

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL**

**CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO**

**Monday, April 27, 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

**READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:**

**PRESIDENT BURKE** made a motion to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Garfield Heights City Council for Monday, April 13, 2020 as submitted. He then said on the motion made by myself to accept the Minutes of the Council Meeting for Monday, April 13, 2020, as submitted, all in favor say Yea. Any opposed?

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

**PRESIDENT BURKE** said that the Meeting Minutes were accepted with 7 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 Vaughn 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 all the residents for cooperating so well with the changes requested by Kimble that he announced at the Council Meeting of April 13, 2020. He was very happy to say that everything went smoothly. The Mayor then read a letter he had recently received from Kimble.

“Dear Residents:

Our employees and I want to thank you all for your support and cooperation with our service requests as we have managed through the COVID-19 situation thus far. Our drivers were able to pick up all items placed at the curb these last couple of weeks and we are cautiously optimistic we will be able to return to normal operations. The extensive mitigation efforts by our team appear to have significantly reduced the impact of COVID-19 on our employees. As we are anticipating Governor DeWine’s detailed plans to restart Ohio businesses we are likewise planning to continue with normal collection services.

Effective immediately, our team will be serving our customers without the request for limitations. Customers who have cooperated and have held back additional materials may now place these materials at the curb. Items held in response to the previous limitation request will be collected at no additional cost. We ask, if possible, that you gradually place these extra materials out on your collection day spread out over the next 2-3 weeks to lessen the sudden volume impact.

We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation and any measures will be implemented as needed to protect the health and safety of our employees, customers and communities we serve.

We thank you for your cooperation and patience as we work through these difficult times together.”

Moving along, the Mayor said that the city of Garfield Heights could stand to lose \$1 million by the end of 2020 because of the Coronavirus. In an effort to compensate for that, he had incorporated the following changes:

- ◇ Full-time employees who normally work 40 hours/week would now be paid for 32 hours/week for the next 10 weeks (a 20% cut in salary). Mayor Collova is donating the equivalent of his 20% salary cut back to the city also.
- ◇ He has laid off employees in the Senior Center, the Law Department and the Parks and Recreation Department.
- ◇ The Dan Kostel Recreation Center will remain closed and all summer activities have been cancelled.

Cities are not receiving sufficient guidance/help from the government concerning the Covid-19 pandemic. Some State Representatives and Senator Sherrod Brown are trying to help cities out.

The grass-cutting program was beginning on April 27, 2020. Parks and Recreation employees will be cutting all of the lawns cited, including those lawns previously trimmed by Court Community Service.

Regular City Council Meetings might resume in the Civic Center on May 11, 2020.

The City View/Highland Park Project is ready to pop but there are some delays.

The Mayor expected to open the Civic Center (except the Senior Center) to the public on May 15, 2020. There might be a change regarding the Senior Center.

Mayor Collova then turned to the evening’s legislation. Ordinance 37 was a renewal for the issuance and sale of notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds to pay costs of improving streets and roads in the city. Ordinance 38 authorizes the Mayor to renew an agreement on behalf of the city with Court Community Service. Ordinance 39 (set for a First Reading) provides for the issuance and sale of bonds and will save the city \$190,000.00. Ordinance 40 authorizes

and directs the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Cuyahoga County to repair the slope located at 4904 Orchard where the erosion is so serious the house could fall into a creek.

Resolution 12 authorizes and directs the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Cleveland Metropolitan Park District for the purpose of Police mutual aid.

Mayor Collova terminated his report.

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

**CLMN DONAHUE** asked whether the employees were taking a 20% cut in pay for 10 weeks.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA** replied that 2.35 hours/week of salary would be deducted from each employee.

**CLMN DONAHUE** offered to give his pay on May 8, 2020 to the city.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA** informed him that under the Charter he and Council could not do so.

**CLMN DONAHUE** said he would contact Finance Director Barb Biro to find out what to do.

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

**CLMN VAUGHN** asked whether he would be allowed to contribute to the Food Bank.

**MAYOR VIC COLLOVA** responded Yes.

**CLMN VAUGHN** said that he intended to do that.

There were no further questions for the Mayor.

**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. 37-2020**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,000,000 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 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 37-2020 passed with 7 Yes votes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 38-2020**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS WITH COURT COMMUNITY SERVICE.

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 38-2020 passed with 7 Yes votes.

**ORDINANCE NO. 39-2020 FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF BONDS IN THE MAXIMUM PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$3,475,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING AT A LOWER INTEREST COST CERTAIN OF THE CITY'S OUTSTANDING VARIOUS PURPOSE IMPROVEMENT REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2010, DATED AS OF NOVEMBER 10, 2010.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Motion to PASS FOR SECOND READING:

AYES: Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake  
Ordinance 39-2020 will be read at the next Council Meeting.

**ORDINANCE NO. 40-2020**

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSES OF REPAIRING THE SLOPE LOCATED AT 4909 ORCHARD.

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 40-2020 passed with 7 Yes votes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-2020**

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN PARK DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF POLICE MUTUAL AID.

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 12-2020 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. Although the President had not received any e-mails, he had received correspondence from residents. He then asked whether any residents currently logged on wished to comment.

Millette Tucker, Board of Education Member, shared the following information:

- ◇ School buildings will remain closed for the remainder of the academic school year per Governor DeWine's order. All students will continue to receive instruction online.
- ◇ The district is working on how to celebrate our 2020 graduates in a virtual environment.
- ◇ The remaining District's Grab and Go Breakfast and Lunch program days are Tuesday and Thursday at the high and middle school. Pick up times are 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.
- ◇ The next Meeting of the Garfield Heights Board of Education would be on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

**PRESIDENT BURKE** thanked Ms. Tucker and asked whether there were any other residents logged on to the Meeting who wished to speak. There were none.

**PRESIDENT BURKE** moved to adjourn the Meeting, Clmn Vaughn seconded and the President said all in favor signify by saying Yea. Anybody opposed? Meeting adjourned.  
AYES: Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:37 p.m.**

**APPROVED:**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Matt Burke  
President of Council

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Barbara Molin  
Clerk of Council