

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO**

**Monday, April 13, 2020**

*(Note: This meeting was conducted by teleconference.)*

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

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

**PRESIDENT BURKE** requested that the Meeting attendees mute their telephones when they were not speaking. He thanked everyone for cooperating and agreeing to the teleconference, which he understood was not normal procedure.

**READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:**

**PRESIDENT BURKE** made a motion to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Garfield Heights City Council for Thursday, March 26, 2020 as written and amended from Caucus. He then said on the motion made by myself to accept the Minutes of the Council Meeting for Thursday, March 26, 2020, as written and amended from Caucus, all in favor say Yea. Any opposed?

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

PRESENT: Dudley

**PRESIDENT BURKE** said that the Meeting Minutes were accepted with 6 Yes votes.

**PRESIDENT BURKE** made a motion to accept the Minutes of the Work Session of City Council for Tuesday, March 17, 2020 as submitted. He then said on the motion made by myself to accept the Minutes of the Work Session of City Council for Tuesday, March 17, 2020, as submitted, all in favor say Yea. Any opposed?

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

PRESENT: Dudley

**PRESIDENT BURKE** said that the Work Session Minutes had been accepted with 6 Yes votes.

**PRESIDENT BURKE** moved to suspend the Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Written Communications to Council, Committee Reports, Miscellaneous Business and Reports from Directors except for the Report of the Mayor. Clmn Nenadovich seconded his motion. His motion stood approved by 7 Yes (Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake) votes.

**REPORT OF THE MAYOR:**

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA** thanked the Council President and began his report by reading a letter from the Sisters of St. Joseph of the Third Order of St. Francis of Marymount Hospital. The

Sisters thanked the Mayor and City Council for their wonderful leadership of the city of Garfield Heights during the Coronavirus pandemic. The Mayor said that he and Council were grateful for their prayers.

Secondly, the Mayor announced that Cuyahoga County had launched a Small Business Resource Center Call Center to help businesses navigate available resources and apply for loans. In response to COVID-19, Cuyahoga County, in partnership with the Economic & Community Development Institute (ECDI) and other partners, had launched a Small Business Resource Center to provide businesses with technical assistance and information about financial resources. The Small Business Resource Center Call Center could be accessed from Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. at (216) 452–9714.

Next Mayor Collova gave an update on the Census results. The self-response for the State of Ohio was 51.6%, whereas the self-response for Garfield Heights was only 48.3%. The responses from Garfield Heights were not doing well so he encouraged Council Members to tell their residents to complete their Census forms.

Many residents called in complaints about heavy flooding over the weekend of March 28-29, 2020. The Mayor met with the Engineers several times. It appeared that Mill Creek, which is normally two feet high, swelled up to 12 feet high in two hours. It was the storm of the century with no mercy for all, so the city was helpless against it.

Kimble Recycling & Disposal wrote to say they remained committed to the safe and sanitary condition of our community and the safety and health of their employees. They were asking for our cooperation to minimize the disruptions to essential services. Starting Monday April 13, 2020, they were asking for our help by implementing the following changes.

- Please fit all recycle items in the Kimble provided recycle cart. Do not leave any materials on the ground.
- Please temporarily hold bulk items that require hand loading, such as sofas, mattresses and appliances.
- All yard waste must fit into the Kimble waste cart.

City Hall had been closed for the past three and one-half weeks. Starting next week, city employees would be taking furlough days or other arrangements. The Mayor would be mailing out letters explaining the system. He planned to hold a Special Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2020 to discuss new procedures.

Turning to the evening's legislation, Mayor Collova stated that Ordinance 33-2020 authorized the Presiding Judge of the Garfield Heights Municipal Court to accept the 2020 Remote Technology Grant made available by the Supreme Court of Ohio. Ordinance 34-2020 allowed the city to purchase sodium chloride (rock salt) for the 2020-2021 season. Ordinance 35-2020 allowed the city to enter into an agreement with Teletronics, Inc. to upgrade the city's servers. Ordinance 36-2020 allowed the city to enter into an agreement with Teletronics, Inc. to upgrade the city's e-mail exchange operating system.

Resolution 09-2020 authorized us to apply for grant funding through the Federal Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program. Resolution 10-2020 encouraged the United States Congress and the Ohio Legislature to enact legislation that would prohibit bond rating companies from downgrading their ratings of municipalities due to conditions caused by COVID-19. Resolution 11-2020 authorized us to apply for the reimbursement of eligible expenses in regards to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

That was the end of Mayor Collova's report.

**PRESIDENT BURKE** thanked the Mayor and asked whether anyone had any questions for the Mayor on his report.

**CLWN DAVIS** said that a resident had asked her whether the city was going to continue to fine homeowners with high grass or was going to waive the fees. In addition, the citizen wondered why landscapers were working because she felt they were non-essential.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA** replied that the city was presently posting notices to homeowners telling them to mow their lawns and that landscapers were essential. The city would look bad if it no longer imposed fines for unmowed lawns.

**CLWN DAVIS** agreed that landscapers were essential and either the residents or the landscapers needed to keep lawns trimmed. However, the resident was laid off and could not afford a landscaper so she asked if some type of help were available. Clwn Davis would look into it.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA** said that he would check to see if anything could be modified.

**PRESIDENT BURKE** asked if there were any more questions. There were none. He then asked the Mayor whether residents were permitted to drop off rubbish at Kimble's headquarters.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA** responded that Kimble advised residents to consider options such as composting, taking the materials to a community collection point or holding them until a later time. He would look into the matter.

**PRESIDENT BURKE** thanked the Mayor for his answer.

**COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:**

**PRESIDENT BURKE** asked whether anyone wished to speak on the evening's agenda. No one did. So he moved on to Ordinances and Resolutions.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 33-2020**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDING JUDGE OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL COURT TO ACCEPT THE 2020 REMOTE TECHNOLOGY GRANT MADE AVAILABLE BY THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake  
Ordinance 33-2020 passed with 7 Yes votes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 34-2020**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASING PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT, ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A, WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM CHLORIDE (ROCK SALT) FOR THE 2020-2021 SEASON.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake  
Ordinance 34-2020 passed with 7 Yes votes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 35-2020**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TELETRONICS, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPGRADING THE CITY'S SERVERS AS WELL AS PROVIDING TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY-SIX MONTHS.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake  
Ordinance 35-2020 passed with 7 Yes votes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 36-2020**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TELETRONICS, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPGRADING THE CITY'S E-MAIL EXCHANGE OPERATING SYSTEM.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake  
Ordinance 36-2020 passed with 7 Yes votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 09-2020**

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING THROUGH THE FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING PROGRAM.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake  
Resolution 09-2020 passed with 7 Yes votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-2020**

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND THE OHIO LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT WILL PROHIBIT BOND RATING COMPANIES FROM DOWNGRADING THEIR RATINGS OF MUNICIPALITIES DUE TO CONDITIONS CAUSED BY COVID-19.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake  
Resolution 10-2020 passed with 7 Yes votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-2020**

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO APPLY AND COORDINATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY/FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY OFFICE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FOR

REIMBURSEMENT OF ELIGIBLE EXPENSES IN REGARDS TO CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

Resolution 11-2020 passed with 7 Yes votes.

That was the conclusion of Ordinances and Resolutions.

**MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:**

**PRESIDENT BURKE** next asked whether any residents had contacted Council to say they wished to speak during the Meeting. There were none.

Following this, the President asked whether there were any residents logged on to the Meeting who wished to speak. There were none.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

**PRESIDENT BURKE** then invited Council Members to offer their comments under Miscellaneous Business.

**CLMN NENADOVICH** suggested letting a resident who wanted to speak earlier but was unable to log in to address Council sign in at that moment.

**PRESIDENT BURKE** deemed that unnecessary because he had been able to log in three separate times during the meeting.

**CLMN NENADOVICH** said that he would inform the resident in question that President Burke had been able to join in on the Meeting. There were no more comments.

**CLMN VAUGHN** moved to adjourn the Meeting, President Burke seconded and the President said all in favor signify by saying Yea. Anybody opposed? Meeting adjourned.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:49 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Matt Burke, President of Council

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Barbara Molin, Clerk of Council