you know, their normal maintenance on cutting grass and whatnot. I don't think we have a set date in mind, but it almost basically just say, ASAP if anybody's looking for that.

And as far as the use of those fields go. I do want to say that as far as the pool goes, the pool will be open, starting June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-7:00 p.m. Still having some slight issues as far as personnel. So there's a lifeguard shortage all around right now and we have picked up a couple in recent days. I'm hoping it doesn't affect operations at all. Hopefully, you know, things stay status quo with it.

T-ball, softball, both will start the week after, I want to say to them first Monday, which is June 7<sup>th</sup>, I believe it is. Both be played at Donovan Park. Actually, some t-ball will possibly be used at the Girls Hope Boys Hope Field as well. They want to entertain the possibility of us using their field too, as well, which I think that kids really love playing on that turf field. I'm moving forward with that.

The Mayor's friend, Beth, she reached out to me, I'd say a couple of weeks ago, asking what could she do to help. She offered to buy uniforms, for shirts for t-ball/softball. It helps with the cost a little bit, but she asked about any other options. She says she has some strong connections with Nike and with Under Armor and I entertained the thought of possibly purchasing some cleats for the kids. That way, if they're going to do besides just baseball or t-ball, that they're going to continue to play soccer and possibly football, we get that up and running. You know, they could utilize it and be able to give some places some needy kids that would really make their day with. She was very stern about trying to make it happen. She sounds like she's got some connections without promising anything, you know, that's coming from her. I think there'll be something in place, but she just couldn't give me a timeframe in that regard as far as making it happen.

Other than that, I believe that's it and you have my report. Oh, no, I apologize. I want to congratulate Mr. Avery Johnson. He came down to our Rec a couple months back and we talked for quite some time and he had some thoughts and ideas as well. I know I emailed and congratulated him but I wanted to formally direct them as well.

**CLMN JOHNSON:** Thank you, Mr. Birk. I appreciate that very much.



**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Okay. Do any members of Council have any questions for our Recreational Director, Mr. Paul Birk? Any questions for him? Okay. I don't want to skip nobody in the order. We go over to, is it our Law Director, Mr. Tim Riley.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Nothing more this evening.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** All right. Thank you, Tim. Appreciate that. Do we have Police Chief Kaye on the line?

**POLICE CHIEF MARK KAYE:** Yes, sir. I'm here.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Okay. The floor is yours.

**POLICE CHIEF MARK KAYE:** I don't have a report tonight though. Thank you, sir.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Okay, we go on next to Fire Department Chief Strope. Is he on the line?

**FIRE CHIEF KEN STROPE:** I have no report this evening. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Oh, okay. We're moving right along two Chiefs in a row. All right. We're going over to our Finance Director. Barb, do you have any report for tonight? Is our Finance Director on the line?

**CLMN BLAKE:** It says she is. She texted me to say she is. She's muted. I asked her to unmute.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Okay, we're going to give her a minute here. Go ahead, Barb.

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BARB BIRO:** I'm sorry. Mr. Dudley. I had to unmute. I apologize.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** No, no. Do you have a report for us tonight?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BARB BIRO:** Yes, we asking for Council support on Ordinance 50 and 51, which is the Average Pay Fund for the Police and Fire Departments. And then with that, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** We appreciate it, Barb. Up next we have Mr. Dave Krock, City Engineer. Do you have a report for us tonight?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** Thank you, Mr. Dudley. Just want to request support of Ordinance 45-2021. That's my report.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** All right. Thank you, Mr. Krock. Next we have Kathy Parssons, Senior Director. Do you have a report for us tonight? Is she on the line?

**CLMN BLAKE:** I don't see her, Mr. Dudley.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** I don't believe she is. I know Noreen says she has a report.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Okay. We'll go to her next. Next we move on to our Economic Developer, Noreen Kuban. Do you have a report for us tonight, Noreen? Is she on Jason?

**CLMN BLAKE:** She was earlier.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** I wonder if she got kicked off.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** We'll give her about a minute. Give her a few to come on because I believe she had something she wanted to say. When we come back to her, do we have Mr. Mark Moro, Building Commissioner ? Is he on tonight?

**CLMN BLAKE:** Mr. Chairman, Noreen is on.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Okay. All right. Noreen, our economic developer. The floor is yours.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** I got Noreen on my cell phone.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** All right. All right. Good enough. Go ahead, Noreen, the floor is yours.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Can you hear me? I'm looking for support of Ordinance number 47-2021. This is to rezone the property, Kmart and the acreage.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Tim, can you turn the volume up? Tim, could you turn the volume up a little?

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Go ahead.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** That's as high as I can turn the volume. Is that better?

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Go ahead. No, that's the best we can do.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** 47-2021 is to rezone the Kmart property and the vacant land to the west, as the Mayor mentioned, from Retail to U-11b Industrial Park, similar to what ICP is doing at Highland Park to former City View site. Then the ordinance will go immediately into committee and then we'll have public hearings. That concludes my report.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** All right. Thank you, Ms. Kuban. Thank you. Appreciate that.

**CLMN TAGLIARINI:** We'll put that into Ways and Means Committee?

**CLMN VAUGHN:** We will do that when we read it, Frank.

**CLMN TAGLIARINI:** Okay. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** All right. And with that, I believe that concludes our report from the Mayor and his Directors for the night.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:**

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Next we have Comments by Citizens on Tonight's Agenda--only what we're voting on tonight. No other conversation. Just what we are voting on tonight. Barb, would you read the rules.

**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 DUDLEY:** All right. Before we ask if anybody wants to speak, Tom, would you be the timekeeper tonight?

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Yes. You know, we skipped Mark Sikon.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Oh, we did. Okay. Let's go back. So, we have our Service Director on now. Mark Sikon for the Service Department. Go ahead, Mark. You got the floor. I apologize for skipping you.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR MARK SIKON:** Don't worry. You guys can hear me okay?

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Yes.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR MARK SIKON:** Let's start off with what I'm sure is on a lot of people's minds. We've had some trash issues last couple of weeks. I had some spirited emails exchanged with myself and Kimble. When that didn't work, I asked them for a face to face meeting which we did have. I explained to them you know what the problems we are having here with the trash being left behind, some missed stops, some promises of going back to get stuff and it doesn't get picked up, blowing out of the truck again, when transferring to the hopper. After I was talking with them for a while, Don Johnson stopped and he says I got to tell you something. He says, I don't have workers. I can't get workers. He says the way it is set up now with the unemployment benefits people are being paid, you know, to stay at home. He says I can't find somebody to sweep the floor. He says my route supervisors have been in the trucks for the last four months doing the routes to ensure that these stops are picked up. Now they are running behind. He says he sees this continuing for the foreseeable future until the rules change.

Making sure that we're not the only ones experiencing this, I did reach out to multiple cities, Bedford, Bedford Heights, Orange, Walton Hills, Maple Heights are some that are with Kimble, some that are with Waste Management, some others and everyone is experiencing the same issue. I understand people are upset. They should be. We're paying for a service and it's not being fulfilled totally because of the late pickups. I mean, they are getting this stuff but a lot of times it's late. And they have a couple of new drivers. He says they set up some interviews for people to interview set up and nobody shows up. He says people show up, they hire them, they work for one day and they just go home and never come back. I know it's not what people want to hear, but it's just, it's a fact, you know, of the way it is right now. So we're working with them as best we can.

I have my foremen out continually daily, even had them out on Saturdays to make sure that some of these missed stops were picked up. We're doing everything we can. Obviously we're in a special situation with this COVID. Hopefully this goes away here shortly and we get back to some type of normalcy but again, we're doing the best we can with and they're doing the best they can with what they have. So that's where that's at right now. Along with trash as a small item we're going to add another can across from right by Turneytown across from the one bar over there. That's where people were having some complaints about glass and stuff. So yeah, we're going to add a city can over there.

Grass cutting, still playing catch up along the same lines. Know, we've struggled getting workers as well. We have a hard time filling some of these part-time positions. We do have two more coming right out of high school. They should be with us shortly. So that will help. But again, without workers, folks, I understand that you know, you have to understand there's only so much we can do. Along with grass cutting, driving the streets, just mass amounts of grass is being blown in the street. I don't know if it's just residents and/or contractors. But it's not just aesthetics. You know, we're talking about blowing grass in the street. You know that clogs the sewers. So we need to keep the grass out of the street. Spend a few minutes to either sweep it up or just blow it back up on the tree lawn. It actually is good for the grass. So hopefully more folks can help us out with that.

So good news, patching. We have pretty much completed in the city. I know we have a couple streets that we're re hitting because we got done early and then the snow came and we had to put the plows back out. So a couple of streets that we have to touch up and essentially we are done. We used approximately 250 tons of hot mix. This is extremely early to get done. Very proud of my foremen and the workers down there. Again, it's a thankless job, you know, you're there to patch so you're supposed

to patch, but 250 tons is quite a bit of material that these workers did for us. That's going to cost me lunch because they got it done so fast and it's going to be well worth it.

Now that we're pretty much done with that, we'll be moving on to some other miscellaneous items that we have backed up on, one of them would be getting the street sweepers back out, we downed them twofold. One, because we want to give everybody a patch and get the streets patched as fast as we could, two, both the machines need extensive repairs to the boxes are, welder has been very busy down there welding on some new plate--pieces of metal and stuff to shore up these things. They're very old. And my guys do a great job keeping them on the road. So they'll be back out they've been they've been off the street for a little bit, you probably could tell there's some. You see the trash starting to pile up and stuff here and there. So we'll be back out there for us running those machines as much as we can and get as much as we can cleaned up

Some of the miscellaneous items we'll be moving on to is some trees. I know one of the Councilmen calling me about some signs they just finished up. We'll be putting those up this week. So a bunch of miscellaneous items that we'll be getting you getting to.

We had a couple of complaints. One on McCracken about the amount of semis on the road. Obviously did checking, it's a dedicated truck route so they're allowed to be there. She was concerned about again, the house is shaking from the trucks going by, spoke with Chief Kaye about watching some of these drivers and their speeds maybe that can help. Understanding the roads. The joints are failing and we haven't patched but it's not exactly smooth. And those trucks and amount of weight that they carry, it does create some noise and some vibrations I'm sure. Also I spoke with Jim Sickles because that is a County road. We're looking into a program that helps. That'll pay for extra like, they'll pay half; it'll actually pay for the material. We'll pay for the labor to fix some of those joints when we're starting to work with him on that.

I also had a resident on Elmwood contact about the condition of the street, which is rated poor that one and several others in the city we are we're aware of it. As of now I've been told no plans to repave any streets. We're still finishing up some stuff. Some of the chip sealing from 2020 I know we have Multi Phase 4 and Multi Phase 5 going on right now along with the Broadway waterline. Best we could do right now is to keep the streets patched as best we can. I get it and I understand the road's rough. There's several in the city that have to be done so we're working for that but without the funding right now we can't really do nothing about that.

This past Saturday we had our Household Shred event--extremely popular. If some of those maybe aren't aware of it, but for two weeks we collect household hazardous waste and then on the second Saturday we do the paper shred event. We had about nearly it was like 275 people that showed up. It's a showdown there. My guys humped down there; they moved really fast. Cars will be lined up all the way up and down McCracken to get in there. We get them in get them out get the paper shredded, we shredded 10,000,120 pounds of paper we shredded in one day. So it's a real crowd pleaser. Everybody really likes it down there. So if you haven't experienced that maybe the next one is coming up. It'll be in September. It starts September 7<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup> . Then the 13<sup>th</sup> through the 18<sup>th</sup> and the 18<sup>th</sup> is the shred day. Now the shred day is always the second Saturday and it's only on that Saturday. That's from 9:00 a.m. till noon. For those that you don't haven't done that like I was saying. Along with the shred event it's put on. Pat Salemi applies for this. We get it twice a year. We get two shred days. And along with that they give us some money for awareness and educational materials. We use that throughout the year. The district is trying to promote recycle right and everything is not. You cannot recycle everything so pay attention to what's on the lid of the garbage can and only put those items that really it says right on the lid. We can go on the Solid Waste District Website and it gives you a little more education on some of the items that you could put in the recycle. I believe with that, you have my report. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Hey, we appreciate that. Anybody got any questions for the Service Director Mark Sikon? We have Clmn Tagliarini. Okay. You talk which one was first?

**CLMN TAGLIARINI:** Okay, I go first, okay. Two things just want to back up to the garbage. I have friends that I was over in Seven Hills and also old Brooklyn. They have the same situation with Kimble. I was on Saturday. Nobody picked up their trash. It was supposed to be done on Thursday. And it's the same story everywhere. We can't get help and I put my hat off to you. I know the problems you're running into. I hear that story not only from their restaurants every day on the news, same thing. I know you're fighting a battle there and I appreciate it.

Also, I just have a question. Do we have any plans for any restriping being done shortly because there's some streets that really need it--our main streets.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR MARK SIKON:** Thanks, Frank. Yeah 100% we are going to be starting well, going back to the trash yes, we're certainly not the only ones that are experiencing this and the restaurants are 100% right. If anybody goes anywhere to any store, you'll see that manpower and girl power is down right now. So yeah, it's across the board. Everybody's struggling with that.

As far as striping, speaking with Barb Biro here shortly, I actually spoke with the director of Maple Heights. I thought we could try and get a combination you know double city get a better price so we're going to be working with Maple Heights and trying to get a bid out there. I agree with you have some streets they have to be striped but as part of the miscellaneous on that we're going to be getting to will be crosswalks and stuff which we take care of at the Service Garage. Now we don't have the equipment to stripe the large roads and stuff like that. But crosswalks and stop bars and some miscellaneous, smaller items, school zones, stuff like that we take care of in house. Like yes, so I'll be speaking with Barb Biro on that. Hopefully we can get some striping done here.

**CLMN TAGLIARINI:** Thank you very much.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Clmn Donahue was next.

**CLMN DONAHUE:** Okay, Mark, you brought up McCracken. Okay, I've been fighting it for a while. That's my Ward. I realize it's a County road, but is there any way maybe the speed limit could be reduced to 30 miles an hour? Or maybe limit the vehicles for local use, instead of just going up and down there?

**SERVICE DIRECTOR MARK SIKON:** I believe that I would have to defer to the Police Department on that, because they make all sign changes, anything that goes with the roads and speed limits and stuff. I'm not saying they control it, but there's any changes that has to go through the Police Department

**CLMN DONAHUE:** And restrictions for the type of vehicles or not or the if they're only there for local like. I understand they have to go to the hospital for certain things. But just big semis just going up and down the road. I mean, can it be limited?

**SERVICE DIRECTOR MARK SIKON:** Again, I have to defer to the police on that. I agree with you the amount of heavy truck traffic is incredible. And now that Broadway is being worked on I think people are looking for shortcuts and coming through the backside of the city and stuff but possibly Chief Kaye can expound on that a little bit for you.

**CLMN DONAHUE:** Okay.

**POLICE CHIEF MARK KAYE:** I'd have to defer again, to the legal department. I don't think you can change or limit anybody going on County or State routes as far as where they can go and what they can

carry. I don't know how we'd go about changing it. To be honest with you. I'd have to check with the Law Department.

**CLMN DONAHUE:** Okay. All right. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Do any members of Council, any other members have any questions for Mr. Sikon? okay. There's no more hands up there, Jason?

**CLMN BLAKE:** Avery Johnson has a question.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** All right, Mr. Johnson.

**CLMN JOHNSON:** Mr. Sikon, this is Avery Johnson. How you doing, Sir?

**SERVICE DIRECTOR MARK SIKON:** Good, sir. Welcome aboard. Hold on a second. Can you hear me?

**CLMN JOHNSON:** Yes, I can. Well, thank you again. I'm glad to be aboard. I would like to just meet with you because I have gotten a lot of complaints. I know that is a budget issue. But I would like to meet with you and talk to you about some ideas that may have been. At the same time, I want to thank you again and I know I'll leave that for my comments. But thank you again for what you do.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR MARK SIKON:** You call my office any time. We set up an appointment, I can stop at the house or however you want to work it. Absolutely.

**CLMN JOHNSON:** No problem. Thank you, sir.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR MARK SIKON:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Clmn Blake, any more hands up from members of Council?

**CLMN BLAKE:** I do not see any.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:**

**,PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Okay. Now we're going to go back to Comments by Citizens on Tonight's Agenda. And once again, Barb, I'd like for you to read the rules. And remember, this is only comments dealing with what's on the agenda tonight. No other comments is allowed.

**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 DUDLEY:** All right, with that, I thank you, Barb. And do we have any hands out there, Clmn Blake for anybody who wants to speak on tonight's agenda and tonight's agenda only?

**CLMN BLAKE:** I do not see any right now.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** You don't see any? Alright, with that said, then we will get into tonight's ordinances and resolutions. All right. Resolution Number 45-2021. Would you please read it, Barb?

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Point of Order, Mr. Dudley. It's not a resolution. It's a ordinance.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Correction. It's a ordinance. Thank you, Mr. Riley. Ordinance number 45-2021  
Thank you for the correction.

ORDINANCE NO. 45-2021

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S), FOR THE MULTI-STREET RECONSTRUCTION & WATERLINE REPLACEMENT – PHASE 6—PROJECT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO EXECUTING ANY AND ALL APPLICATIONS, AGREEMENTS AND /OR CONTRACTS AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE OPWC IN ORDER TO SECURE THE LOAN FUNDS REQUESTED, PER THE APPLICATION AS PREPARED BY CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Alright, right. Thank you. I would like to make a motion to consider by title.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Mr. Chairman?

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Clmn Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I would like to make an amendment to this ordinance please.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Okay. You'd like to make a motion to amend this ordinance.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Yeah. On the sixth "Whereas, the city of Cleveland's share of this project would be 65% of \$3,153,000". Not \$3,153. A typo was made, and we need to add another zero. If I could have a second on that, I'd appreciate it.

**CLMN DONAHUE:** I second it.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Okay. Barb, could you read the roll call for the amendment made on ordinance 45-2021 by Clmn Tom Vaughn. Can we have a roll call?

Motion to AMEND THE ORDINANCE:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Okay, so Ordinance number 45-2021 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 46-2021

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT AVAILABLE BY THE PATRICK LEAHY BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP CREATED BY THE BULLETPROOF VEST PARTNERSHIP GRANT ACT OF 1998 FOR THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Okay, so Ordinance number 46-2021 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 47-2021

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, KNOWN AS ORDINANCE NO. 121-1962, PROVIDING FOR THE REVISION OF THE BUILDING ZONE MAP BY CHANGING THE ZONING OF CERTAIN PARCELS AS FOLLOWS:

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Mr. Chairman?

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Clmn Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** At this time I would like to move to place this ordinance number 47-2021 to the Ways and Means Committee.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Okay. Barb, Roll call, Barb.

Motion to PLACE THE ORDINANCE INTO THE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Okay, the motion to move it to the Ways and Means Committee passes with 6 Yes votes. Next we have Suspension of the Three Reading Rule. Can I have a roll call?

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Point of Order, Councilman. Hold on. Once it is moved to committee you can't vote on waiving the three. When it comes out of committee you can waive the Three Reading Rule.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** I got that. I appreciate that, Tim. So Ordinance number 47-2021 is going to be moved to the Ways and Means Committee.

ORDINANCE NO. 48-2021



AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2021 CHEVROLET TAHOE FROM GANLEY CHEVROLET OF AURORA, LLC

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Ordinance number 48-2021 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 49-2021

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NORTH COAST TWO WAY RADIO FOR THE OUTFITTING OF ONE (1) 2021 CHEVROLET TAHOES WITH K-9 UNIT EQUIPMENT

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Ordinance number 49-2021 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 50-2021

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 51-2020 TO UPDATE THE SALARIES OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR 2021 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 41 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:  
AYES: Dudley, Donahue, Johnson, Blake, Tagliarini, Vaughn  
ABSENT: Nenadovich

VOTE ON ADOPTION:  
AYES: Dudley, Donahue, Johnson, Blake, Tagliarini, Vaughn  
ABSENT: Nenadovich

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Ordinance number 50-2021 passes with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 51-2021

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 52-2020 TO REFLECT INCREASED SALARIES OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR 2021 IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 41 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CHARTER

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:  
AYES: Dudley, Donahue, Johnson, Blake, Tagliarini, Vaughn  
ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:  
AYES: Dudley, Donahue, Johnson, Blake, Tagliarini, Vaughn  
ABSENT: Nenadovich

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:  
AYES: Dudley, Donahue, Johnson, Blake, Tagliarini, Vaughn  
ABSENT: Nenadovich

VOTE ON ADOPTION:  
AYES: Dudley, Donahue, Johnson, Blake, Tagliarini, Vaughn  
ABSENT: Nenadovich

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Ordinance number 51-2021 passes tonight with 6 Yes votes.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:**

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Now, we're going to move on. Before we move on, I want to make it perfectly clear, she's going to read the rules. We will not entertain anything on a first time nature? Absolutely not. You would have to spoke to your member of Council or somebody within the Administration before you bring it to the floor. Now, next, we have Comments by Citizens. Barb, would you please read the rules?

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

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Thank you. Do we have any hands up tonight, Jason or Tom? Do you all see anybody's hands up?

**CLMN BLAKE:** Mr. Suster.

**MR. SUSTER:** Thank you very much. First of all, I'd like to wish Avery Johnson a lot of luck in being appointed Councilperson in Ward 4.

**CLMN JOHNSON:** Thank you, Mr. Suster.

**MR. SUSTER:** And I'd also like to thank Mr. Michael Clyde for his bravery in taking care of that fire. That was a great thing.

I heard people talking about, you know, people, some of the services that aren't up to snuff, and I can understand what Mr. Birk is going through as far as trying to get people. As you drive around you see businesses that have never ever had signs up, you know, now hiring and things like that. So restaurants and everybody has a problem with that.

My next point, might hurt some people, but I think it needs to be brought. I haven't heard anybody from City Council bring this up to the Law Director or Mayor or anything like that. And that is Shayla Davis leaving City Council. I think the legislation needs to be drawn up.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Mr. Suster, you have spoken? I know you know the rule.

**MR. SUSTER:** I have talked to everybody. I'm speaking please.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** No, no, no. Mr. Suster. Have you spoken to a member of Council or somebody in Administration?

**MR. SUSTER:** Yes, I have. I've talked to Mr. Vaughn about this. I've talked to the Mayor about it. I know the rules of Council.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Just double checking.

**MR. SUSTER:** Let me speak, please. Mr. Dudley, let me speak, please.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** All right. No problem.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Mr. Dudley, he has spoken to me.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** I'm just double checking.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I know, Mike.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Yes, Ms. Molin.

**CLERK:** Can we please have Mr. Suster's address?

**MR. SUSTER:** 11000 Brunswick Avenue. Let me know when you're ready, Barb.

**CLERK:** Oh, that's fine, Mr. Suster. Thank you.

**MR. SUSTER:** I really thought that probably the Councilman from Ward 5 would have brought this to the attention of the other members of Council. But I think we need to go back after Shayla Davis to recoup the monies that the city of Garfield had paid her for, even though she was doing fraud. And I don't know, I think Mr. Riley will probably have to do this. But I would like to hear a report on this within the next few Council meetings, saying what we're doing to recoup our money. You know, I've always heard, well, being on City Council, you know, that we our finances, were in dire straits. Well, here's a place that we can pick up some money that should not have been paid to somebody that was defrauding the city of Garfield Heights.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Mr. Chairman, this is Tim Riley. I can report on this right now. Mr. Suster, I've done extensive research on this issue and we cannot recollect the funds back.

**MR. SUSTER:** Why?

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** She did the work. She was de facto Council person. I have case law I can cite to you if you need it, but we cannot collect the money back. It is not possible under the status of the law.

**MR. SUSTER:** Well, could you send me a copy of that, please?

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Sure. I can tell you right now it says.

**MR. SUSTER:** I'm not asking you to talk to me about it. Send it to me. I want to read it.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** Okay. I mean, that is my legal opinion. I'm sorry, if you don't agree with it.

**MR. SUSTER:** Okay, well, I've heard legal opinions before that I didn't agree with and after a while I found out they were wrong also. I mean, yeah, I know you don't go into a courtroom and say, well, we lost already. Let's go on with this case.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** I'm not saying that we lost already, Mr. Suster. What I'm telling you is I've done the research on the law and made a determination. Unfortunately, you don't like my determination.

**MR. SUSTER:** Right.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** I'm sorry.

**MR. SUSTER:** Well, I, myself, even though I'm still not on City Council, I still look out for the best interest of the people of the city of Garfield Heights.

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** As do I.

**MR. SUSTER:** And if we were able to recoup that money, it could be used in projects that we need throughout the city. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman. Thank you for your time. Oh, and I want also to thank Mayor Burke for the proclamation for my wife and myself. As he said, Wednesday, I'll be celebrating my 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. And on Thursday, we'll be celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. So I want to thank you. Thank you, Mayor for the Proclamation.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Okay, thank you. And Happy Anniversary to you and your wife as well. Happy Anniversary. Do we have any other hands up out there, Mr. Blake or Mr. Vaughn?

**CLMN BLAKE:** Renae Bolton.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Okay, you're next. Have you spoken with a member of the Council or the Administration, Ms. Bolton?

Ms. Bolton: Yes.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Okay.

Renaë Bolton, 5749 Turney Road. I wanted to clarify what I was asking Mr. Tagliarini regarding the Memorial Day Parade, I was not asking for political signage to be on vehicles. I am in contact with someone from another city who has an organization where they do things with the vintage cars. And when I found that out, I of course, let her know about the Memorial Day Parade, and you know what all was happening with the vintage cars. And she was asking if they could put something on the vehicles to promote the health organization that her nonprofit that she has going on in Maple and it's promoting men's health, and they use vintage vehicles to get men to come out to look at the vintage cars. I guess it's a guy thing. And when they come out, you know, they can also get blood pressures checked then and all of that. I was not asking about political signage on cars. I was asking if she could put signage on the cars about her nonprofit organization.

**CLMN BLAKE:** That shouldn't be a problem Ms. Bolton. There are other groups that'll have some signage for their organization. So that shouldn't be a problem.

**MS. BOLTON:** Okay, thank you.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Do we have any other hands up out there? Jason?

**CLMN BLAKE:** I do not see any.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Okay. I guess that take care of the miscellaneous business. I want to mention one thing. I had a young man, I saw during the week when I was walking out there. And it's on me that the message didn't get to Clmn Donahue. And with the young man I talked about, I failed to send on the information. My apology is an apology to him and his father. He was passionate about the fact he belonged to the hockey team here in Garfield Heights. And he had mentioned when he turned 14, and I told him get in touch with the Recreational Director. I believe when he turned 14 and he was out the program, and he would like to have seen it go a little more distance far as age. I believe that was the conversation. I do apologize that I didn't send him his information of your goal, but that's the comment that he wanted to make. I believe he lived on Langston, but he definitely say he's going to be reaching out to his Council representative who is Chuck Donahue and I apologize to him for not getting information to him sooner. I already have done that with him. Okay. That concludes the miscellaneous business by the citizens.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Now we will go to Miscellaneous Business by members of Council. I would like to start with Clmn Tom Vaughn and work our way back down to Ward 1, meaning that I will be last. Clmn Vaughn, you have the floor.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thank you, Mr. Dudley. First of all, Mr. Dudley, you've done an excellent job tonight. I know you were thrown into this about an hour before the meeting and I appreciate you taking the helm tonight and running this meeting so smoothly for us.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Thank you.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I would like to talk about an incident that happened over on Sunset last week. The end of March, a group of neighbors over there's wife saw some activity that was going on, that was not normal for their area. We met. We discussed it. I turned it over to Chief Kaye. They investigated. They made a bust there last week. That was very beneficial. I want to thank the residents of Sunset for looking out and watching what's going on in their neighborhood. This is about the second or third one I've had in my Ward in the past few years where the residents came, spoke to us and we were able to get it done. And the fact that they were able to move so quickly. I have to commend the Police Department and Chief Kaye and the Drug Enforcement League and everybody for what an excellent job. But most of all, I thank

the residents of Sunset, for watching, caring and making sure that this got turned over to the right authorities. I commend you for that.

Tomorrow night, I'll be having my Block Watch at 7:00 p.m. at the pavilion at St. Monica's. It's supposed to be a beautiful night. Come on up and join us. All are welcome. We'll be talking about some of the things going on here in the city and it's always a good time. With the COVID regulations breaking up, please come out, get to know your neighbors again. This is a good way for everybody to know what's happening in our community.

Joe Suster and Donna Suster. Joe, I want to commend you on your 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. And Donna--God love you--60 years. You are a saint. I appreciate both of you for all you've done for our community and may you have many more years together.

Mr. Clyde, I don't know if he's still on or not? What an act of bravery--what you did. That is why I have asked that we have a resolution honoring you for what you did. You know, it's very easy to go on social media and just tear things down all the time. It's very easy to come on to comments and be a keyboard warrior and put things down. But here's a man that cared enough about his neighbor, a man who's only lived in the community three years and he went in, pulled somebody out of a fire. He is a true hero. It's people like him that make this such a great city.

We're going to be having our parade for Memorial Day on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10 o'clock. I hope to see a lot of people out there. You know I'm so glad that the parade is coming back. Sure, it is not exactly what we're used to, but we're getting it there. Maybe next year we'll be able to march and do the things we did before, but please come on out.

Let's remember those that gave the ultimate sacrifice and gave it all for all of us.

That's about all I have. I want everybody to be safe next weekend, drive safely. Enjoy your families. And most of all, take a moment out to say a prayer and give thanks. I'm done, Mr. Dudley.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Thank you. Next, we will have I believe Clmn Tagliarini of Ward 6.

**CLMN TAGLIARINI:** Thank you. I've got a couple of things that I'd like to talk about tonight. Pick up where Mr. Vaughn left off at the parade. One of my positions with the parade committee is with the vintage cars. I do have quite a few coming. Looks like we're going to have a beautiful day on the eight-day forecast that I was seeing this morning. So I look for a good turnout. Hopefully we're going to have a great turnout on the sides of the roads for the parade. I am asking all the vintage car people that will be coming to arrive about 9:15 a.m. on the Turney Road entrance on Maple Leaf and out. That way we could set it up and have the lineup.

Next, I'd like to welcome Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson, I know you're going to be a great member to the city of Garfield, a member of the Garfield.

**CLMN JOHNSON:** Thank you.

**CLMN TAGLIARINI:** The legislation portion of it and your background and all you have to offer. If I could help in any way, shape or form don't hesitate to give me a shout.

**CLMN JOHNSON:** Thank you.

**CLMN TAGLIARINI:** Mr. Suster. I want to thank you for all your years of service to the city. You are an incredible man. Happy Anniversary. Happy Birthday. Super amount more to go.

Mr. Clyde. I don't even know what to say to you. You did such a wonderful thing. You are the hero in Garfield Heights today. Thank you. Thank you very much.

And with that. I'll turn the floor back over to you, Mr. Dudley.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** All right. Thank you, Clmn Tagliarini. Next we have Clmn Jason Blake out of Ward 5. Floor's yours, Councilman.

**CLMN BLAKE:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would just like to wish everybody an upcoming safe and happy holiday weekend. I would like to encourage everybody to come out and see the parade. I'd like to acknowledge some citizens who took the time and did a lot of work at the Memorial Plaza. Jen Neurones, PJ Neurones, Sherri Rasmussen and Bill Douglas as well. The area was mulched, power washed down, and it looks really good for the upcoming ceremony. I'd also like to thank Weldon PC, as he will be live streaming the parade at Garfield Heights, that info on Monday. It will also be recorded to be viewed at a later date.

I'd like to wish Mr. Suster a Happy Birthday and he and his wife a Happy Anniversary.

As well with Mr. Clyde, I would just like to thank him for his heroic actions on the date that they occurred.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Mayor Burke for adding more diversity equity inclusion training with Dr. Fletcher Crawford in the future. That's my report.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** All right. Thank you, Clmn Blake. And next we have I believe our newest member of the City Council. Welcome aboard. We have Clmn Avery Johnson. You're up Councilman.

**CLMN JOHNSON:** Thank you again, Mr. Chairman. First of all, I want to say thank you for the City Council members that voted to allow me to represent Ward 4, which I'm extremely grateful. I know there is some work that must be done and I hope and pray that I will be a asset to the City Council on getting the work done for the city of Garfield and for the residents of Ward 4.

I'd like to take this time to say thank you again to Mr. Suster. Thank you for your many years of service and Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary as well.

I want to thank again to Mr. Michael Dudley and the Mayor for the swearing in ceremony that I went through the other day and my family, my wife, my children, they say thank you as well.

I hope and pray everybody have a Happy Memorial Day.

Oh, one other thing too. I did notice while I was out today that grass was being cut in Ward 4 and it is much appreciated. And again, thank you, everybody.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** All right. Thank you, Clmn Avery once again, welcome aboard. And next we have Well, we have Clmn Mike Nenadovich, who is not here tonight. So we will move down to Ward 2 where we have Clmn Charles Donahue. The floor is yours, Councilman.

**CLMN DONAHUE:** Okay. First. Welcome, Mr. Johnson to Council.

**CLMN JOHNSON:** Thank you.

**CLMN DONAHUE:** You're going to have a rough job.

I'd like to congratulate the newest police officer. I'm sorry, I cannot say your last name.

Congratulations to Mr. Clyde for saving lives. It takes a real hero for that.

And on to Joe Suster. Congratulations. I don't know how your wife put up with you that long. And I would have sworn you're more than 80 years old. Congratulations on both parts. She's the one that needs the award, not you.

On to other notes. I made up a list and it's very lengthy, but I'm throwing it aside. I'm not going to do it. I just want everybody to have a good, enjoyable Memorial Day weekend and be safe. Thank you very much. Have a good night.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** We thank you. Thank you. Mr. Donahue, Clmn Donahue. I appreciate that. And I also appreciate all the information that were brought from all of our members of Council.

I want to thank my colleagues tonight because this was a good Council meeting. I think it went well. I appreciate the help. I appreciate the signals when something didn't go right. I thank the Lord I they call stuff to my attention as well. So I thank you guys, and thank all of you all as well.

All right, tonight. I want to mention some I want y'all to keep our family in Ward 1 in prayer. You all heard about Ms. Jasmine, trying to pronounce her right Kabil. That's her name. She lost her life in a senseless act of violence in Ward 1 community approximately around the 15<sup>th</sup> of May I believe. And it's ironic because we was calling attention to the senseless violence that we have in the city of Garfield Heights. And on May the eighth we had a Stop the Violence. Because of space, I know some of my colleagues wasn't able to make it, but I know they had notified me and they wished us the best and they kept our community in their prayers. I want to thank the Mayor, Mayor Burke for coming out and Clmn Blake for coming out. I may be leaving somebody out. But I know Clmn Vaughn had a previous engagement as well as Clmn Donahue and I thank Clmn Avery Johnson for also attending. It was a great show. And you can also watch it. But let me know if I skipped somebody. I appreciate Weldon PC that they streamed it live and they placed it also on YouTube. So you can go back and watch it. You know, it was a great program. I believe we put the message, but just to show how violence has become so bad in our community. I had a friend of mine who was there and I will not mention his name. While he was attending the program by the time he got back home. He lives in Maple Heights and I believe it was two people killed on his street. That is what we are coming to right now.

It is no joke out there people. We have to take it seriously. When you see something happen, like the Councilman said, a Councilman would notice in his Ward. Something wasn't right about the house. They reported that. Had they not turned that in, it would have been possibly it could have been a shootout between drug dealers or something. Your eyes is the eyes that we can see everything. Sometimes you got to make the correction and not realize that we do it all the time. We drive by, we stop, but we don't see everything. You know what your neighbor is next door to you. You know about your neighbor, right? You know your street better than we know your street and we do not live on it. So you have to be vigilant.

That's the key word. It is not my community or Council's community. It is our community. It's not the Mayor's community. It's our community. We all have a responsibility to maintain the cleanliness of our community and then maintain the safety in our community. We have that and I ask you that you keep that family in prayer, because that was horrific what happened to her. I just can't imagine it. What I did get a opportunity to speak to the family.

With that, I would like to also mention, I thank Mr. Clyde, he's a brave cat. Oh, an old term. He's a brave individual. And that was selflessness that he did what he did, because he might, he didn't make it out himself. So with that, my heart go out to you. And I appreciate you getting in there and protecting or



saving whoever you did and being able to God bless you to bring your life. So that's why I say God put people in certain spots at certain times, for a reason. You were put there for a reason Mr. Clyde and to show what your reason was.

Also once again, I congratulate our new colleague, Clmn Avery Johnson. I tell you, welcome aboard. I don't see a lot of gray hair now, but my hair was black and I had a head full of hair on the top 14 years ago. You going to be all right and I'm going to tell you, people, it's not an easy job. It's not an easy job and no respect, you know, but I think we all work hard to do the best we can for you all and y'all safety. I don't think nobody here would jeopardize any of y'all safety. I don't believe that will be the case.

I want to mention too, Forestdale Park, that park is not a dog park. I thank Mr. Sikon for putting up the new sign out there. Or I believe it was put up already telling you do not take your dog out. Children play in that park. That's why the sign and that's why the screens are there. So we definitely need you to not walk in and allow your dogs to use the bathroom on that property. Second thing, if you're walking your dogs in the street, take that bag with you. When your dog uses the restroom, I call it outside, you need to clean up behind, don't leave it in nobody's yard for them to clean up. But once a dog marks his territory, every dog could come by it's going to mark that territory as well. We all love animals and know it happens. So clean up behind them. If you see signs posted at any recreational spot, no pets on our property, do not take them on it. I mean, children play and they touch things and they put their hands in their mouth. So let's keep that in mind too, as well.

I want to go down my row here. So I don't miss out on anything. Also, we will as well be returning to our Block Watch. And I want to say every member of Council has done a Block Watch, I either watch it on Zoom, or I attend. It is great information they put out. We ourselves will be returning to our Town Hall meeting around the first week of June. We will be socially spaced so that we don't have to worry about violating any policies that may still exist.

And also, the Memorial Day Parade, I tell you that group, I don't remember all the names, but they put a lot of work into this program and I would love to see as many people come out as possible, all on the side of the road. Let's say let's go ahead and let them know we appreciate it by being there, as well.

And I would say on top of that, congratulations to the new officers that we have.

Congratulations to the former Council member who served all those years because Council was not easy. I tell you, it's not easy at all. So my congratulations for him finishing approximately I believe what 20 or 30 years. 30 years on Council. What was it Mr. Vaughn?

**CLMN VAUGHN:** 30 years.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** 30 years. That's a long time. So it's not easy too. It wears on you, tears on you. But you keep it going, and you believe you're making a difference.

Also, remember, Memorial Day is about your Vets. Pay your respects to your Vets, you know, keep your Veterans in prayer. And let's keep it designed to show our respect for them and also honor some of your family members who have passed. I do go out there to the grave sites and that's the main thing but this year, I'm going to go early so I can be here for the parade.

But most importantly, you know, you're going to have your drinkers out there. We know they going to be drinking and they're going to be busy. Be safe. Be careful when you're driving. Most of all, do not drink and drive.

And with that, and did anybody want to get in a last minute conversation and you have something last minute you want to say, Mayor? I see you leaning toward the screen.

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** I just wanted to make mention that the Garfield Heights Neighbors Idea Hub is having a picnic, I believe on Saturday at the Ironwood Pavilion over at the Garfield Park Reservation, I think, I don't know. I forgot to mention it in my report. So I appreciate you giving me the time to do so. I believe it's from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. I believe. So thank you.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Is that posted somewhere, Mayor? Is that posted on our Website or on the View as well??

**MAYOR MATTHEW BURKE:** I don't know if it's posted on our Website, but we can get it posted on our Website. But I've seen it out there on social media.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** If we could, it would be nice to remember.

**CLMN DONAHUE:** It was on Next Door.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** I appreciate that Mayor.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Mr. Chairman. Mr. Chairman.

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

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I'd like to make a motion to adjourn this meeting.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** Do we have a second?

**CLMN DONAHUE:** Chuck Donahue seconds.

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** All right. We got a second. Can we have a roll call, Barb?

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

ABSENT: Nenadovich

**PRESIDENT DUDLEY:** With that, we have six votes to adjourn tonight's meeting. I thank everybody. This was a beautiful night. I appreciate everybody and the cooperation as far as my colleagues and everybody. Have a Happy Memorial Day for each and every one of us in this city. Thank you and God bless.

**APPROVED:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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