

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, April 22, 2019

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

INVOCATION BY: Council President Matt Burke.

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 for Monday, April 8, 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 Garfield Heights City Council dated Monday, April 8, 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, April 8, 2019, as written, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

PRESIDENT BURKE: We will move on to the Reports of the Mayor and the Directors. Mayor, once again, I see you have invited some people.

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Before we do that, I would like to make a motion that we bring Resolution 10-2019 at this time.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Vaughn to place Resolution 10-2019 on the agenda at this point in time of the meeting, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?
AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke
OK. Resolution 10-2019 is placed before us at this time. Will the Clerk please read the title?

RESOLUTION NO. 10-2019

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS HONORING AND COMMENDING THE TOP TEN STUDENTS OF THE 2019 GARFIELD HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS.

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Could we have this read in its entirety, please.

(The Clerk read Resolution 10-2019 in its entirety at this time.)

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote congratulations. You are the true leaders of your school. We look forward to you coming back to this community and doing great things. I wish you nothing but luck in your future. With that, I vote Yes.

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, I'd like to congratulate you and wish you the very best. You are showing exactly what our students are about in the city of Garfield Heights. It sends a message to other kids. You set a hike there and give them something to look forward to achieving themselves. I wish you the very best. With that, I vote Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Go out there and make Garfield proud. I vote Yes.

CLMN GLENN: Before I vote, looking at this class of seniors here we have the smartest. You are the cream of the crop. Cream of the crop always rises to the top. Continue your education, work hard to do well. Hard work. Thank you, Mr. President. I vote Yes.

CLMN SUSTER: Before I vote, I'd like to say congratulations to each and every one of you. I know it wasn't just given to you. It's something that you had to put the time in and you did a lot of hard work in order to get it. I know that you probably didn't do it alone. Your parents probably had to keep on you on keeping up on your studies, etc., which you should be proud of because it shows that they at least had enough interest in you to help you get to where you're at today. I say congratulations again and best of luck to all of you. Yes.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Before I vote, I'd like to say congratulations and know a lot of hard work goes into achieving these types of GPA scores. It's not just hard work from you all, but also the teachers, the staff and the great school system that we have. With that, I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 10-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: Now we will move on to the Reports of the Mayor and the Directors. Mayor.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, thank you very much. I also want to congratulate and talk a little bit about these young people. It's getting to be quite routine for us to bring some young students in that have done outstanding jobs in the city of Garfield Heights. We've had hockey players, basketball players, football players; we've had just about everybody. Once a year we have the honor of talking about the 10 best GPAs in the school. I think that's the most important honor of all. I really and truly do. As my colleague said, this is not only a tribute to all of you students, but this is a tribute to the Garfield Heights School System, to the teachers, to everybody involved. They do a great job. We certainly are happy that that school system's here in Garfield Heights. With that, I would like to bring up the Principal, the most important part, Tammy Hager, to announce these young people.

Principal Tammy Hager, Garfield Heights Senior High School. Thank you, Mayor and Councilmen. Tonight it is my immense pleasure to introduce you to the very best our school system has to offer—our Top Ten students.

Number 10. As you mentioned, was Abrar Ghazy with a 4.038. She was not able to make it tonight.

Number 9. Megan Cermak with a 4.140.

Number 8. Evan Jasterbowski with a 4.146. Evan has participated in Music Express throughout high school where he won the Best Performer twice. He's a member of A Capella Choir, Marching Band, Concert Band and of course NHS. Evan plans on majoring in computer science and engineering at the Ohio State University's Marion campus.

Number 7. Anthony Iacano, Jr. with a 4.150.

Number 6. Taelyr Bonner with a 4.153. Taelyr has been a member of the Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band, Clarinet Quartet, Clarinet Duet, NHS, Students of Promise. She's been a basketball manager and has participated in track and field. She will attend Cuyahoga Community College in the fall on a full ride scholarship. Her major will be nursing. She will have all her tuition, books and fees paid as well as earning a \$4,000.00 living stipend.

Number 5. Brett Exton with a 4.172.

Number 4. Julianne McKee with a 4.196. Julianne has participated in choir, theater, NHS and Irish Dance. She is in our current production of The Addams Family and if you'd like to come see it the last weekend is this weekend. She will be attending John Carroll University where she has received a Presidential Scholarship, the Satteluo Scholarship, the John Carroll Grant and a Federal Pell Grant. She is currently undecided in her major, but is leaning toward psychology.

Number 3. Jesse Wheeler with a 4.281. He's been a part of the Bowling Team, was named the Junior Varsity MVP. He is a current member of NHS and was a theater tech during his junior year. He has also had perfect attendance throughout his school career. He is attending the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center in the Engineering Program. He is a member of the National Technical Honor Society, where they will be awarding him with a scholarship for the University of Akron. He will also receive an Akron Guaranteed Scholarship, a Federal Pell Grant and the Ohio College Opportunity Grant. He will also receive an Honors Diploma from both CVCC and the high school. He will be attending the University of Akron and majoring in mechanical engineering.

Our Salutatorian is Jeremiah Ukwela who has a 4.339. Jeremiah participates in Concert Band, Marching Band, Jazz Band. He's been Vice President of NHS and Vice President of the senior class. He has participated in Solo and Ensemble Competitions for Band. He was a part of our Data Science Competition at Case Western and took second place out of 15. He is a self-taught programmer and he will major in Bio-Medical Engineering at either Case Western Reserve University or the Ohio State University.

Our Valedictorian is Cory Baczkowski with a 4.365. He is an avid bowler and a decorated member of our Bowling Team with a first place boy's handicap in 2017 and third place singles in JV in 2017 as well. He is the Secretary for the National Honor Society and the senior class treasurer. He was also a part of our winning Data Analysis Competition Group. He will be attending Heidelberg University, where he has been awarded the Fellows Award, the University Grant, the Ohio Opportunity Grant and a Federal Pell grant. His major will be mathematics and bio-medical engineering.

It is my pleasure to introduce you to our Top Ten.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I just wanted to say that I'm a Garfield Heights graduate also and I'm going to come up and take a picture with you guys because I don't think when I was in school I got to stand with the Top Ten.

(Photographs were taken at this time.)

PRESIDENT BURKE: As always, I would like to just say while you don't have to stay for the meeting, we do urge that you do, but if you decide to leave, please do so quietly and we can go on with our meeting. Once again, congratulations.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: OK, Mr. Chairman. I will continue. Once again, I want to remind everyone about the Garfield Heights Memorial Day Parade and Service Monday, May 27, 2019. The parade was cancelled because of the condition of Turney Road for a few years. We're putting it back on. The Garfield Heights Memorial Day tributes honoring our deceased Veterans of all wars and conflicts will be held on Monday, May 27, 2019. There will be a parade, a service at the Veterans Plaza at the Garfield Heights Civic Center and refreshments following. The parade assembly will begin at 9:15 a.m. at Maple Leaf Drive and Turney Road. The parade will step off at 10:00 a.m. If you wish to participate, make a monetary donation or have any questions please contact Jennifer Newrones (216) 624-8802 or Jason Blake at (216) 338-7883. So we're looking forward to getting this parade going and if you want to put floats in, whatever you want to do, let's make this thing up right for the Veterans of Garfield Heights.

I'm going to get into tonight's legislation. The first ordinance, number 22, is in regards to our NOPEC Community Grant. Ordinance 23 is tough. It's always tough to have an ordinance where you have to reach out to the people. Unfortunately, in this case we have no choice whatsoever. I'll explain it a little bit. Cuyahoga County came to us and said Garfield Heights, you have a million dollar deficit in your Sanitary Sewer Fund. You have to be able to get money to pay it back. You can either go to the residents yourself or we will go to the residents. They wanted to charge \$1.00/foot, which would come to about \$40.00/year. We thought the best way to go was to do it ourselves and they would accept fifty cents if we did it ourselves. Instead of raising it \$40.00/year, it would be \$20.00/year, which is less than \$2.00/month. But the reality of this thing is nobody likes to have to ask residents for any more money. There is enough burden with

taxes in the city of Garfield Heights. But sewers last about 100 years. Most of the sewers in Garfield Heights are over 100 years and many over 100 years. There will be continue to be breaks. There will continue to be problems with the sewers. It would be totally impossible to replace every sewer new. So we have to take a positive step to make sure that we don't have streets closed, sinkholes that you see at some places and we have to stay on top of this. I am asking for Council's support because if we don't give the support, the County will do it themselves. Like I said, they will raise it to a dollar and not fifty cents. So I'm urging Council's support on this. I know we had Council sessions on it and you're full aware of everything that's going on, but I just wanted to reiterate all of that. Ordinance 24 allows us to change a title from Activities Assistant to Activities Coordinator to reflect the additional duties of the Activities Assistant. This is no increase of money at all. It's just a change of title because the job description that she is now doing does not match the job description of the assistant so we are putting a job description into a coordinator. Like I said there is no increase in pay. It's just a change in title. Ordinance 25 is in regard to our bonds and notes. Barb is going to talk on this in her report. Ordinance 26 asking the assistance of the County for the Canal Road Resurfacing Project. Dave Krock can give you an update on that.

Resolution 8 is a resolution to apply for a grant through the Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation. Resolution 10 is just what we passed about the Top Ten students. Again, congratulations to those top students. With that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mayor Collova. Does anyone have any questions for the Mayor on his report this evening? OK. We will 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.

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

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Fire Chief. Let's move to our Police Chief, Robert Byrne. Chief Byrne, do you have a report?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: No report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Let's move on to our Service Director, Tim McLaughlin. Tim, do you have a report for us?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: Yes, Sir. I said I'm going to break the chain. We started patch on the side streets. I told you we are going Ward to Ward. We started in Ward 1, we are completing Ward 1. We have a crew working in Ward 2, a crew working in Ward 3 and a crew working in Ward 7. I always divide it up and work back to the middle. We've only been able to have three crews instead of four, as I'd hope we would have but staffing people take off and holidays, sick, etc. Hopefully I'll be able to get a fourth crew out there, but I think in two weeks we've gotten pretty far. One of the things too, is the last five or six years that we've had streets repaved and water lines changed, etc. it's really helped out. I see a big

difference in what we have to patch. So we're cruising along. I'm hoping by the end of May, beginning of June we'd kind of be close to being done with the whole city first time through and then I'll go back to some that might need more attention.

The Hazardous Waste Roundup started today. It goes today through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Next Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Saturday, May 4th you will still be able to do the hazardous waste, but also there will be the paper shred 9:00 a.m. till 12:00 p.m. That will be at 13600 McCracken. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Does anyone have any questions for Mr. McLaughlin specifically on his report tonight? Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Specifically on his report, Tim you mentioned potholes. Are you still using the cold patch or are we switched over to hot patch?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: No, the hot patch plants they're open.

CLMN GLENN: They're open?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: Yeah. Actually that hot patch buggy that we bought, we were taking the cold patch towards the end and heating it up and putting it in so it was very similar to regular hot patch. The hot patch plant's been open for about three weeks. We started on the mains like on Broadway and places that were really bad the first week. Then when I got the first group of three guys that were the summer help we went in the side streets, which was two weeks ago.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, Tim.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Glenn. Anyone else have any questions for Tim?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Absent.

PRESIDENT BURKE: There are none. We'll move on to our Finance Director, Ms. Barb Biro. Barb, do you have a report for us this evening?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARB BIRO: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. This evening we're asking for Council's support on Ordinance 22-2019. This is the third time that we're going back to NOPEC for a grant. Last year we put in the chillers at the Rec Center. This year we are asking for monies for LED stop signs that will be throughout the city. We're also asking for assistance in replacing the equipment at Fire Station 1—the kitchen equipment which is well over 15 years old. So we're looking to replace that, which would be more economical in running at the kitchen at Fire Station 1.

We are asking for your support on Ordinance 25-2019. I'm requesting that it be placed on First Reading. This is the notes that we started back in 2014 for the repair of streets throughout the city. The original note was at \$2 million. We went to \$2.5 million the next year so we could complete additional roads including Warner Road Hill. Over the years we have paid a debt down. This year we will be paying another \$200,000.00 down on the note. The difference

between this year compared to last year is that now the notes will be backed by a General Obligation debt on income tax revenue. It will not be a Special Obligation. That's good news for the city twofold. With the increase in real estate values and the pay down of the General Obligation debt that we have been doing very aggressively over the last years has brought our borrowing power back up again. So we do have some money to borrow. So that's why now it has been advised to us to take the one-year note and go to General Obligation. That should give us a slightly better interest rate than we have been receiving in the past years.

Lastly, we're asking for support on Resolution 8-2019. It is the second year that we've applied for a Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant. This year we are asking for monies for fire inspection equipment up to and including bulletproof vests for our first responders in the Fire Department. With that, you have my report, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Ms. Biro. Does anyone have any questions for Ms. Biro on her report? Yes, Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: Mr. Chairman. What was our past interest rate and what is our new interest rate going to be, Barb?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARB BIRO: I do not know what the new interest rate is going to be until we get to the market. You have to pass the ordinance first. It will be priced in June by June 10th or 11th. When it goes to the market we'll find out what it is, but they think that by going to the GEO debt we should get .1 or .2 less on our interest rate than we have in the past. Last year it was 3.4%. So we should be receiving a better interest rate. When you back it with General Obligation, you get a better interest rate than you do with Special Revenue.

CLMN DUDLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Yes. Some comments to Mrs. Biro's refinancing the stuff and some things. This is part of how the Administration's been working. All these Directors working together and making us more self-sufficient. We're not relying on anybody else any more. We are like a regular household would. We're paying it back in a timely fashion while ordering control on how we spend it. That's what they work forward to as we come out of debt. I have nothing else. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Nenadovich. Does anyone have anything else? There are none, we will move on to our City Engineer, Mr. David Krock. Dave, do you have a report?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I do, Mr. Chairman. I want to comment on two ordinances. First, on Ordinance 23, as the Mayor had mentioned, this is the County and the fifty-cent increase. I just want to point out that this is important that the city did negotiate a contract with the County that that would be first paid down, being the number one most important thing. Secondly, after the debt is paid off then it would be used for capital improvement purposes at the direction of the city. The city will have control of the entire fifty cents.

Then on Ordinance 26. This is the Canal Road Repair and Resurfacing Project. We got a grant of 50% from the County so they're going to pay up to \$211,000.00 of the cost. Also, to improve

the cost of the project we also went in with Valley View and Cuyahoga Heights to do a larger section of Canal Road and hope to improve the pricing that we get from contractors. All that will be going on later this summer. We have a few more hurdles to go. I don't have the schedule yet. More to come later this summer.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Krock. Does anyone have any questions for Mr. Krock on his report? Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Yes. Dave, on the Canal Road patching, will any of it be picked up by the city of Cleveland due to that water main break?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: We have been talking with the city about that on a few things. One, should we replace the whole waterline or not. Apparently, the rest of the waterline is in pretty good shape, so there is no need to replace the rest of the waterline. They do have an obligation for the portion that was damaged. We also think there may be some undermining of the road, but we are not certain of that right now so we'll investigate that during construction. We'll make sure that they pay their part. Let's put it that way. Thanks.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Anyone else have any questions for Mr. Krock? If there are none, we will move on to our Social Services Director, Ms. Kathy Rush-Parsson. Kathy, do you have a report this evening?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSON: Yes, I do. Thank you. The Senior Center will be hosting its Annual Senior Week beginning on Monday, May 6th in recognition of National Senior Citizens Month. There's a full week of events and activities scheduled as well as our Annual Breakfast Bar, which is free to all Seniors on Wednesday, May 8th. If anyone would like more information or to sign up for any of the events, they can call Annie at the Senior Center at (216) 475-3244.

Also I just ask for Council's support of Ordinance 24, which allows us to change Annie Stahl's title from Activities Assistant to Activities Coordinator. Annie started with the city in September of 2016. She does have a Master's Degree in Gerontology from Bowling Green State University, which we benefit greatly from. Since she started here, her responsibilities have grown tremendously in comparison to previous Activities Assistants. So she's taken on more of a supervisory role and she helps me out a tremendous amount. So she certainly is deserving of a change of a title as the Mayor indicated. So we just ask for your support for that. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Ms. Parsson. Does anyone have any questions for Ms. Parsson on her report this evening?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Absent.

PRESIDENT BURKE: There are none, we will move on to our Building Commissioner, Mr. Mark Moro. Mark, do you have a report this evening?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: No report this evening. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. That concludes our reports of the Mayor and Directors. We will move to communications from citizens on tonight's agenda. Will 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 speak specifically on tonight's agenda? On anything that's on tonight's agenda? If there are none, we will move on to our Ordinances and Resolutions beginning with Ordinance 22-2019. Will the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 22-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S) FOR 2019.

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 22-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 23-2019 (FIRST READING)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING GARFIELD HEIGHTS ORDINANCE 49-2014 AND AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SANITARY ENGINEERING DIVISION TO INCREASE THE SANITARY SEWER RATE FROM \$1.70 TO \$2.20 PER LINEAL FRONT FOOT WITHIN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

PRESIDENT BURKE: Excuse me, Mr. Glenn, there is a motion on the floor to consider by title.

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

Motion to PASS FOR A SECOND READING:

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

CLMN GLENN: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: At this time, I'd like to make a motion that we take this to the voters of Garfield Heights.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Do I have a second on the motion made by Clmn Glenn to take this ordinance to the voters of Garfield Heights? Do I have a second? Being that there is no second, Mr. Glenn, the motion dies on the floor.

CLMN GLENN: Thank You.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you.

CLMN DUDLEY: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: I would like to make a motion that I still stand that we should notify the residents through bulk mail for those that don't get a chance to watch this on TV and they don't have access to Internet service so that they will be able to know that it's going to be an increase in their sewer line coming from the house.

PRESIDENT BURKE: So, if I get you correctly, you are making a motion that we notify the residents by bulk mail?

CLMN DUDLEY: Notify them by mail.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Who would notify? The Council?

CLMN DUDLEY: That the city notify the residents of the increase by the mail.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Do we have a second? Being that there is no second, the motion dies on the floor.

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 23-2019 will pass for a Second Reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 24-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 63-2018, THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS' PLAN OF CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION OF NON-UNION PAY POSITIONS.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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 24-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 25-2019 (FIRST READING)

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$2,100,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, TO PAY COSTS OF IMPROVING STREETS AND ROADS IN THE CITY BY RESURFACING, GRADING, DRAINING, CURBING, PAVING, AND IMPROVING, RECONSTRUCTING AND CONSTRUCTING CATCH BASINS, AND MAKING OTHER IMPROVEMENTS AS DESIGNATED IN THE PLANS APPROVED OR TO BE APPROVED BY COUNCIL, TOGETHER WITH ALL NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Motion to PASS FOR A SECOND READING:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 25-2019 will have a Second Reading at our next Council Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ENACTED BY THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE MUNICIPALITY, IN THE MATTER OF THE HEREINAFTER DESCRIBED IMPROVEMENT AND REQUESTS THE COOPERATION OF THE COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, OHIO, HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS THE COUNTY.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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 26-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-2019

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE FIREHOUSE SUBS PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote, we get this grant; the money will be used for safety equipment including bulletproof vests for our staff. With that, I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 08-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Let the record reflect that Resolution 09-2019 has been withdrawn from tonight's agenda. We have already passed Resolution 10-2019 so that concludes our Ordinances and Resolutions for tonight.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT BURKE: We will move on 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 any citizen out there that would like to speak at this time?

Curtis Freed, Director of Strong Hands United, 20351 Morris Avenue, Euclid. We are a non-profit organization. We help children with incarcerated parents. I was invited here by Clmn Dudley to explain an event that we have. I came here briefly to talk to Council about a situation that is a subject that is kind of hard to talk about, but it must be faced. That is the situation of human trafficking. Human trafficking is very serious. It's a \$100 billion operation. It's \$30 billion in the United States. Ohio is fourth in the country for human trafficking for two reasons 1) because of the highways 2) and the second is because of the water. The reason why I say the water is because you can go into Canada and drive into Canada. They have checkpoints. You can take a boat and go to Lake Erie and go to Canada totally undetected. What they're doing is different

components of this human trafficking. We have sex trafficking and they have organ harvesting and a few more. The water is mostly used for organ harvesting. What they do is they kidnap these young kids, put them in a boat, take them over to Canada and land on a private dock, secure the children and they go on the black market and see who needs organs. They match the organs to the kids and they kill them and sell their organs all over the world. The average kid is \$200,000.00 for one child. You get one healthy young boy you got two fresh kidneys, lungs, heart, whatever. They take five kids that's \$1 million. It's a big operation. Ohio is fourth in the country and there's no program in place to safeguard our children in our community.

Our organization has linked up with a woman named Teresa Meriwether. She's from DC. She worked with some Federal agencies. She's an expert human trafficking trainer. She's coming to Garfield Heights. We're giving a program (a training seminar) at my church, Christian Kingdom Assembly. It's on Broadway at 12700 Broadway Avenue. Pastor Monroe Johnson. We're hosting a trafficking event. What it consists of. She has a team of children. One of them was connected to human trafficking. He got out of it and now he goes around with her and they put on role-plays for the children ages 11 and up. They put on role-plays for different scenarios. One being particular is how vulnerable the social media and Internet is for these children. They have lot of predators they prey on the video games and they play on-line and they lure these kids in and find out where they're most vulnerable and then they kidnap them. So it's situations like that that come into role-play how kids do the role-play and then she will stop after each role-play and engage the kids and the audience with what did you notice here? What to look for. What not to look for. I'm really happy because this is a pilot program in our Garfield Heights.

We're trying to do it and move it all over the community. With 392 children missing in Cuyahoga County and 600 in the whole State, so we're averaging about 200 kids/year that is coming up missing. Maybe out of that 200/year over 75 are going to the human traffickers. You know it's a very big operation. They have doctors on their payroll because they have these girls for sex slaves and these girls get pregnant so they give them birth control shots every month and in exchange, they give the doctors sex acts and money. They have dentists on the payroll because the girls got to go to the dentist. They give them the same thing. They have drug dealers on their payroll because they keep them with heroin so they can be sick and be submissive to do what they want them to do.

The event is May 4th. We have flyers. We even have local figures. Mr. Dudley is going to come and provide food for everybody. We have a Judge from Cuyahoga County Juvenile Justice Center, Judge Floyd. She will be attending this and speak. We also have Sgt. Mackey who heads the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department Human Trafficking Task Force. They are going to come. We will have a resource table. Our goal is to just train these kids, train the parents so they can safeguard themselves against this atrocity. We welcome the Board to come. Like I said once again this is a training. It's a pilot thing. We're starting it in Garfield Heights at our church and we just want to move it all over the community so that kids can be aware and we can try and save our kids. Thank you. Any questions?

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Sir. Is there anyone that would like to ask a question? Mr. Nenadovich.

MR. FREED: I have flyers in there too to pass out to you guys. You can give them to your Ward. Oh and another thing. I'm sorry. We have free transportation too so anybody who

doesn't have a ride we'll make sure the kids get there, get back safe and we'll feed them, etc. Thanks.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Sir.

CLMN DUDLEY: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Yes, Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: Mr. Chairman and the Council. I just want to thank these guys for coming out tonight and getting their message because like you say human trafficking is with young kids, young girls as well as young boys. It's a reality and it's happening right underneath our nose, you know? I appreciate what you guys are doing. I appreciate you bringing it to the city of Garfield Heights. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Is there anyone else out there that would like to come up and make any comments?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: I guess since I did the invocation, I will start with myself. First of all, I wanted to make sure everybody's aware that our next Council Meeting will be Monday, May 13, 2019.

I cut my grass today so I think it's officially spring now. I was able to get the lawnmower started. I know we're going to be getting some phone calls, fellas, because that grass probably grew six inches over the weekend. So if you're out there, I know it's wet, but you got to keep your grass cut otherwise we're going to have the grass cutting crews come out and they're going to cite your house and be charging you to cut the grass. So please just do the best you can to cooperate with that. I know the weather hopefully helps. I mean it doesn't get cold and snowy again or whatever but hopefully we'll be able to manage our lawns this year very well.

I know there's some great things going on in the city of Garfield Heights. One of the things I'm very proud to see come back is the Memorial Day Parade. I'm working hard to try to get the United States military recruiters in Maple Heights to attend that parade. I've been calling them. They have not called me back, so they just don't like me. I don't know. But hopefully we can get them there. Also, if you're a Veteran, I spoke to a few Veterans and some of them are reluctant to march in that parade or even ride in the parade. I don't know why, but there was a few that said they probably couldn't make the whole journey from the middle school all the way over to the Civic Center. I said well, we'll drive you. But if you know some Veterans, get them in contact with the committee that's putting the Memorial Day Parade on. With that, that's all I have. We'll move on to Clmn Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Sir. You know, I would really like to again, congratulate the Top Ten graduates. You're going to some mighty fine schools. All of them. I wish you luck and I hope you come back and give your talents here to Garfield Heights. Job well done.

Another job that was well done 10 years ago. It brought back memories. Corporal Brad Davis passed away many years ago—10 years ago today. I remember quite a few of us here were at that funeral. It was probably one of the most impressive things I ever saw. When that General spoke, remember, Joe, he spoke to the kids and everybody in the audience. We really thank everybody for what they do and what our military does everyday. Tonight say a prayer for Brad, please.

My Block Watch meeting will be on Thursday evening at St. Monica's in the basement in the Augustine Room at seven o'clock. Please feel free to join us. We'll have some light refreshments and we're going to be talking about some of the issues going on here in the city.

I, too, was out cutting grass this past weekend. It was good to see neighbors out. Let's cleanup our little lots, folks and pick up that trash that might be lying in the gutter and let's cleanup our yards to make everything look really nice. I even noticed today those darn dandelions are already coming back, folks, so it's here. It's official.

Again, the Memorial Day Parade will be coming up. Ward 7 Block Watch will be marching and anybody else please let's get out there. Let's make this a big success.

My last thing, to my Polish brethren, Happy Dingus Day. I'm sure they were out celebrating. That's for Vic. Celebrating and hope they had a good day. With that, that's my report, Sir.

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

CLMN DUDLEY: OK. I just want to mention for those of you all who may not understand when we pass something and we say to pass on a second reading that gives you two weeks. That means it did not pass tonight. So when you call, remember it has not passed yet. So that give you two weeks to reach out to us, reach out to somebody in the city, voice any questions about any piece of this ordinance that we read tonight or any concerns you may have. You have those two weeks. So I suggest that you do have it, take advantage of that. That's plenty of time to call up before the next meeting. So remember, when it says pass for a second reading, that means the next reading is two readings away. So you understand because a lot of people don't understand it. They say, hey, Councilman, you all passed it last night and I say no, we didn't. You have two weeks to work with. So that's on that part.

Also, congratulations to the Top Ten kids who came through. That's quite an achievement. Like the Mayor said, I never got to hang with that group myself coming up. I wish them the best. I'm proud of them. I'm quite sure their parents are more proud than anybody could be.

Tomorrow, at Christian Kingdom Assembly, at 12700 Broadway, we will be having our Town Hall Meeting from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. All of the gifts that was not given out at the Black History Program, we will be raffling them off for free. I have several Council Members' gifts that I still have, including wine. It's still there. All that is going to be raffled off. Come out. You get some

information. Our keynote speaker who will talk about safety concerns in the city will be Chief Byrne. He really fills in that information when he comes and answers your questions very well. He don't hold back so you know what's happening. He's going to be our guest speaker tomorrow.

Also once again on the 4th of May at 12700 Broadway, Christian Kingdom Assembly, I say that trafficking. You really need to come. You need to show out, you know. You need to come there fully understanding if you got some teenagers especially because me, my sons today, they get on that game, they 17/18 years old. I didn't have a clue when I first saw it the first time. I wondered who he was talking to. He was talking to somebody else. I thought he was talking to himself, playing a board game against somebody in a totally different spot. I don't know where that person lived. You can only take what the person tells you. So you got to be strict. I got my sons and I asked them where that person lived. They don't know too much. I said play with your brother. You got to watch your children. You got predators out there in all different forms. I appreciate what you all doing coming to the city and putting on that program. With that, Mr. Chairman, that's it for tonight. Thank you.

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

CLMN LAMALFA: I don't have anything tonight. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again, congrats to the students in the Top Ten in the class going into some mighty difficult programs—microbiology. My goodness. I used to pick up germs when I played in the sand. That's about as close as I got.

I would like to reiterate what Mr. Vaughn said. Pick up in front of your house. If it falls out of the garbage can, even if it isn't yours and blows on the street. I catch the corner where I live. I pick up plastic bags, cups, etc. You're going to take your garbage can in, pick it up and throw it in yours. They don't charge extra for other people's garbage.

Also, there's a project coming up Thursday at the high school. It's called the Empty Bowl Project. It's put on by Kiwanis. It helps the food banks in the city. Go there. Buy a cup of soup. Pick out a bowl that the students made or some of the members of Kiwanis made. It's all included in the price. I believe the tickets are \$10.00. Starts at 5:30 p.m. and ends at about eight o'clock. You get one serving for ten bucks, but it goes to a good cause. It's the Garfield Kiwanis and our food bank system.

Matt had mentioned about the Vets not being able to walk. Most of Council won't be able to walk too much so we need rides. With that, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: We'll give you a ride, all right. Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: No comment. I have nothing to say.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Glenn. Mr. Suster. Last but not least.

CLMN SUSTER: OK. I, too, would like to congratulate the students that were here this evening. I had mentioned earlier they put a lot of work into it.

I don't know if anybody's familiar, but down at the Garfield Heights High School, again they have a play called The Addams Family. For as much time that these kids put in on a play, it's very disturbing to go there and you only see a few people in the audience. These kids do a fantastic job. They put a lot of time into it. This is only one of the many plays that they've done this year. If we don't back these kids up, they might drop out. I think tonight you had three kids here in the Top Ten that are in this play. They do a fantastic job. The director that takes care of it, etc., he himself puts in a lot of time into it. If you have a chance, I believe on Sunday it's at two o'clock; Saturday I'm not familiar with the correct time. If you get a chance, you should take your family to see it so your kids can see what these other kids are doing. They might be interested in it themselves.

My next remark is for my friend the Police Chief. A couple years back, I referred to Turney Road as the Turney Road turnpike. Now it's turned into Turney Road speedway. I think if it's possible, I would like to see more radar on Turney Road because it's getting ridiculous. I was going down Turney Road the other day and was doing 25 mph and they passed me like I was standing still. Another thing is when these kids are getting out of school they don't go to the crosswalks. They just cross the street. If we don't nail them somewhere and give them a ticket for jaywalking, they are never going to learn about this. So if you can do anything about setting up a speed trap or having radar put on Turney Road, somebody's going to get hurt.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: We're out there, Mr. Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: I understand that. I'm just saying I don't think people see it.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: I just got an e-mail today from a guy that said he can't believe how much traffic stops he sees. We wrote over 7,000 tickets last year.

CLMN SUSTER: I'm glad to see that because.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: We're out there. We can't be everywhere at once, but we're out there.

CLMN SUSTER: I understand. That's why I said if you could. I'm not saying I want to see four cars on Turney Road. That's fine with me. With that, Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a motion that we adjourn.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Suster to adjourn, do I have a second?

CLMN NENADOVICH: I second.

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:05 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Matthew Burke
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council