

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, September 23, 2019

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

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Gene Glenn

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

EXCUSED: LaMalfa

CLMN SUSTER: I'd like to make a motion that we excuse Clmn Joe LaMalfa this evening.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Suster to excuse Clmn LaMalfa from tonight's Council Meeting, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Clmn LaMalfa is excused for this evening.

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT BURKE: Reading and Disposal of Minutes from our Regular Council Meeting for Monday, September 9, 2019.

CLMN SUSTER: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Garfield Heights City Council of Monday, September 9, 2019 as submitted.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Suster to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the city of Garfield Heights for Monday, September 9, 2019, as written, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

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

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Yes, I do, but before I get into my report today, once again I have the honor and privilege of announcing that we have a new officer coming into Garfield Heights' finest Police Department. It always does me fine to see these young guys that come into Garfield Heights. They have had some great shoes to fill. We got a great department here. We got great officers. We say that all the time and it's true. Everything that I've been told you're going to fill those shoes very well. Before I swear you in, Mahmoud, I'm going to have the Chief.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Thank you, Mayor. I just wanted to welcome Mahmoud Sulieman to the Garfield Heights Police Department. He has two previous years with East Cleveland Police Department. He went to Cuyahoga Community College Police Academy. I'm sure his time in East Cleveland has prepared him and gained some experience to come here to Garfield Heights. We are looking forward to getting him started. We do thorough background checks on all of our officers. This guy is, I think, as good as they come. So we are looking forward to getting him started. Thank you.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Chief. Mahmoud, if you and your family would join us?

(At this time, Mayor Collova swore in Patrolman Mahmoud Sulieman. Photographs were taken afterwards.)

PRESIDENT BURKE: Before the Mayor gives his report, I don't expect you all to wait for the whole meeting to be over so if you do want to leave, you are more than welcome to. You don't have to sit here and wait for the rest of us to do the legislation. That's up to you. Mayor?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Matt. OK. First off, I am very happy to announce that the Garfield Heights Fire Department was awarded a grant from FEMA for fire equipment and gear in the amount of \$218,000.00. The Fire Department did an excellent job. They work hard on these grants putting them in. We don't get awarded as much as we would like to, but this certainly is a big one. It will certainly come in handy. We can't thank FEMA enough for the grant.

Next, the Garfield Heights Municipal Court has begun a very innovative program called Help Centers. I want to read this to you. This is from Judge Nicastro.

"Dear Mayor Collova:

Here is an explanation of the Help Centers for discussion. In partnership with Cuyahoga County Library, the Garfield Heights Municipal Court is setting up Help Centers at Maple Heights, Garfield Heights and Independence Library branches. Anyone can go to the Help Center and ask any question they could have asked at the Courthouse. A Deputy Clerk will be on duty at the library to answer questions. This is not legal advice, just information to aid litigants in navigating the Court system. People are now able to file on-line and pay all fees on-line. They can ask for assistance filing on-line at the Help Center and actually doing the filing at the library. The Deputy Clerk will be able to give a

tour of the on-line system so the litigants can study and plan their case at home on-line. Electronic and paper forms will be available at the Help Center.

The first Help Center will be at Maple Heights Branch commencing Tuesday, September 17th from 11 o'clock to 8:00 p.m. Thereafter the Help Center will be open on Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. After we learn the best days and times of operation, we will expand it to Garfield Heights and Independence branches in January. We hope the Court users will benefit from the extended evening and weekend hours when the Court is not open and give them more times to ask questions and learn best how to navigate the system to their advantage."

This is something brand new that is happening that the Garfield Heights Municipal Court is starting with all of the social media, the Internet people a lot younger than me that handle this grant. This is going to be a good thing because so many people have if they got a Court problem or if they have to go to the Court, they have to miss work to go. This way you can do that at times after work. So I think this is a great thing and hopefully it works out.

Next, I wanted to talk about we had a business of ours in Garfield Heights that has moved out—Tomlinson Industries. Let me read this:

"Tomlinson Industries was purchased by Crown Brands LLC of Lincolnshire, Illinois in October of 2018. The original company was the Meyer Dairy Products Company formed in 1911 to sell various dairy products via home service routes. Then it was Open Pantry Convenience stores throughout Northern Ohio. There were three Open pantry stores in Garfield Heights. Open Pantry was sold to Dairy Mart in 1985, which is now Circle K Convenience Store chain. After the dairy closed in 1970's it became the Meyer Company. Meyer acquired Tomlinson Industries in 1974. Mr. Fred Meyer remained present in the Meyer Company until Tomlinson's sale in 2018. Fred is now 89 years old. Fred's son-in-law, Mike Finass, has been President of Tomlinson since 1995.

The company was an early member of the Garfield Heights Chamber of Commerce in the mid-1990's and Don Calkins, Executive VP at Meyer, was a Board Member for several years. The company has been an active supporter of the city and held annual food drives and donated food regularly to the city's pantry. The Meyer Company and Tomlinson Industries has operated from the 13700 Broadway Avenue location since the mid-'60s."

Tomlinson Industries and their staff will be sorely missed. This is really a great company. This is a big blow to the city of Garfield Heights. We certainly wished it wouldn't happen. Not only does it present tax dollars for the city, which is always vitally needed for administrating, but this was truly a great group. Every time it came around to the food bank or to Christmas or to Thanksgiving, they would bring truckloads of food for us. They really are a great group. I wish them well. I know it's going to be a great venture. I'm sorry to see them go, but it's certainly a loss and they will sorely be missed from our city.

Next, I have a notice from the Historical Society.

"The city is celebrating its 100th year anniversary throughout 2019 and the local historical society is recruiting new members interested in the preservation of Garfield Heights history. The historical society is a non-profit group of volunteers who offer a variety of activities and programs throughout the year. The museum, which is located on Turney Road, is open to the public every Saturday. For information about becoming a member of the historical society, call (216) 475-3050."

Believe me, for residents that have been here for a while, the new residents that are coming in that haven't had a chance to look at the historical society, go to that house and look at the museum. It's amazing some of the things they have in there. It really is. You could go back. I went back and looked at my daughters being married again. It's all the newspapers. I actually looked at my wife and I being married from the old Garfield Leader. It's really very nostalgic. So if you get an opportunity, stop in and see them.

Lastly, I have a public hearing notice. The city of Garfield Heights will have two public hearings at 6:00 p.m. Monday October 7th and 6:00 p.m. Wednesday October 9th at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Road. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss potential projects to be funded with the 2019 Cuyahoga County Community Development Block Grant Program. The grant is \$150,000.00. The competitive grant program helps strengthen cities, encourages regional collaboration and improves the quality of life for County residents. All applications must meet a community development need related to the health and welfare of the community. For special accommodation or additional information, contact the Department of Economic Development at 475-5484.

This gives the public an opportunity to give some input on what they would like to see done with the city. I advise all of you, if you have not had an opportunity, to please attend these public hearings or at least one of them.

With that said, I'm going to get into today's legislation. Ordinance 47. Changing the title of Police Chief Designee to Deputy Chief. There's no extra salary, no extra money being put out by the city, but what it does is it gives more authority to do the job properly and Lt. Mark Kaye is the gentleman that is going to go into that position. Believe me, we couldn't have a better Officer to do it. This is the young man, if you remember a few months ago I talked about, he graduated from the FBI Academy. The first Police Officer from Garfield Heights to ever do that. He is one of the best Police Officers you can find. If something breaks in the city hall, he fixes it. This kid is incredible. I like the fact he fixes it without charging us. I really like that. Really and truly this young man deserves it and we are glad to be able to get it for him.

Resolution 18 is a resolution to apply for grant funding through the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging. This is a valuable service to our homebound Seniors and others. I believe Kathy, in your report, you can talk a little bit about that.

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mayor. Does anybody have any questions for the Mayor on his report tonight? There are none, we will move on to our Law Director, Mr. Tim Riley. Tim, do you have a report?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: No report tonight.

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

FIRE CHIEF KENNETH STROPE: No report this evening. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Chief. Police Chief Byrne, do you have a report?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Yes, I do. Just a quick one. First, I just want to ask for City Council's support for Ordinance 47. I probably can't give a better introduction than the Mayor gave. It will be very beneficial to the Police Department.

Secondly, Thursday at nine o'clock we'll have another Coffee with a Cop from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m. I failed to mention it last time that somebody invited the Fire Department too. So the good guys will be there too at McDonald's on Rockside Road.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Does anybody have any questions for Chief Byrne on his report this evening? Let's move on to our Service Director, Mr. McLaughlin.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. President. We just ended up the Hazardous Waste roundup and collection and the paper shredding on Saturday. There seemed to be a large participation by residents this year. I'll be able to give you the results in a couple weeks when I get them back from the County and the paper shredding company.

We are still working on summer work tickets. I do have a lot of them and we're trying to catch up.

The last two weeks I've had the dyna patcher out crack sealing streets. We bought 600 gallons and when we're through with that, it will kind of be done for the year. I think we have maybe 100 gallons left. We've done 14 streets. Some of them are specific streets because the County reimburses us money for the materials. They show us certain streets that they've repaved or had some money in. We do those and get the money back. Plus also our water cutout repair through the summer. We are sealing those. We made the final improvement. We are going to see how far another 100 gallons will go and then we will be done with that.

With that, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Excellent. Does anybody have any questions for Mr. McLaughlin on his report? If there are none, we will move on to our City Engineer, Mr. David Krock. Dave, do you have a report?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Absent.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARB BIRO: Absent.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Just a brief report. With construction winding down as it is, I do want to let everybody know that we do intend to get the two traffic lights back in

operation. The ones at East 86th and Garfield and the other one at East 119th and Granger. Both of those have been on flash for quite a while. Now that the paving's done that will get taken care of. I want to pass that along.

That's my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Does anybody have any questions for Mr. Krock on his report? There are none, we will move on to our Social Services Director, Kathy Rush-Parsson. Kathy, do you have a report?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSON: Yes, I do. The Senior Center will hold its Annual Oktoberfest sponsored by Beachwood Point, Oak Street Health, Bella Hospice, Caretenders and Woodside Senior Living on Thursday, October 4th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. We'll have games and line dancing in the morning followed by a free lunch including bratwurst, sauerkraut, potatoes, peppers, onions and dessert. After lunch, there will be a polka band and door prizes. The event is free but does require an advance reservation. If you would like to attend, please call Annie at the Senior Center before Wednesday September 25th.

Also, I just wanted to give the Council an update on our Free Senior Produce Program that we started back at the end of last year. It's in collaboration with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank and it is growing each month, which is wonderful. This past week in September, we provided fresh fruits and vegetables to over 160 Senior households. So it's a great program and we're getting some really great feedback. If anyone over the age of 55 is interested in more information and would like to register, please call Joe at the Senior Center at 475-3244.

On a side note, I do want to publicly thank and give a shout out to the Cuyahoga County Court Community Service Program under the leadership of Vince Liotta. Without their assistance, we would not be able to run this produce program. Every month they come in the morning and they help with the delivery. They sort the produce, they carry bags to Seniors' cars and they move 2,500 pounds of food from the basement up to the dining room. So without their assistance we would not be able to run the program. I just wanted to thank Vince and his crew.

Also, just a quick thank you to the Garfield Heights Historical Society for a very generous donation to our monthly food bank.

Finally, I'm just asking for Council's support of Resolution 18. I will again, as the Mayor said, be applying for funding through the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging for our two nutrition programs, which include meals here at the Senior Center as well as our home delivered meals. This is a two-year contract and I will be asking for approximately 8,600 congregate meals for the dining room and an additional 4,500 home delivered meals per contract year. Then we will have a renewal in the end of 2020. So this is a vital program. In addition to the meals that we get we also get approximately \$20,000.00 - \$22,000.00 in reimbursement. So this is a Federal Nutrition contract and it is very beneficial to the Senior Center. So I ask for your support of that.

That's all I have.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Absent.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: Absent.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Kathy. Does anybody have any questions for Kathy on her report? Yes, Mayor.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, if there's no questions for Kathy, I omitted a couple things from my report. If I could have the privilege of bringing that back to the floor?

PRESIDENT BURKE: Absolutely.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: As you know, I think it was at the last Council Meeting prior to that Council approved our new HR director. We did quite a screening and brought in quite a few candidates to try to get the best possible candidate. I believe we did and I would like to introduce her to you. Jeannie Sowers, would you stand up please? This is Garfield Heights' new HR director. Thank you, Jeannie. Council, if you have any problems, she is now my go to person. If you don't like what I did, see Jeannie.

One last thing, it's sort of hard to explain when people are uneducated about what's going on, but I want to take a minute to talk to you. We get quite a few giggles about Riley not having a report. Recently we got an anonymous phone call saying how worthless Tim Riley and the Law Department was. I won't go into the exact words that were used, but it had something to do about being worthless. Let me try to explain something to people that the Law Department and Tim Riley deals with lawsuits every day or they deal with criminal offenses that are going on in the Court. This is not public information. They cannot talk about lawsuits. They cannot talk about what's going on in Court. So Tim has no report to give other than it's nice to be here. So for the people that are uneducated and are a little bit of an idiot for making that kind of a phone call, they should know what the hell they're talking about before they spout off. But I guess we do have certain people like that. But just to understand that Tim's a big boy. He can handle it himself. He didn't even care about the phone call. He laughed about it. But the reality of it is it's ridiculous the amount of hard work that goes on in that Law Department and they got to get a phone call like that. You know. So I just wanted to bring that up to tell everybody that he can't give a report of anything of any substance. So with that said, Mr. Chairman, thank you for that privilege.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mayor. Mr. Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: I'd like to add to that. Everyone has to realize that all the people sitting up here as far as the Directors go, starting with the Police Chief, the Fire Chief, Law Director, Mayor--they are guests of City Council. The reason that they're here is in case questions are asked and we can't answer them for you, then we get the Law Department involved, Mr. McLaughlin, etc. So it is not that everybody here has to give a report. If they have something to say, all well and good. If they don't, they tell you the truth. Just because Tim says I don't have a report, the Mayor explained it all. That's all I have, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Suster. Is there anybody else that would like to make any comments? If there are none we will move on 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 out there wishing to speak specifically on the two ordinances we have on our agenda? There are none, we will move on to Ordinances and Resolutions beginning with Ordinance 47-2019. Will the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 47-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING GARFIELD HEIGHTS ORDINANCE NO. 67-2014 IN RELATION TO THE POSITION OF POLICE CHIEF'S DESIGNEE.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Lamalfa

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 47-2019 passes with 6 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 18-2019

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING FOR TITLE III GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE WESTERN RESERVE AREA AGENCY ON AGING.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Lamalfa

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 18-2019 passes with 6 Yes votes. That concludes our Ordinances and Resolutions for this evening.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT BURKE: We will move on now to 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 make any comments this evening?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: If there are none, we will move on to our Miscellaneous Business. If the Clerk would 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: Since Clmn Glenn gave the invocation this evening, we will start with Clmn Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Nothing tonight, Sir.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Clmn Glenn. Clmn Suster?

CLMN SUSTER: Yes, thank you very much. I want to congratulate the Police Officer that was sworn in tonight. I wish him a lot of luck. I know he being from East Cleveland, there's going to be nothing new here that he's going to learn. I spent some time in East Cleveland years ago as a store manager and I know that his training was probably very good.

A couple things I'd like to talk about tonight and I talked to the Mayor earlier and also to Mr. McLaughlin is the memorial out here for the Service people. I see where kids are congregating now. They're playing there every day after school. They're nothing but hooligans. There are some things there that are damaged and I'm going to reflect that some of the people here that sit up on City Council that took their money to buy some plaques that are there and I would hate to see the one that I purchased or Mr. Nenadovich, the Mayor and I would hate to see

those get broken/destroyed because they were not given to us. We bought them on our own because we appreciate the work that all of our Service people do for us.

Also, you know we've lost a lot of things because of the kids around here anymore. You know we lost Home Days here in the city; St. Monica's lost their carnival. These things have to stop. Have to stop. There's no ifs, ands or buts. You can hear it on the TV stations saying we need to do this. This has been going on for three years. They have not done a darn thing to help get these kids off the street, etc. You take a look at the city of Cleveland with Mayor Jackson. Like it's his nephew. It's unfortunate and it's his nephew, but they haven't done a darn thing about it and I don't think they're going to. That's living by example. If we don't show people what we want, they're not going to be any different. They think the streets of Garfield Heights are garbage cans. They drive by. They throw junk out of them. That's the way they're being trained at home.

So that's all I have this evening. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Suster. I would like to say thank you to the folks that came to my Community Awareness Meeting last week on Wednesday. We actually talked about a lot of what you just spoke of, Mr. Suster. One of the things that we talked about was parents don't parent their kids the way we were parented. Or the way I even parented my children. I think the world is different today from what it used to be. When I was young, when I was a child, we played baseball all day. That was the sport. Today I hate to say it; it's not really the sport. It's not really what fills some of the youth that we have in our community. But I will say if we could find out what it is that interests them and gets them excited, that's what we need to try to put together and put on our program. Maybe that will take them away from what you had just said.

I also would like to welcome Patrolman Sulieman to the force. I think that's how you pronounce his name—I'm not sure. Seems like he's going to be a guy that you don't want to reckon with. Look at him. I would not want to make him mad for sure.

We have the Harvest Fest coming up on October 19th. I will tell you that I will volunteer once again this year to drive the tractor. So hopefully they will have a chiropractor on hand to put people back in shape after I get done with the clutch, etc. I apologize ahead of time if I get everybody out of whack for that.

Here in October--October 16th I believe--is really when the next Community Awareness Meeting is scheduled to be. Back earlier this year, probably around March, I was approached by some residents about doing a meeting called an Idea Hug. I at first thought well let's give it a try. I'm all for giving something a try. I was very impressed with the way that it worked out. We had people coming in from all different Wards of our city and then we asked them to sit with somebody they did not know. I shouldn't say we. I was just a participant to this meeting. I think we all found out that we all have a lot of the same concerns and same interests about our city. So they asked to do another Idea Hub meeting and it just happens to fall on October 16th, which is when the next Community Awareness Meeting is scheduled so I think I would rather the folks attend the Idea Hub meeting because I thought it was really good. It was really well put on. It's totally non-political. It's put on by some of the residents out there. I really would suggest and urge people to support that and attend.

Last but not least, I want to remind everybody that our next Council Meeting is on Tuesday, October 15th and not a Monday. That's because it's Columbus Day and the city hall will be closed on Columbus Day. So the next Council Meeting will be Tuesday October 15th right here at the Civic Center.

That's all I have. Clmn Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you. I, too, would like to welcome our new Police Officer. I ask also that the residents welcome him and pray for him. There's not a harder job in the world than a Police Officer. Those gentlemen put on that uniform. They don't know if they're coming home that night. It's tough on the family. I've lived through it. I ask you to welcome him, but most of all pray for him.

Folks, please pick up the litter. Just do it around your own house or a couple houses each way. It would help control some of this litter problem that we're having.

You know what, October 19th is our Harvest Fest and it's a good time. People say we don't do this we don't do that, people are always saying. This is a very good activity, very good time. Everybody please come out and enjoy this.

The Idea Hub meeting on the 16th, please come. When I attended, I thought I am just going to go to another meeting. What am I going to learn? It was great. A lot of good people. A lot of good ideas. That's what we have to hear the voice of what's going on in the community. Our concerns yes are the same in Ward 7 and they might be going on in Ward 1. But we don't need to think about things in divisions. We need to think as a whole—the best for Garfield Heights. So please come out.

Mayor, I want to apologize to you. I told Joe not to call. I really did. I told him.

On Thursday night, my Block Watch will be up at the pavilion at St. Monica's. All are invited. We start about seven o'clock. Probably will be the last time we'll be outside. It's supposed to be a beautiful evening so come on up and join us. We'll be there.

With that, Mr. Chairman, that's my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Vaughn. Mr. Dudley, what would you like to share?

CLMN DUDLEY: OK. First of all I know Mayor Jackson and I've know him for years. I want people to understand you can be the greatest parent or grandparent that don't have nothing to do with how your children turn out. So we don't need to turn around and start digging into this because I know good parents and their kids are doing life in prison right now, but they have done nothing wrong in raising them children. So yeah. Whatever we want to say. I'm going to tell you something. Just because that young man done what he done it don't reflect on him. It can happen to me and one of my grandchildren. It can happen to the Mayor with one of his grandchildren. He's a good man. I'm a good man. All the Members of Council can be good. You do not determine how your children but you hope to lead them and work with them and raise them and hope they go in the direction. If they go a little off to the left that's not a indication

that you don't try to do your job. Mayor Jackson's a good man and he's not here to defend himself. So that's why I was speaking on that. Plus I done raised nine children. I have plenty of grandchildren. I hope they all grow up to be good individuals, but if one strayed, it's not a reflection on my wife not being a good grandmother because she definitely is. So I do want to clarify that before I go on something else.

On Wednesday, February 19 at 6 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center, we be holding our 16th Annual Garfield Heights Black History Program. Our keynote speaker this year is a great individual. It's Judge Larry A. Jones. If you're familiar with him, he's the Judge of the 8th District Court of Appeals. Let's talk a little bit about the Judge later. I know him personally and I know him probably since before I got into politics. But we do know the background. From 1978 – 1981 he was a Assistant Prosecutor for Cuyahoga County. From 1981 – 1987 he also was in politics. He was a Councilman over at Ward 10 in Cleveland City Council. From 1987 – 2008 everybody remember he was the Judge at Cleveland Municipal Court. Now from 2000 – present he has served on Ohio 8th District Court of Appeals. From January 26, 2016 to December 2016, he served as Administrator Judge on the 8th District Court of Appeals, which is a prominent position.

Also for the 2020 program, we are bringing in some African dancers. There is a great group and you're going to really enjoy if you haven't saw some African dancers up front. We also will be bringing in a Gospel singer and I know, Mary, you remember the young lady Reverend Ruffin's wife would sing and she done open the show. Last time she did get ill and she passed this year. If anybody ever heard her, she done several programs. She could sing. She had some complications and she passed pretty quick. My prayers have always been out for the family. The Reverend Ruffin used to live in Garfield Heights on MLK. He's a good man and has a good family. She's gone home.

Also, me and Judge Jones had a good conversation. I created the program to give something back to the community. He did not want anything to speak at the program, Mayor, this year. He wants his money to be used like I been trying to get it done we going to use the money to help form a scholarship check. He want his money what been paid to him to be given to a Garfield Heights student and additional money to go to Cleveland Metropolitan School District towards scholarship. So we will be helping two students. We will give the information out in November. You submit your essay and it's going to be reviewed and two students will get a decent check to help apply for a college education. We will be doing that this year.

We know we have a lot of kids. People say kids are kids and that's absolutely not true. I done raised nine children and know other people done raised children and I'm proud of my children and I'm proud of the children in the community. You have to approach them differently. You would not approach a kid who was raised and living out in Hudson the same what you approach a kid in Cleveland. You probably wouldn't approach a kid living out there somewhere around Fairmont, etc. Shaker Heights the same way you would approach a kid living in East Cleveland. You could approach some kids in Garfield Heights some way you approach the other ones. They are approachable. Trust me. Some time I don't like the pants sagging down. I had a son that was going through that phase and I really slammed it to him because it's a disrespect towards me and a really disrespect towards your Mama. So you're not going to do that in our house. I don't like kids doing it on the street, but it don't mean that they are bad individuals. It's just a phase they're going through. I don't like the phase, but we all been kids. We had phases we

went through. We wasn't like that, you know. So that just a thing they going through. We know we do got issues with some of the kids a little rough around the edges, being disrespectful, but I know some kids I have caught myself cursing up a storm in the street, but when they got home, you couldn't pay them to say any word they said in the street or they would have got knocked out. So sometime the parents and you see the kid out there acting the fool the majority of the parents you could make a courtesy call. Some parents you can't talk to, but the majority of them know what they kids doing in the street, they will make a correction. I would turn them in on a drop of a dime if I spoke to them and they still do it. That's the way I am. I think we can go on towards the future, providing more activities to occupy they time. At the same time it's not nothing to tease them because leadership do start at home. Sometimes leadership has to be helped on the street. We have a lot of young mothers in Garfield Heights now, if you notice. A lot of the young mothers there's no men in the household to provide the guidance. So sometimes, it's guys in the neighborhood can provide by just talking to young men. The majority are approachable.

Last, I welcome new Officer aboard. I go over to East Cleveland a lot. I got friends there. I'm quite sure he going to do all right.

With that, I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

CLMN NENADOVICH: Yes, a few things. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Number one I definitely agree with Mr. Dudley on the fact that Mayor Jackson's gotten a raw deal. I really believe that. That's from my heart. I'll leave that one alone.

I'd like to thank the citizens for coming down. I like to see people in the audience. I really appreciate this. It's better than the two/three that we usually get. I see the crowds growing and they're also speaking up. I like that.

I'd like to welcome aboard the new Police Officer, Mahmoud Sulieman. I remember a song like that from Neil Diamond.

I'd like to thank Matt. A couple years ago, he took over the trailer job when I had a knee operation. He saves my knees a lot. Sorry about your back, but thank you for the knees.

This Idea Hub meeting. I think we should definitely attend that. It is a big plus for the city. It gives some good ideas. We act on some. Some we can't act on, but if we get one idea out of 100, we are ahead.

Mr. Mayor, I have to address you on this one here. You said if we have any problems see Jeannie. We've been seeing Jeannie for a lot of years before her. Just to let you know.

With that, I have nothing else to say.

PRESIDENT BURKE: All righty. At this time, I'd like to make a motion that we adjourn tonight's Council Meeting.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I second it.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Seconded by Clmn Nenadovich, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed? Meeting adjourned.

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

ABSENT: LaMalfa

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:47 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Matthew Burke
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council