

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, November 25, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m. by Council President Matt Burke.

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Thomas Vaughn

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Reading and Disposal of the Minutes of the Meeting for Tuesday, November 12, 2019.

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Clmn Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I would like to make a motion that we approve the Minutes for the Tuesday, November 12, 2019 Regular Meeting as written.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Nenadovich to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the city of Garfield Heights for Tuesday, November 12, 2019, as submitted, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: The Meeting Minutes have passed with 7 Yes votes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: We will move on now to the reports of the Mayor and the Directors. Mayor, I see you brought some of your friends with you this evening again.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Absolutely. There's a lot of muscle out there for me tonight. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We always, as a Council, city and staff, talk about our safety forces because they really do a heck of a job. We're proud of everything the Fire Department and Police Department does. There is a part of the safety forces that probably doesn't get as much recognition as they should. I want to tell you they're as valuable as anybody else on our safety

forces. That's our Auxiliary Police. Today I have an opportunity to swear some of these guys in, promote some of them and I'm really looking forward to it. These guys are headed up by Commander Mike Lange. He does a wonderful job. These Auxiliary guys do a wonderful job, but more wonderful than either one of them is that we have a very important announcement to make today. Commander Lange's wife, Stephanie: it's her 29th birthday today. Please stand and everybody give her a round of applause. I want all the recruits to know that she asked me for something today. She said if you didn't bring her a present tonight then you're not supposed to be sworn in. So I want you to know what you're dealing with in the future.

Mike, if I can have you come forward and we could start.

Mayor Collova then swore in the Auxiliary Officers as follows:

- Lt. Paul Sadowski.
- Sgt. David Dosky.
- William Douglas.
- Robert Glazier.
- Albert Peterson.
- Gregory Williams.

Photographs were taken of each Auxiliary Officer with his family immediately following each swearing in. Once all the Officers had been sworn in they posed for a group photo with Mayor Collova.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: The Auxiliaries do a great job. You'll see them around town working some part time jobs in the stores, some non-paid events for the city, doing security in the Civic Center, etc. They do a great job. They step up for us if we need prisoner details. Some of them work in the jail. I really appreciate the extra guys coming aboard. We could definitely use them. Mike would agree with that. Paul and Dave, congratulations. They've been around for a long time and they deserve their promotions.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mayor, we can proceed with the meeting.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. To go on with my report for tonight, a couple of announcements I want to make. Number 1. This Sunday is the Garfield Heights Christmas Lighting Ceremony. It's here at 5:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. Holiday music at 5:00 p.m. Outdoor lighting and caroling at 5:30 p.m. Our great Santa Claus is here as he arrives on a fire truck at the conclusion of the lighting ceremony. After the lighting ceremony indoors for refreshments and photos with Santa. Following the holiday lighting activities head over to the Dan Kostel Rec Center for a free ice skating event from 6:00–8:00 p.m. Admission is free for residents or \$5.00 for anyone without proof of residency. This includes skate rental. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. This lighting ceremony we have every year is really nice. To see the lights when they go on. The Service Department works very hard to turn the lights on and putting those lights up. We're really proud of what they do and of those lights that we have here. Every year my biggest worry is when I stand outside waiting for Santa Claus and I say Mr. Director, turn the lights on. I'm scared to death that they're not coming on, but up to this time they've worked every year. It's a great event. Please come. Bring your kids. Bring family. It's really well worth it.

The next notification I wanted to read to you. I just received the notification as the meeting started. I want to read the whole thing.

“Industrial Commercial Property purchases the former Kmart building in Garfield Heights. They promise to bring adaptive redevelopment to the 89,300 square foot building. The Industrial Commercial Property is once again investing in Northeastern Ohio with the purchase of 12501 Rockside Road in Garfield Heights. Chris Semarjian, owner of ICP, who is nationally known for his ability to purchase large scale facilities and repurpose the buildings, is excited about the opportunity to not only develop this site but also create and retain jobs in Garfield Heights. This 89,300 square foot building is situated on 9.3 acres and is ideal for many different uses. The former Kmart site is centrally located with highway access. The structure with its height and column spacing lends itself to adaptive redevelopment. ICP plans to update the facility including the exterior.

When looked at the market place we believe Garfield Heights is uniquely situated to take advantage of the unparalleled access to I-480 and I-77 and Rockside Road says Chris Semarjian. The city of Garfield Heights is committed to promoting a conducive environment for business development and we believe that investing in this area will generate jobs and improve the community. We believe that there are a multitude of opportunities in the city of Garfield Heights that will establish our commitment to the community.

Vic Collova, Mayor of Garfield Heights, is pleased that the development of this site will have a positive impact on the city. We are excited about this opportunity not only to develop the site, but to work with the talented team at ICP on future projects. Their vision for redevelopment of this site is incredibly positive for our city and promises to be the impetus for a long term relationship.”

A little bit about ICP (Industrial Commercial Properties). Founded in 1996, Industrial Commercial Properties, LLC is a real estate development company headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, specializing in commercial and industrial rehabilitation and economic redevelopment. The Midwest leader in commercial real estate, ICP currently owns over 140 properties with over 300 tenants and more than 42 million square feet of industrial and office commercial space. I want to mention, please don't call me tomorrow because I can't say anything, but I have a feeling you're going to be hearing from this company again in the not so distant future. This is really great for the city of Garfield Heights. I can't be more excited that the Kmart property is taken over. Believe me, things are happening and they're happening quick. I think the complexion of Garfield Heights is changing rapidly and it's for the better. Just remember that every time any new business comes in, there are tax dollars and I hate to talk on tax dollars, but that's what keeps the city going. When you receive those tax dollars, you're able to use them for services that are much needed in the city of Garfield Heights. I can't wait to be able to spend some of those new tax dollars.

With that said, again please join us on Sunday for the Holiday Lighting Ceremony. We can celebrate the Browns win over Pittsburgh and we can light the lights all at the same time. With that said, I'm going to get into tonight's legislation.

Ordinance 57. To create a Communication and Technology Committee. Something that Council wants to do and has been talking about for quite some time. Sounds like a great idea. Ordinance 58 allows us to go out for bids for specific fire equipment. Ordinance 59 allows us to seek funds for our sidewalk on Antenucci Boulevard, which is greatly needed. Ordinance 60. We're applying for a grant for a refrigerator for the Food Bank. We need that bad. The more food we get in, the more space we need to refrigerate it to keep it fresh. So we're definitely looking at some support on that. Ordinance 61 is a change order in the amount of \$32,430.00 for the Multi-Street Project Phase 4. I think Dave Krock is going to get into that in his talk. Then we'll get into 62, a change order for \$35,000.00 for the Canal Road Project. Again, Dave Krock will answer any questions.

With that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

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

CLMN NENADOVICH: Yes, Mr. Mayor and the Directors. The road that we've been following the past 10 years is finally seeing a surface come through. You guys did a great job on this project coming up. A lot of hard work, Mayor, especially Finance, Dave Krock with his plans. It's a great thing coming. I commend all of you on it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Does anybody else have any comments or questions for the Mayor? If there are none, we will move on to our Law Director, Tim Riley. Tim, do you have a report for us?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Nothing this evening.

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

FIRE CHIEF KENNETH STROPE: The only thing I have this evening is to ask Council's support for Ordinance 58. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Does anybody have any questions for Chief Strope? If there are none, we will move on to our Police Chief, Chief Byrne. Do you have a report?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Thank you Mr. Chairman. Thank you. I just want to remind everybody that the Annual Shop with a Cop is Saturday December 14th. You can purchase raffle tickets that support that up until December 5th. You can purchase them throughout the city, at Balden PC, Fisher Autoparts (formerly Turney Autoparts), Boulevard Convenience, in the elementary schools and the Police Department Records Room. They are on sale until the 5th and that enables us to take some kids in need Christmas shopping a couple of Saturdays before Christmas. We'd appreciate your support on that. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Chief. Is there anybody that has any questions for Chief Byrne this evening? If there are none, we will move on to our Service Director, Tim McLaughlin. Tim, do you have a report this evening?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: Yes, I do. Thank you. As the Mayor mentioned we've been working on putting the lights up.

There's snow here and there but right now, we're focused on the leaf pickup. We started and got through the city for the fourth time. We started with Ward 7 and back to 1 again. Today we were focused all day in Ward 6. It was kind of heavy in there. We are working our way back to the middle. Hopefully we'll get them picked up. We usually stay out until the first week of December unless the weather changes it. I drove around today and a lot of people didn't rake. It was a decent weekend to rake. I see a lot that haven't been raked yet. Hopefully they will rake so we can get them off the tree lawns in the next two weeks.

With that, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Tim. Does anybody have any questions for Mr. McLaughlin on his report? There are none, we will move on to our Finance Director, Ms. Barb Biro. Barb, do you have a report this evening?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Absent.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARB BIRO: No, I do not, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Let's move on to our City Engineer, David Krock. Dave, do you have a report?

CITY ENGINEER DAVE KROCK: Thank you, Mr. President, I do. I want to recommend support of Ordinance 59. This is for (as the Mayor mentioned) going after a grant for a sidewalk on Antenucci. This would run from Antenucci all the way to the end to enter the driveway. It would be a good start to the sidewalk. We'd have to go after more in future years.

Ordinance 61. This is a change order for the Multi-Street Phase 4 Project. The expectation is the cost will be covered either by Cleveland Water or OPWC so there shouldn't be any cost to the city but it is a cost above the original amount.

Ordinance 62. This is Canal Road. A big change here was the road was originally intended to be asphalt, just repaving and after talking with the contractor, the decision was made to go with an all concrete road. So we ended up with a better road and some other costs in other places so overall we think that total cost of the project should not exceed what the original estimate was. I think overall the city should come out even with us having a concrete road.

That's my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Krock. Does anybody have any questions for Mr. Krock on his report this evening? If there are none, let's move on to our Social Services Director, Ms. Kathy Rush-Parsson. Kathy, do you have a report this evening?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSON: Yes, I do. Thank you. Today I wanted to inform Council I did receive notification that our meals contract was approved by the Western Reserve Area Agency for 2020. We did get an increase. We've been awarded up to

\$24,100.00 in funding as well as 8,400 meals for the Senior Center congregate funding and 5,100 meals for homebound Seniors. So this grant will allow us to continue to provide the healthy hot meals to our Seniors throughout next year.

Also, I would like to ask for Council's support of Ordinance 60-2019, which, as the Mayor mentioned, will allow us to apply for funding for a commercial grade refrigerator to expand our fresh food options, such as cheese, yogurt and produce, that we can distribute to our monthly Food Pantry. Right now, we have freezer space but we are only able to purchase frozen items and shelf-stable food. Therefore, this will allow us to expand our program even further.

That's all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Ms. Parsson. Does anybody have any questions for Ms. Parsson on her report? There are none. We'll move on to our Economic Development Director, Noreen Kuban. Noreen, do you have a report?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I wanted to follow up on what the Mayor said about Kmart. Both of us have been working diligently talking to a few companies. The projects did not move forward so we're delighted that ICP has been able to close on the deal.

That concludes my report.

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

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: No report this evening.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mark. That concludes the reports of the Mayor and the Directors. We will move on now to communications from citizens on tonight's agenda. Barb, please read the rules.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Is there anyone wishing to make any comments about tonight's legislation? There are none, we will move right to our Ordinances and Resolutions beginning with Ordinance 57-2019. Will the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 57-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 111.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS TO CREATE THE COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote, I really think this is a very important thing for us to move forward in our community. I'm very excited that one of our new Councilmen is going to chair this up. Clmn Davis. I really think we're going to be using this more and more. So with that, I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 57-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 58-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, AND TO GO OUT FOR COMPETATIVE BIDS, FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: 1) EXTRICATION EQUIPMENT; 2) FIRE HOSE; AND 3) A VEHICLE EXHAUST REMOVAL SYSTEM.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 58-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 59-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING A SIDEWALK ALONG ANTENUCCI BOULEVARD.

Moved by BLAKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 59-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 60-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR THE FRESH FOOD CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT THROUGH THE OHIO ASSOCIATION OF FOODBANKS AND TO USE SAID FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF A REFRIGERATOR FOR THE FOOD BANK.

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 60-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 61-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS WITH DAVID KROCK, CITY ENGINEER, PER THE OHM ADVISORS CHANGE ORDER ATTACHED HERE TO AS EXHIBIT "A," IN REGARDS TO THE MULTI-STREET RECONSTRUCTION & WATERLINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT – PHASE 4.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 61-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 62-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS WITH DAVID KROCK, CITY ENGINEER, PER THE OHM ADVISORS CHANGE ORDER ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT "A," IN REGARDS TO THE CANAL ROAD RESURFACING PROJECT.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 62-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes. That concludes our Ordinances and Resolutions for the evening.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Before we move on to Miscellaneous Comments by Citizens I would like to let everybody know that we have committee assignments for Council and Committees. Clmn Dudley will be chairing our Ways and Means Committee. Clmn Donahue will be chairing our Building Committee. Clmn Nenadovich will be chairing the Legislative Committee. Clwn Davis is going to handle and chair the brand new committee that we just voted on—Communication and Technology Committee. This was something that was brought up by our residents a few months back at a meeting. We listened and we put it together. I'm very excited that she's going to be chairing that. Clmn Blake will be chairing the Recreation Committee. I will be chairing the Landfill and the Transportation and Safety Committees. Clmn Vaughn will be chairing our Finance and Audit Committee along with the Safety Committee. Those are our committee assignments.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT BURKE: Now we will move on to our comments by citizens. Will the Clerk please read the rules.

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Is there anyone wishing to address Council this evening?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: If there are none, we will move on to Miscellaneous Business. Will the Clerk please read the rules?

CLERK: This involves the business of Council in the legislative function; any other problems should be directly dealt with by the department involved. This area of the agenda shall be limited to legislative business, Ward business, lack of attention toward problems, etc.

PRESIDENT BURKE: We will start with Ward 1. Mr. Dudley, you have the floor.

CLMN DUDLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I want to thank Chief Strobe. I didn't get an opportunity to thank you when you came to the last Ward 1 Town Hall. That was an amazing device that you all had. Like putting out a real fire for those that didn't make it. You got to actually see this thing. They got you thinking you putting out an actual fire when you're not, so we appreciate that, Chief.

Second of all I want to thank Deputy Chief Mark Kaye. He's a clone of you, Chief. We appreciate he came out. He got the crowd. He answered a lot of questions. Everything he says he wants to take care of he take care of. We appreciate you all.

Tuesday December 10th at 7:30 p.m. at 12700 Broadway at the Christian Kingdom Assembly Church we be having our last Town Hall Meeting for Ward 1 for the year. Guest speaker will be Judge Deborah Nicastro from Garfield Heights Courts.

I want to remind people that on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, we will be holding our Black History Program again. Our keynote speaker is Acting Court of Appeals Judge Larry Jones. Ironically, Judge Larry Jones done one of our first two Black History Programs back in 2005 and 2006. I got to go back and watch the video. He's going to talk about some big cases from the civil rights era, not Thurgood Marshall, but some cases to get the system to where it is at today. If you never met him, he's a great individual. He's very knowledgeable. I'm sure you're going to be more than impressed when you see him. That will be on February 19, 2020 at Garfield Heights Performing Arts Center. I appreciate the school for allowing us to utilize their property annually to hold this program.

Welcome all the new Members of Council. Welcome back the other Members of Council.

With that, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Dudley. I have a question. What time is your Town Hall meeting and the Black History?

CLMN DUDLEY: The Town Hall Meeting would be on December 10th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 12700 Broadway. That's the Christian Kingdom Assembly. I thank them for letting us use the facility. The Black History Program is going to be Wednesday, February 19th from 6:00-8:30 p.m. at the Garfield Heights Performing Arts Center. It's going to be a great program. Guest speaker is going to be Judge Larry Jones.

One other thing wants to know. The Mayor goes way back. He been coming to the programs since the beginning of time. Not to tell our ages, but we got a video. We going to show you a

video of a guy who was 70 years old. I know the Mayor will remember him--Maurice Cook. He did Mr. Bojangles on roller skates. We going to replay that video from 2005 and 2006. You going to be mesmerized. You ain't going to believe this guy's age. One of the first that the Mayor done also came. With that, Mr. Chairman, I appreciate it.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you.

CLMN DUDLEY: Thank you, Mayor, for attending all the ones you did attending. You never missed one.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Donahue.

CLMN DONAHUE: Just real quick. I know you sit out there when we go through these ordinances, boom, boom, boom and you think we're not taking any time. We get a packet earlier in the week. We read through it. We talk to people. We have a caucus. The young lady over here knows. She's here every week at every meeting. We have caucus where we discuss all this. It's not just OK we have to do these ordinances. We're just going to vote for them. We do have time invested in these. Just to put it out there.

I want to congratulate (they're all gone) all the new Auxiliary Policemen we have.

With that, I'm done. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Donahue. Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mr. Chairman, I'm at a loss for words. Mr. Dudley's program--Black History Month--that's one hell of a program he puts on. I think I missed a couple of them but for the most part made most of them. For the most part, it's very informative. I liked the one where he had (*inaudible*). What a performance. Like a nightclub.

Again, what Mr. Donahue said? We do get this package early in the month and we do read it before the meeting. I come to city hall and I ask the Law Department looking for details on what else is going on as most of the Councilmen do. I don't work so I have that advantage.

Again, I reiterate, congratulations Directors, Council, the Mayor, Economic Development. It's coming.

That's all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Nenadovich. Clwn Davis.

CLWN DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. President, for calling me a Councilwoman. I'd like to congratulate again the Auxiliary Police officers tonight that were sworn in and thank them for their service.

Also, I give a special thanks to the Police Chief, the Fire Chief and the Service Director for having me out last week to really find out what your departments do and how you do it. It was a great time. And especially the Fire Chief for allowing RJ to come back (my grandson who is

three today) on Friday to start his birthday off. He wants to be a firefighter, but I think he decided once we got there he wanted to be the Chief. That's the job he's gunning for. Bringing him back weekly until that happens.

With this week being Thanksgiving, I would just like to tell everyone to find something to be thankful for and grateful for. It's about gratitude and appreciation for family, health, wealth and all the things that you have. This year's been somewhat tough for myself and my family. We experienced six deaths in the course of about a month and a half. So realizing that life is so precious that we really need to look forward to positivity and not so many negative things and just being caught up in minutiae. What we can do to move forward and be progressive and just be decent human beings. This is a week to be thankful. This is a time always to be thankful, but this is a week to be thankful. Find something to be thankful about. I'm thankful for everyone that is here tonight. I'm thankful for the opportunity to serve the community.

That's all I have tonight. Happy Thanksgiving. Have a great time with your family and loved ones.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Clwn Davis. Clmn Blake.

CLMN BLAKE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As all my colleagues have pretty much said at this point, I'd like to congratulate all the Auxiliary officers on their promotions and being sworn in.

As Clwn Davis said, I would like to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving. Please take the time to just spend time with your families and be thankful and enjoy the time you have with them.

I also would like to thank Tim McLaughlin and Chief Byrne for showing me around the departments. Pleasantly surprised that in the Service Department there was a few men that were still there when I cut grass and did ball diamonds 30 years ago. Sorry. Did not recognize names. I wanted to thank Tim McLaughlin because my inexperience in dealing with a service issue I referred to something as a cutout when I was thinking it was a catch basin. I got it called in very late in the year and you guys got it fixed very quickly. I just want to say thank you because there was a pretty large hole that was a hazard that probably could blow somebody's tire out or somebody could trip and fall. I just wanted to say thank you for getting that done as quickly as you did.

Hope to see everybody at the lighting ceremony this weekend, this Sunday. I think the Mayor hit it right on the head—we're celebrating the Browns' victory and starting off the Christmas season.

That's all I have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Clmn Blake. I would just like to also congratulate the Auxiliary Officers, Lt. Sadowski, Sgt. Dosky and the Officers Douglas, Glazier, Peterson and Williams. Looks like a fine bunch of individuals that we have there.

I am very excited about the Council and the assignments that are made, especially with the new committee that we just formed. I think it's going to bring us up to date with where the

world is at today. I look forward to really serving on that committee along with Clwn Davis and being a part of it.

Other than that, I know Ms. Davis has a grandson that you said turned three today so I'm sure she wants to go and celebrate with them.

I just want to say Happy Thanksgiving to everybody.

That's all I have. Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Why, thank you. When I get done in 30 minutes, she will be able to do that.

Real quick. The Garfield Heights City Council Finance Committee will be conducting the 2020 Budgetary Hearings in the Council Caucus Room, number 19 of the Civic Center, on December 4th and 5th 2019. All meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. For a detailed schedule of hearings please contact the Finance Department on Monday December 2, 2019 or check the Finance page of the city's Website. This is something every year we go through. We are a little later doing it this year. It's open to the public. If you're interested, please attend.

I, too, want to congratulate everybody that was promoted or inducted into the Auxiliary. It will be great to have these guys out there. I am especially happy and excited for Paul Sadowski and David Dosky on their promotions. I wish them luck. Most of all a lot of luck and please be safe out there.

Tim, I got to say I think you guys have been doing an excellent job on the leaves. This year my complaints have been minimal compared to other years. I have not heard from anybody on Monica Lane all year so this is going well for me. Pass that on to the guys. I really think they are doing an outstanding job.

Folks, please, I hope to see everybody at the lighting ceremony. It amazes me. I had somebody say to me why don't we ever do anything for Christmas. Why don't we have something for the lights. This has been going on for years. As long as I can remember. So please come out and join us. The weather's not supposed to be too bad. Please be there with us. For those that can skate, enjoy the free skate. Let's use that recreation center.

I think it's exciting about Kmart. I think this is an economic development that could bring many things to Garfield Heights. Most of all, it's in Ward 7. I welcome ICP and I hope we'll be hearing a lot more good news from ICP in the near future.

Folks, I want to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving. For those that are traveling, please drive safely. Travel safely. You know the next few days are going to be the worst days out on the road. Please take your time. For those that are going to be home with your family, enjoy your family. If you have a neighbor that's a widow or a widower, invite them in if they're by themselves so that they're not by themselves. Most of all be grateful for all we have. We really do have many things in this city, community to be thankful for.

Mr. Chairman, you have my report. I make a motion that we adjourn.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I second it.

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:01 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Matthew Burke
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council