

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, August 10, 2020

(Note: This meeting was conducted by teleconference due to the current Covid-19 outbreak.)

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 Special Meeting of Garfield Heights City Council for Tuesday, July 21, 2020 as written. Clmn Donahue seconded. The Chair next said, on the motion made by myself to accept the Minutes of the Special Council Meeting for Tuesday, July 21, 2020, all in favor say Yea. Any opposed?

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

PRESIDENT BURKE said that the Special Council Meeting Minutes were approved.

PRESIDENT BURKE made a motion to amend the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Garfield Heights City Council for Monday, July 13, 2020 including the amendments requested by Clmn Donahue. Clmn Donahue seconded. He then said on the motion made by myself to amend the Minutes of the Council Meeting for Monday, July 13, 2020, including the amendments, all in favor say Yea. Any opposed?

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

CLMN DONAHUE described the changes to be made as follows:

Minutes read: It was about they were yelling during the National Anthem.

Should read: It was about they were *kneeling* during the National Anthem.

Minutes read: They broke a post that I shared because of my feelings about somebody kneeling for the National Anthem and just blew it out of proportion.

Should read: They *took* a post that I shared because of my feelings about somebody kneeling for the National Anthem and just blew it out of proportion.

Minutes read: Slammed on his breaks.

Should read: Slammed on his *brakes*.

Minutes read: I stopped, put my window down and asked him what the problem was and went away.

Should read: I stopped, put my window down and asked him what the problem was and *sped* away.

Minutes read: I was wearing a rain jacket after I dropped my daughter off.

Should read: I was *going to the shooting range* after I dropped my daughter off.

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

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

PRESIDENT BURKE said that the Regular Meeting Minutes dated Monday, July 13, 2020 as amended, were accepted with 7 Yes votes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL:

PRESIDENT BURKE asked whether there were any written communications to Council.

THE CLERK replied that there was one letter from three individuals named Ian F. Cox, Dorian Cox and Tangetta Cox.

PRESIDENT BURKE asked the Clerk to read it.

THE CLERK read the letter as follows:

“July 20, 2020

Hello,

My name is Ian F. Cox, I am a Garfield Heights homeowner and have been for the past 16 years. I have a major concern with Councilman Charles Donahue Jr. His inflamed comments concerning the flag, and his conduct as a Councilman in the public of Garfield Heights has been deplorable. I am also disappointed by the way he has publicly conducted himself toward Black People in this city. I feel it is my responsibility to express my concerns and to let you know that I support the petition previously turned in.

Sincerely,

Ian F. Cox”

PRESIDENT BURKE thanked the Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT BURKE asked whether there were any Committee Reports.

CLMN BLAKE, School Liaison, replied that Millette Tucker, School Board Member, had informed him that Garfield Heights schools would open on September 9, 2020 with virtual classes only. Virtual classes would continue throughout the first grading period and students would play no sports. In addition, the School Board would hold a meeting on August 24, 2020.

PRESIDENT BURKE thanked Clmn Blake for his report and said the meeting would move on to the report of the Mayor.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA began by saying that some of the voting sites for the next election had been changed.

He was pleased to announce that Cuyahoga County had granted \$80,000.00 to Garfield Heights to create a new City Plan, which has been under discussion for some time.

Mayor Collova said that about seven years ago the city owned three K-9s. Two of the three K-9 officers in the police department have been retired and the third probably will have to be retired after the first of next year. The question is should Garfield Heights continue to have K-9s. Buying and training one would cost \$65,000.00. The city needs \$50,000.00 in order to buy a new K-9. K-9s are very effective tools in fighting crime in the city, and donations will be solicited in the near future to bring at least one new K-9 officer back to the department.

Weldon PC is holding a Computer and Electronics Recycling Month during the entire month of August 2020. Bring in your old computers, monitors, phone systems, printers, etc. and Weldon will give you a voucher for \$1.00, \$5.00, \$10.00, \$20.00 or \$50.00 towards future service by Weldon.

The Dan Kostel Recreation Center will open on September 1, 2020 for the hockey and ice skating seasons.

Getting into legislation, Ordinance 65-2020 authorized the abatement of special assessments and directed the Finance Director to certify special assessments to the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer. Ordinance 66-2020 authorized the purchase of three Lifepak 15 heart monitors, through Stryker Medical. Ordinance 67 authorized the sale of municipally owned property determined to be no longer needed for municipal purposes. Ordinance 68 amended Ordinance 78-2017 with respect to the Safety Department. Ordinance 69 authorized entering into an agreement with Teletronics, Inc. for Wide Area Network (WAN). Ordinance 70 directed the Finance Director to levy special assessments to the County Auditor for the cost of garbage and refuse collection. Ordinance 71 directed the Finance Director to levy special assessments to the County Auditor for the cost of lot maintenance.

That was the end of the Mayor's report.

PRESIDENT BURKE thanked the Mayor and asked whether anyone had any questions for the Mayor on his report. He then asked the Mayor whether the K-9 vehicles were in good condition.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA replied that they were in bad condition and would need to be replaced if the city buys a new K-9.

PRESIDENT BURKE thanked the Mayor.

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 asked whether any citizens on the line would like to comment specifically on the evening's ordinances. There were none. So he moved on to Ordinances and Resolutions.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 65-2020

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO CERTIFY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER, AS IDENTIFIED IN ATTACHMENT A, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED ON THE NEXT TAX COLLECTION, PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ORDINANCE 46-2004, RESOLUTION 48-2004, AND THE PETITION ATTACHED THERETO

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 65-2020 passed with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 66-2020

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE THREE (3) LIFEPAK 15 HEART MONITORS, THROUGH STRYKER MEDICAL UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 125.04(C)

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 66-2020 passed with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 67-2020

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND DISPOSAL OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED PROPERTY WHICH HAS BEEN DETERMINED TO BE NO LONGER NEEDED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES PURSUANT TO SECTION 129.02 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS

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 67-2020 passed with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 68-2020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 78-2017 WITH RESPECT TO THE SAFETY DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS 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 68-2020 passed with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 69-2020

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH TELETRONICS, INC. FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING WIDE AREA NETWORK (WAN) SUPPORT

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 69-2020 passed with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 70-2020

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, AS IDENTIFIED IN ATTACHMENT A, AND INCORPORATED HEREIN, (LESS ANY PAYMENTS RECEIVED OR CORRECTIONS AUTHORIZED BY THE FINANCE DIRECTOR), TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED ON THE NEXT TAX COLLECTION, PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ORDINANCE 56-2012: COST OF GARBAGE AND REFUSE COLLECTION

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 70-2020 passed with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 71-2020

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR, AS IDENTIFIED IN ATTACHMENT A AND INCORPORATED HEREIN (LESS ANY PAYMENTS RECEIVED OR CORRECTIONS MADE BY THE FINANCE DIRECTOR OR THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER), TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED ON THE NEXT TAX COLLECTION, PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES CHAPTER 551: LOT MAINTENANCE.

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 71-2020 passed with 7 Yes votes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS:

PRESIDENT BURKE next asked whether any residents attending the teleconference wished to address Council. There were none.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT BURKE said we would 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 called on Clmn Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY explained that things were going badly at the Dressler Community Center and something needed to be done. Adults play basketball there and play loud music. The Seniors who live nearby complain. According to the Mayor, new basketball hoops will be installed. The adults who go there often fight.

He wished everyone good health.

PRESIDENT BURKE thanked Clmn Dudley and called on Clmn Donahue.

CLMN DONAHUE hoped everyone would be safe from the Covid pandemic.

PRESIDENT BURKE thanked Clmn Donahue and called on Clmn Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH wished that everyone would stay healthy during the current health crisis.

PRESIDENT BURKE thanked Clmn Nenadovich and invited Clwn Davis to speak.

CLWN DAVIS said that residents on Grace had been having issues with grass seed. The residents do not cut their tree lawns, so she spoke to some of them.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK promised to send the contractor working on that neighborhood out in the fall to spread grass seed on their lawns. Weeds, rather than grass, are growing there. He explained that the contractor should not have sown grass seed in July, as it is the wrong time of year to do so.

CLWN DAVIS announced that graduating Garfield Heights High School senior Adrian Bolling had been named the recipient of the First Annual Ward 4 Scholarship, created to assist recent Ward 4 high school graduates. Sadly, Adrian's mother had passed away. Adrian will attend Notre Dame College in the fall.

PRESIDENT BURKE thanked Clwn Davis and invited Clmn Blake to speak.

CLMN BLAKE had no comments.

PRESIDENT BURKE thanked Clmn Blake. He congratulated Adrian Bolling and expressed his sympathy for the loss of his mother.

The Chairman reminded everyone to take measures to be safe in regards to the Covid pandemic.

He commented that the anniversary of September 11th was approaching and it was a time to remember.

The President then offered the floor to Clmn Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN encouraged everyone to stay safe and moved to adjourn the Meeting.

PRESIDENT BURKE said he needed to announce something.

CLMN VAUGHN said there was a motion on the floor.

PRESIDENT BURKE moved to adjourn the Meeting, Clmn Donahue seconded and the President said all in favor signify by saying Yea. Anybody opposed?

AYES: Vaughn

NAYS: Burke, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake

The motion did not pass.

PRESIDENT BURKE announced that there would be an Idea Hub Meeting at 9:00 a.m. on August 15, 2020 in the Garfield Park Reservation and said it would be interesting to attend.

CLMN VAUGHN said that he had wanted to speed up the Meeting because he had received a call from the ER.

PRESIDENT BURKE said that he understood and wished him well.

PRESIDENT BURKE moved to adjourn the Meeting, Clmn Donahue 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 7:57 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Matt Burke
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council