

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL  
CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO**

Monday, November 27, 2017

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

**INVOCATION BY:** Council President Matthew Burke

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** At this time, I would like to turn the meeting over to our Law Director Tim Riley to swear in our Mayor on his next term.

*(At this time, Law Director Tim Riley swore in Mayor Vic Collova. Attendees took photographs afterward.)*

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** OK. Let's continue on with the Meeting. Barb, can you take a roll call please.

**ROLL CALL:**           **PRESENT:** Council Members Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn

**READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:**

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Reading and Disposal of the Minutes. Can I get a motion?

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Garfield Heights Council Meeting from Monday, November 13, 2017 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 Monday, November 13, 2017 as written, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa  
The Minutes pass with 7 Yes votes.

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:** None.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None.

**REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:**

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

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I do. I want to start off today talking a little bit about something that was very pleasing about a notice that I received. You know,

through the years we see the press reports about the Garfield Heights School District and our report card and how the grades are and I have said this and Mr. O and the school board have said it many times that the biggest problem with that is the transit students that come and go. Their averages bring everybody down. If in fact, you just went with the grade averages of the kids that started at the beginning and finished their school, those grades would be quite a bit higher than they are now, but unfortunately the school district has to deal with it and most of the residents keep talking about how bad our school district is. So I wanted to read something that I received. This is out of Governor John Kasich's office. It's from the President of the State Board of Education. It's written to Tammy Hager, the principal of Garfield Heights High School. It says

%Dear Principal Hager:

I am very pleased to notify you that the Ohio State Board of Education has granted Garfield Heights High School a 2016-2017 Momentum Award. Now in its third year, the Momentum Award Program is the State's way of recognizing schools that have received A's on each value added measure included on Ohio School and District report cards. Congratulations to you and your school for keeping the learning momentum high. Your school report card for the 2016-2017 school year shows your pupils enjoyed greater than expected growth in reading and mathematics. Your accomplishment makes you part of an elite group of schools that are insuring the academic growth of students from every background ability level. Members of the State Board of Education congratulate you on your vision and on equipping your staff with the tools they need to insure academic growth for each child. Please convey our thanks to your teachers, support staff and parents for believing that every child can achieve. Your school is a wonderful example for all Ohio schools.+

This is written by Tess Elshoff. She is the President of the State Board of Education in the State of Ohio. That's a hell of a heads up for Garfield Heights High School. I couldn't congratulate them more. It just goes to saying that you can't take the bad group of juveniles, children or even adults for that matter and make it outshine the entire group. This shows that the majority of the kids in Garfield Heights are doing great and that very bad group is bringing the averages down. This is a great tribute and I am very proud for the city and very proud for the school. Mr. O and the board and the teachers are doing a great job as far as I'm concerned.

We had a survey done by the Western Reserve a while back on five communities as far as our housing stock. They went through five communities. They did an entire survey of our housing stock and graded it in an A or F. I want to read a preliminary report that we have received and I think it's quite interesting. It says

%This is a starting point to preview the Western Reserve Land Survey data results with residents and beginning informing that public about habitability criteria. The Western Reserve have asked that no data results be posted on-line, in print or shared with the media until the formal final report is announced January 2018. But we can share this general information. The five city survey was fully funded by the Cleveland Foundation and conducted by Western Reserve Land Conservancy. Five cities--Garfield Heights, South Euclid, Euclid, Maple Heights and Warrrensville Heights- were the five cities. The purpose of the survey was to evaluate housing stock in each inner ring city and identify properties in need of improvement or possible demolition. The type of survey was done on exterior assessments only. The rating scale went from A to F. Results.+

Our city's housing stock has been rated very positively. I will share specific rating details following the Cleveland Foundation's formal announcement in January 2018. Overall housing incidents/complaints in the Building Department are down 38% from the previous year.

It also says

Please note the criteria for the survey are not the same as those for internal housing, point of sale or rental occupancy inspections. These are done in a different format.

The Building Department is using the survey data to develop a few steps to work with homeowners to improve C, D, E and F rated properties and to be C or tagged for demolition. There is a misperception among some residents that our housing stock has declined as if its poor condition based on neighbors' assessments. That's simply not true. Chipping paint, missing roof tiles, noisy neighbors and long grass do not make houses uninhabitable and do get cited daily in our Building Department. All of these conditions can be corrected, instantly improving the properties. An ability rating many times these corrections are made without residents even leaving the house.

The reason I want to bring this up is I have been privy, but we can't announce anything to the exact rating score, but you are going to be surprised how we rate compared to some other cities. The housing that fell in the F's (and I can't give you a number) but you are going to be shocked at how low that number was. The reason I bring that up is we have really started when Mark Moro took over as Building Commissioner. We have started a program. We hired Janice Tubbs. We are working very hard at building up the housing stock. The results have been absolutely incredible. I have listed pictures in my office and some of the pictures of some of the houses that we were unable in the past to get the banks/mortgage companies to do any work on them. We have a Building Department now that's banging on the phone, banging on the doors and we're getting some really amazing results. I have pictures of them. I think that this is going to be great for the city. I think you're going to see property values go up as long as this program continues and I think it was a great survey put on by the cities. We will reveal those findings as soon as they become public through the Western Reserve.

Next, last night we had the Christmas Lighting Ceremony. For those of you who were there, we saw an outstanding crowd get together. It was great for the holiday season. Everybody was cheerful. We had Santa Claus come. The kids were happy to see Santa Claus. He arrived on a fancy sleigh. It looked like a big fire truck with sirens and lights going. We had a real live chubby Santa Claus that sometimes subs for Councilman in Ward 3. We did a great job. I was very proud of everybody. I have to tell you the line of these kids to see Santa Claus and get pictures it really does your heart good to see this. What a great time of year. Great job, Mike. Great job for everybody that showed up and everybody that put it on. We had a great lighting ceremony. So I certainly wanted to say that.

Wendy, thank you. I know you took some pictures that I have not seen yet but I'm sure they were good. Thank you very much.

Tonight's legislation. Ordinance 74. We're updating our income tax code. This is a Second Reading. Ordinance 75. We're applying for a grant to update Debelak Park. Any questions, Mr. Dobies can get into that. Ordinance 76. We're approving the appropriations for the year ending 2017. Barb can certainly respond to any questions on that. With that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Mayor. Does anybody have any questions of the Mayor on his report this evening? Mr. Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** No, I just wanted to comment on what the Mayor said in reference to the school and I wanted to tell him that he is absolutely right. I did serve as School Liaison and working with Mr. Sluka and Dr. Dupree over there. A lot of times when we had issues with some of the kids and I say well you look in Garfield schools by the time I was able to follow up on some of these children they had already moved. Some of them had come here and they come into the district and they come in because they are transit and it's sad that they are moving so many locations so many times within a year. When they come in with and they turn around and go to the end of the year they pull out it still reflects on the city of Garfield's schools. That's absolutely wrong and people don't understand that. I tell you they do a great job. I work with Dr. Dupree and Mr. O. He's outstanding. A lot of people don't know Al Sluka, but that's who I work with the most. If you can get stability and I think it was somewhere around 400 last year or so they came in to the district and they was in their district (and don't quote me on that) and they was already gone. It hurts your overall grade. The majority of the kids like the Mayor says are good kids. They come in here. They good families in our community and they are productive citizens of the city of Garfield Heights. So sometime when you read into that the marks that you see in the paper sometime not to say they is absolutely wrong, but when you read it don't read too deeply in that because that doesn't reflect the district as a whole. That's what I'm saying as a individual who works on a daily basis with them through conversations with students and students with issues that concerns them in the school district. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. Dudley. Anybody else have any questions for the Mayor on his report? OK. If there isn't we'll move on to our Law Director Tim Riley. Tim, do you have a report for us this evening?

**LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY:** No report tonight, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Tim. We'll move on to our Police Chief. Chief Byrne, do you have a report for us this evening?

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE:** Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. Just a reminder that Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> is Shop with a Cop day. You can purchase tickets at the Police Station, Civic Center, Rec Center and there are some merchants selling them as well. Turney Auto Parts, Convenient on the Boulevard, Emerald Credit Union and I believe all the elementary schools have it as well. With that, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thanks, Chief. Does anybody have any questions for the Chief on his report tonight? There isn't. Then we'll move on to our Service Director Mr. Tim McLaughlin. Tim, do you have a report for us this evening?

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. In the last couple weeks, we been working on the Christmas lighting. Evidently, it was good enough. I'm still here today.

The leaf program we are in Ward 1 and Ward 7. We been in there since we left on Friday. I don't think that we've gotten out of either one of them yet. This could be the last time through depending on what the weather does. This is our third time through. Actually, it's our fourth time but I won't count the first time because we went through the whole city in three days because

nothing came out of the trees yet. We have three trucks out. Again, I ask you to rake them to the tree lawn and we will get them. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Tim. Does anybody have any questions for Mr. McLaughlin on his report this evening? Mr. Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** Is there a problem when choose you don't want them to go down in the catch basin. I don't know if I have a problem with this because I have a giant sheet of plastic and I just lay it over the top underneath lay it on top so the wind don't blow them. They go down to the corner and they clog the catch basin it. But that's not an issue when people drag them out and actually leave it covered with the plastic cover. It's not an issue, but that is.

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN:** No.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Does anybody else have any questions? If not, we'll move on to our Parks and Recreation Director, Mr. Robert Dobies.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Mr. President and Council Members, good evening. First, I just want to say thank you to the Mayor for reading that letter to Principal Hager. The school district is proud of their accomplishments and there's many more. If I can just add to that, just last meeting last Monday, we were at the middle school and recognized the first grading period straight A students. Is there issue?

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Not right now.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** I'd disregard that. Thank you. The weekend of November 17-19 we held our Annual Gold Cup Hockey Tournament. I am happy to say that our tournament continues to be a premiere tournament during the Thanksgiving season, which included 21 teams locally and from out of State. A big congratulation goes out to our Bantam 14U Team and Squirt Minor Team 10U for taking championships. Our Booster Club President has contacted the Mayor asking him to recognize the efforts of our champions in the Munny Program and to be recognized for their successes. We are working on that as I speak.

Our Annual Tree Lighting Skate this past Sunday was a huge success along with the Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony. We welcomed over 350 patrons to this free event from 6:00 . 8:00 p.m. Thank you to Clmn Nenadovich for playing Santa Claus over there too.

To remind all that our Annual Skate with Santa is Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup>, 3:00- 5:15 p.m. This event is for residents. Come have fun in the afternoon. Meet Santa. We'll have music. There is a \$5.00 fee. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by their parent. Mark your calendars.

Our 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Holiday Christmas Skating Recital will be held Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Please make time to come out and watch our Munny figure skaters perform their routines.

Futsal signups (indoor soccer) will begin Monday December 11<sup>th</sup> through January 8<sup>th</sup>. There is a late fee after the sign up period. It allows us to set up teams and order shirts. This is a co-ed program for those 5. 14 years old and runs from mid-January to March. This program is held at the middle school gymnasium. Maybe I should not have said that.

Our Holiday Fitness Grab Bag Session begins today. Later signups will still be welcomed. This is where during the hectic holiday season you can mix and match or take as many as your schedule permits. All classes are held Tuesday and Thursday at the Fire Station No. 1.

Learn to Skate Session for Hockey No. 2 ages 3. 13 will begin December 9<sup>th</sup>. These sessions are held Saturday mornings 11:15. 12:15 p.m. for eight weeks. We have another free trial this Saturday December 2<sup>nd</sup> for those who may be unsure if they wish to participate in hockey. We offer a try before you buy, so to speak. Those interested, please mark your calendars for this Saturday.

Figure Skating Learn to Skate Session No. 3 will begin in January. More information coming.

Early signups for all programs are always welcome. For more programming information, for any of the programming, please call the Rec Center or visit the Website. The Website provides all details and costs.

Last, I would ask Council's support on Ordinance 75-2017. This is the second bite at the apple, so to speak, and will allow us to upgrade the facilities at Debelak Park. Thank you. That concludes my report.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. Dobies. Does anybody have a question for Mr. Dobies on his report? Mr. Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Mr. Dobies, at Debelak Park, what actually are you looking to do?

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Well this time through, this grant, as you read in the ordinance, is for \$50,000.00. The original grant which was put maybe a year and a half or a quarter ago was for \$50,000.00. So I made a wish list. Mr. Krock helped me compile that. We had to cut back but it would be basically the upgrading of the gazebo, a brand new roof on the restroom areas. I wanted to cut out the front door wall portions, upgrade the landscaping. We were anticipating upgrading the tennis courts, repainting them. I just put in new nets two years ago. The other provision was for the upgrade of the skate park, which probably won't happen because of the limited funds. There's no guarantee we're getting it yet. We're on the list again. There's \$50,000.00 there. We'll put it to good use.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** \$50,000.00 really does not go that far.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Exactly. There's a myriad of things. If you'd like to see my original wish list, you are more than welcome to see it.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** I'm sure it would be hundreds of thousands of dollars.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Well that's what I said. The first grant they applied for was \$250,000.00. This one is \$50,000.00. We're taking another stab at it.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thank you.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES:** Thank you.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Does anybody else have any questions for Mr. Dobies? If not, we'll move on to our City Engineer Mr. David Krock. Do you have a report for us this evening?

**CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK:** I do. Thank you, Council President. We finished up the construction season and all the paving that went on this past summer, which was a good summer.

I do want all of you to know that there will be two projects going through the winter. Multi-Street Phase 3 is a waterline project and we have a sewer project on East 102<sup>nd</sup>. So if any of those streets are in your Wards, your residents will receive notifications. So when they're working in the street during the winter obviously that can be difficult at times. We always make sure that the plowing gets done and all that. So just want to pass that along. We will have some winter work in the city. That's my report.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you. Does anybody have any questions for Mr. Krock on his report this evening? If there isn't, then we will move on to our Finance Director, Ms. Barb Biro. Barb, do you have a report for us this evening?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO:** I do. Thank you, Mr. President. This evening we're asking for support on Ordinance 74-2017 to be passed for a Third Reading at the December Meeting.

Also I'm asking for support of Ordinance 76-2017, which will allow money to be appropriated to pay for the 2017 paving program and also some of the waterline work that we are doing currently that was done on Turney Road and additional expenditures for some of our vehicles that we purchased just this year. And that is my report.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Barb. Does anybody have a question for Barb? Yes, Mr. Suster.

**CLMN SUSTER:** Barb, are we passing this on the Second Reading tonight?

**FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO:** Passing it on the Second to go to the Third Reading please.

**CLMN SUSTER:** All right.

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

**SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSON:** Yes, I do. Thank you. The Senior Center will hold its Annual Chinese Raffle beginning on Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup> and going through Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in the Senior Center dining room. Tickets are on sale until 11:30 Thursday morning and the drawing will be held after lunch at 12:30. Winners do not need to be present to win and all proceeds benefit the Senior Center's Site Council.

Also, I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge and thank our Engineer Dave Krock and the staff at the OHM Advisors for their generous donation of winter coats and gloves for some of the needy children of Garfield Heights. Ruth Pollack, the Manager of the Family Resource Center, coordinated with the OHM staff and the Garfield Heights schools to make sure the donated coats and gloves were given to families in need before the winter weather arrives. So I just

wanted to publicly on behalf of the city extend our sincere gratitude and thanks to OHM Advisors and Dave. Thank you. That's all I have.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Ms. Parsson. Does anybody have any questions for our Social Services Director on her report this evening? There are none, then we will move on. I don't believe Noreen's with us this evening. Unless she's hiding back there and I can't see her from here. We'll move on to our Building Commissioner Mr. Mark Moro. Mark, do you have a report?

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN:** Absent.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO:** Thank you. I do not have a report tonight.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you. Then let's move on to Comments by Citizens on Tonight's Agenda. Would the Clerk please read the rules.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:**

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

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Is there anyone wishing to make a comment or a question on any of tonight's agenda? On anything on the agenda tonight? If there isn't, then we will move on to the Ordinances and Resolutions beginning with Ordinance 74-2017. Will the Clerk please read the title?

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 74-2017 (SECOND READING)**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 183 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX.

Moved by VAUGHN to PASS ON A SECOND READING:

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

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Ordinance 74-2017 will be read at our next Council Meeting on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

**ORDINANCE NO. 75-2017**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT (CDSG) FUNDS AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENOVATING THE EXISTING FACILITIES AT DEBELAK PARK.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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



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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Ordinance 75-2017 passed with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 76-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Ordinance 76-2017 is passed with 7 Yes votes. That concludes our Ordinances and Resolutions for this evening.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** We will move on to Comments by Citizens. Would 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 speak this evening?

Frank Tagliarini, 12404 Darlington Avenue. I'd like to address the Chief tonight. I want to commend you on how the situation that arose on Friday was handled. It was outstanding the way our officers took care of it in a timely manner. My concerns are with the jailer and I'm proposing that we do something for our jailer that has been very badly injured. Possibly a go fund or possibly maybe a fundraiser. I was hoping that City Council would help put something together. I know the group that I'm involved with would be more than happy to do anything that we can to raise some money for this jailer. I know his hospital bills and bills, being out of work, are going to be exceeding a lot of what he's used to having, etc. That's what I've got to say and I'd like to make sure that all of your officers know that we're out there. We'd like to do whatever we can to support you and you're doing a fine job.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE:** I appreciate that. Thank you very much. I did have a chance to talk to that jailer today. He is doing well- a little sore, a little beat up, but doing well. I would

point out that because he was working, that will be a WorkersComp case. I think I'm correct in saying that. Right, Mr. Riley?

**MR. TAGLIARINI:** It takes time.

**POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE:** Yeah, it takes time, but I do appreciate your generosity and your offer of support. As a Police Department, we truly do appreciate that. It was a bad situation, but we got a lot of good feedback the way it was handled. I really have to thank the neighboring police departments, the State Highway Patrol. They all came in and gave us a hand. So thank you very much.

**MR. TAGLIARINI:** That's about all I had to say. Maybe Council could cope with the situation. Put something together for the man.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** We certainly can discuss it in a committee meeting or so.

**MR. TAGLIARINI:** Thank you.

**CLMN GLENN:** Thank you, Frank. If you get something going, I will support you too.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Would anybody else wish to speak tonight? If not, before we move on to Miscellaneous Business, I would like to make sure that I officially appoint Mr. Dobies as our Sergeant at Arms. I just want to make that announcement. Unlike Joe, he's present tonight. When he got appointed last time, he was not present. That's the reason why he did not miss a Meeting afterwards. I think Bob does a great job and he will do a great job as well.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** So Miscellaneous Business. I guess I'll start with myself since I had the invocation. I just want to again offer my sympathy for the jailer that was hurt. I'm hoping that he recovers well and gains his strength.

Thanksgiving was great. I think we had a great holiday.

Lighting ceremony last night. Mayor, thanks to you and your staff. You really put together a great event again this year. Let's just hope that our city will shine better than anybody else out there. That's all I have. So we will move on to Clmn Vaughn.

**CLMN VAUGHN:** Thank you, Sir. The jailer that was involved was a good friend of mine and I wish him and his family nothing but the best. He did what he could. It's a tragedy. You know this situation could have happened anywhere, not just here in Garfield Heights, but anywhere. Let's hope for the best for him and his family and pray God it never happens again.

Ward 7 Block Watch will take place this Thursday evening at St. Monica's. We will meet in the Augustine Room. Come up and join us. I'm proud to say that we gave two huge baskets of food to residents of Ward 7 that needed it. When I asked for residents to give us a hand I'm saying we had six bags for each family from everything from the turkey, a ham, all kinds of canned goods. Somebody even gave me the aluminum foil pans and aluminum foil for the turkey. Gallons of milk and bread. I was just very pleased that we were able to help out those two families. Again, that's my report. Thank you.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. Vaughn. Mr. Dudley.

**CLMN DUDLEY:** First of all, it's coming upon the holidays. We got to remember to be careful out there.

You got to be careful on these computers because it happened to two of us in my Ward, specially me. I was using my computer the other night about two weeks ago and the screen came down and said that your computer had been affected with a virus. You had to call this number right away. To make a long story short I didn't call the number. Then they came and they were literally running my computer. So I called the number and the guy said your computer's been infected and he said what do you want me to do about it? All the numbers are running up and down my computer. My wife was standing there and I was on the phone and I used your name in vain, Chief. I said the Chief of Police is my friend and that's the first person I'm going to call. Did this really happen? Until your screen appears my computer was OK. What happened? One of the kids on the computer had opened the door by playing a video game and allowed them to infiltrate my computer. They was talking a hundred and some dollars but I said I'm going to call my buddy the Chief of Police and he had tell me who to call after that. This is no joke. In about 25 minutes my screen cleared up and the computer was good again. But they literally had the computer ransomed and they was not going to return it to me. This about the second time this done happen, but I tell you if you listening, don't give them that \$175.00 or \$200.00 they tell you to pay because if you kind of challenge it they most likely going to give you back your system. I got their number to call you back again and I'm going to get a number to the Chief and I never really called Chief because they gave me my computer back. Be careful. That's going on.

I want to let everybody know that every year we do an event. I run an organization called Citizens for a Better Community. On December 16<sup>th</sup> we will do the same as what we been doing like about 10 years for St. Timothy Manor and St. Timothy Park. We have a holiday meal for them. We feed 84 residents between St. Timothy Park and St. Timothy Manor, because a lot of our Seniors, like the organization said, organizations reach out to the community and do something positive for the community, but a lot of our Seniors don't have family members. Sometime say you eating a good meal and you got a Senior living across the street, offer to take a meal over to them. They will appreciate it.

As we move on too, I wanted to say I was happy at the numbers Mayor, when you said that about the Building Department. Honestly, I have seen a tremendous difference since Mark came and when you put Janice Tubbs up there also. Response time is quicker. In the case of Mark, Janice and Allison. You send it on Monday you got a response back on Tuesday. I know they calling these people because half the people I go around to see there already got a call from the Building Department before I knock on the door. That's great.

That's great what you done also, Dave, giving them coats to those kids. A lot of kids in Garfield Heights definitely need coats. We got a lot of underprivileged families in the city of Garfield Heights. Some of them in need of furniture. That's great what you done with that coats. Some families I supplied with furniture so it's great how we helping.

Our tentative date is February 16<sup>th</sup> that we will be holding our Annual African-American Heritage Black History Program. It will be at the same place- the Performing Arts Center over there. It's a great program for everybody in the city. You don't have to be African-American to attend this program. A Distinguished Citizenship Award is awarded to outstanding individuals who done things special in the community. They have to be a part of the community. Chief Sackett was one of our first individuals awarded that award. You don't have be a particular individual or

nationality in order to receive that award. We watch what people do in this community throughout the city of Garfield Heights and that is not made by me. It's made by a panel who decides who receives what.

I believe that covers me. Thank you for the continued support from the city of Garfield Heights. The city's going places. I been there 21 years. Every year it seems to get a little bit better. With that, thank you, Mr. Chairman.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. Dudley. Mr. LaMalfa, do you have anything this evening?

**CLMN LAMALFA:** I just want to say that if you do put something together, I'd help, too, for the policeman.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. LaMalfa. Mr. Nenadovich?

**CLMN NENADOVICH:** I have a few things. First of all, I'd like to thank the Mayor on his re-election. It was a tough fight but you made it. During the campaign at election time a lot of people say what's the city doing. I think we've moved ahead really well over the past eight years. A lot of things have been done and they've been under the tutelage of our Mayor who's done a great job in my mind. We're moving ahead. The grant we got the other day--over a million dollars. That's what these people are working for. I'm just tired of hearing them say that we're not moving ahead. The city's done a great job with this Council, this Administration, the Courts, etc. I thank them.

Also I have to congratulate everybody on your crew that worked on the lighting, etc. and paved the way for the chubby fat guy on the fire engine.

Sympathy for the guard who got hurt. Anything I can do to help you to volunteer for that.

Congrats on the chase, Chief, in taking that guy and getting him off the streets. It was a bad ending but that man was captured. So with that, you have my report.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. Nenadovich. Mr. Glenn, do you have anything this evening?

**CLMN GLENN:** Thank you, Mr. President. We had a great Thanksgiving for the city and the Christmas party was a great success. Somebody that I know was Santa Claus and was giving out gifts. The Mayor had a real good time here. Me and the wife enjoyed giving out cookies to the kids.

I also want to mention Ward 4 Block Watch is December 5<sup>th</sup> at seven o'clock at the Civic Center here. That's all I have, Mr. President.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Thank you, Mr. Glenn. And last, but not least, Mr. Suster. Do you have anything for us this evening?

**CLMN SUSTER:** Yes, just a couple things. Number one, I would like to suggest that everybody remember the police officer that got hurt. I understand that he has some real bad injuries. This isn't just saying a prayer once for an individual, but I think if you remember him in your prayers every time you say a prayer, that would be great.

Also, Tim, I'd like to say to you and your crew that you guys did a heck of a job with the lights.

To the Mayor, the party last night was very nice and I thank you. That's all I have this evening. I would like to make a motion that we adjourn the Meeting.

**PRESIDENT BURKE:** Before we vote on that, I would like to make an announcement that our next Meeting will be Monday, December 11, 2017.

On the motion made by Clmn Suster to adjourn the meeting, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed? Meeting adjourned.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:45 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Matthew Burke  
President of Council

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Barbara Molin  
Clerk of Council