

COUNCIL CAUCUS MEETING MINUTES

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, October 24, 2016

Council President Joseph Suster called the Caucus Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: Matt Burke, Councilman Ward 6
Michael Dudley, Sr., Councilman Ward 1
Joseph LaMalfa, Councilman Ward 2
Michael Nenadovich, Councilman Ward 3
Gene Glenn, Councilman Ward 4
Joseph Suster, Councilman Ward 5
Tom Vaughn, Councilman Ward 7

President Suster would offer the invocation and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no communications to Council.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2016 Clmn Burke advised that he would move to consider by title.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2016 Clmn Vaughn advised that he would move to consider by title.

RESOLUTION NO. 23-2016 Clmn Vaughn advised that he would move to consider by title.

ORDINANCE NO. 53-2016 Clmn Burke advised that he would move to consider by title.

Regarding Ordinance 53-2016, Clmn Vaughn was a little surprised by the amount of time it would take to have the Zamboni delivered. The Council President said that it took time to build it, similar to a rescue squad. In response to questions about the price of its delivery, Finance Director Barb Biro explained that by joining the National Joint Powers Alliance the city got a registration number to give to the Zamboni manufacturer, which entitled the city to a discount on the shipping charges.

Council President Suster distributed copies of an item from Rules of Council to the Council Members, which read as follows:

(k) Miscellaneous business. 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, lack of attention to ward problems, etc.+

Although Council had never followed this since the President had been a Council Member, he announced that Council would adhere to this procedure from then on. This meant that Council Members could speak only about legislation during the Miscellaneous Business portion of the Council Meeting agenda. There were some complaints and a suggestion to hold a meeting on the matter. Assistant Law Director Kevin Weiler said that rule (k) seemed to talk about legislative business. He did not think it good practice to announce personal political positions in public. He had heard other city councils voice sentiments such as Merry Christmas or get out and vote, but

the key thing was if Council were to consider such statements, was not to go off on big long tangents and limit the time. Mr. Weiler's advice was to keep to legislative matters, as rule (k) said. It could be changed, but not too far. The Assistant Law Director said that Council could change their rules by having a meeting wherein Council expressed their opinions to reach a consensus on what they really want to do. Clmn Nenadovich suggested holding a meeting about rule (k).

President Suster advised that rule (k) would be in effect starting on October 24, 2016 until Council changed it.

Clmn Vaughn announced that he had cancelled the Safety Committee Meeting scheduled for October 25, 2016 and would share that information with the audience under Committee Reports. Clmn Nenadovich had a Finance Committee report to give.

Clmn Nenadovich moved to approve the Minutes of the Caucus Meeting of October 11, 2016 as written. His motion passed by 7 Yes votes (Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa).

Clmn Burke would dispose of the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of October 11, 2016 as written.

Clmn Nenadovich moved to adjourn and his motion was approved unanimously. Council President Suster adjourned the Caucus Meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Approved,

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Suster
Council President

Barbara Molin
Council Clerk