

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, December 10, 2018

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

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Michael Dudley, Sr.

ROLL CALL: **PRESENT:** Council Members Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke, Vaughn

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT BURKE: The Meeting Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday November 26, 2018.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I'd like to make a motion we accept the Council Minutes of the Regular Meeting for Monday, November 26, 2018 as submitted.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Nenadovich to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, November 26, 2018, as written, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: Any Committee Reports?

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Tonight we will be bringing out Ordinance Number 90-2018, which has to do with animals and fowl of the Codified Ordinances of the city of Garfield Heights. It is our vicious dog ordinance that we met on.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Excellent. Thank you, Clmn Vaughn.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: We will move now to the Reports of the Mayor and the Directors. Mayor, do you have a report for us this evening?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I do. Before I get into tonight's report, though, I once again have the honor and the privilege of swearing in another fine police officer to the city of Garfield Heights. I have said this on numerous occasions. No matter what problems are going on with the residents of Garfield Heights, no matter how mad they are at me or Council, they always love the police and fire. Probably the fire more than the police, but it's great that the safety forces and rightfully so they are acknowledged by the residents for the great job that they do. So this is certainly a pleasure for myself to do this and I'm certain for all of Council to be witness to it. So, Chief, if you would join me? And Brittany, if you would you join us at the podium, please?

(At this time, Mayor Collova swore in Patrolman Brittany McCune.)

PRESIDENT BURKE: As always, whenever we have this situation, I would invite the family to listen to the rest of the Council Meeting, but you don't have to endure that if you do not want to. I would ask that if you do leave though, you leave quietly. Thank you. Congratulations. OK, Mayor.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, I will continue with my report. I wanted to once again announce please do not forget that we have the Holiday Lighting Contest going on. Participants in this year's Annual Holiday Lighting Contest participated by nominating your favorite residential display. One winner in each Ward and a citywide winner will be chosen. Nominating deadline 4:00 p.m. December 21, 2018. Please get those nominations in. Send them here to the Garfield Heights Civic Center or e-mail them to jduber@garfieldhts.org. I will tell you the first four entrants that we got, three of them were for one house so there's one really great house out there so let's get out there and get some more of these in. We got work cut out for you.

I wanted to discuss this a little bit. I had a meeting today with some other Mayors and school board superintendents. The State, under Governor Kasich's Rainy Day Fund in Columbus is \$2.7 billion. That's the Rainy Day Fund. Ninety percent of that Rainy Day Fund came from our money. Governor Kasich had no interest in giving it back to the cities. We understand that Governor DeWine has a little softer heart and is looking into the possibility of returning some of that money, but I'm going to tell you what. We have been waiting a long time for people to knock on our door and give us money and it's not working.

Many of the cities around the State and most of them down South have a way of getting money for their districts, their municipalities, through Columbus by different means. I met with a group that works out of Columbus. They are lobbyists and they have an in with the important people and they are talking to different communities in our area and met with myself and three other Mayors talking about hiring a lobbyist and trying to get some of this money that we so rightfully deserve. Nothing is inexpensive. It costs quite a bit of money and hopefully the return would be worth it if we get it. I'm just bringing it out to you to get your attention. I don't know if we're going to go that way or not but I will keep you apprised of it. At some point in time, we have to get some help down in Columbus because we're just not getting it. When it comes up here to the inner-ring suburbs, the Cuyahoga County area, we get very little if anything. That's got to change. Just for realizing that of that \$2.7 billion, we probably have a little over \$3 million would be our city's. It came from the city. I don't have an exact number but it's a pretty good guestimate. We could do a lot with \$3 million. Right now we're stretching it out and talking about no raises because we're coming up about one quarter of a million short in income tax so we're struggling over a quarter of a million short in income tax. They've got \$3 million of our money staying in the State. Those are the kind of things that could make a big difference.

With that said, first of all I want to thank everybody for raising my sugar level with all this candy. I thank you very much. I go to the Doc tomorrow at 10 o'clock for my sugar report so you won't see me until about 10:30 a.m. Thank you very much. I appreciate it.

And to all the residents and everyone, in case we do not have another meeting, Merry Christmas. Happy New Year. I think we got a great year coming up. I think there are some surprises for the city of Garfield Heights. I don't know what them surprises are, but I am certainly hoping that we get some. We will all be a part of it so I'm happy for that.

Getting into tonight's legislation, Ordinance 90 is the vicious animal ordinance. As many of you were aware a few years back, probably 10 years ago, we put in a pit bull ordinance in place in the city of Garfield Heights. There has been some concern that that language is unconstitutional against the law so we have been advised to change our language. The language that is presented in front of you we believe through our Law Department covers both sides. We're covering the vicious animal at the same token we are not naming a breed, such as a pit bull. I'm sure you're going to look into that further. I certainly think we have to look at that or else we're going to end up in Court again. Ordinance 95. We're applying for a fire grant for some investigative equipment. Ordinance 96. Approving final appropriations and expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018. Ordinance 97. Approving appropriations for the current expenditures during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019. Any questions on Ordinance 96/97 can be referred to Barb.

Resolution 27. We're going to ratify the appointment of Louise Triptow as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Resolution 28. We would like you to ratify the appointment of Joyce Tubbs as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Resolution 29. Ratifying an appointment of Pam Wilkes as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Resolution 30. We're ratifying an appointment of Frank Leone as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. I want you to know that I have an opportunity--I chair the Planning Commission--and after the Planning Commission we go to the Zoning Board in many occasions and these members of the Zoning Board do a great job. I am impressed with all of them. I certainly would ask for your support for re-appointing the Zoning Board of Appeals. Resolution 31. We're ratifying the appointment of Kimberly Motley as a member of the Planning Commission. Kimberly works directly with me on the Planning Commission. She does a great job. I certainly would throw my support and hope you will throw your support for Kimberly also. Resolution 32. We're applying for additional demo grants from the County. With that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mayor. Does anybody have any questions for Mayor Collova on his report this evening? If there are none, we will move on to our Law Director, Mr. Tim Riley. Tim, do you have a report for us this evening?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: No report tonight.

FIRE CHIEF KENNETH STROPE: Absent.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Let's move on to our Police Chief, Chief Byrne. Chief, do you have a report for us this evening?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. I just want to report that this week Ptlm. Phil Dickens will retire on Thursday. He's a 30-year veteran. On the 23rd Ptlm. Al Nero will retire. In the meantime, we received a resignation form Ptlm. Pat Hace who is

taking a job with the Metroparks and by default, his K-9, Roscoe, will be retiring as well. So Brittany will take Ptlm. Haces spot and weqe currently in the process of doing some background investigations to hire another officer soon. I wanted to congratulate Ptlm. Dickens and Ptlm. Nero on their careers. Al is 62 years old and Phil is 59. These guys did the majority of their careers as patrol officers on the street until today. I got a lot of respect for them because its definitely gotten tougher out here and as people say this is a young persons job. Those guys stuck with it. So theyqe wrapping things up. If you see them around congratulate them and wish them well. With that, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Chief Byrne. Does anyone have any questions? Mr. Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: Did you say that the dogs also going to be retired?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: The dog is retired, yes.

CLMN SUSTER: Thatqs quite a bit of money that is walking away.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: By design, most K-9s have to stay with their handler. That dog has had some health issues anyways. Iqn not sure how much longer he would have been with us if the patrolman stayed with us, but the contract, etc. covers that so by default the dog is gone.

CLMN SUSTER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Any more questions for Chief Byrne on his report? If there are none wed move on to our Service Director Mr. Tim McLaughlin. Tin, do you have a report for us this evening?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: Yes, I do. I have a short one. We have gone through the city three times. We were going to close down last Friday but with the weather fairly decent, weqe going to stay out till Wednesday. Weqe going through the city for a fourth time. Weqe in I think he said we started the Boulevard. Ward 1 was there the other day but they started at the Boulevard working their way up. I dont know where they ended up today. Wednesday will be the end. Thereqs a lot of people that have raked. We drove through the city. We worked two Saturdays trying to catch up. Wednesday is the end. Those trucks will be changed over so we can use them for the winter. Weqe all set for the snow.

I want to thank you. As the Mayor mentioned, my doctor will appreciate my A1C report after I get into this but I have another month to go so I can get into this tonight. Thank you very much. Merry Christmas.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Des anybody have any questions for Mr. McLaughlin on his report this evening? Mr. Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: Tim, so youqe saying that after this Wednesday weqe suggesting that the residents bag their leaves?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: Yeah. Weqe not going back. As weqe coming up weqe going as far as we can get. We were on Ward 7 I think last Thursday and we started over because the weather was going to be decent for a few more days trying to see if

there's anything out there, but if somebody has not raked by now they're going to put them in a can or in a bag.

CLMN SUSTER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Does anybody else have any questions for Mr. McLaughlin? If not we will move on to our Rec Director Mr. Robert Dobies. Do you have a report for us Mr. Dobies?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: I do. Mr. President, Council Members, good evening. Starting off, we had another successful soccer season. A big thanks goes out to all the players, parents, coaches, fans and the team for another great season, which remains popular with all. I'd first like to congratulate the Lasers in Division B. They were our champions for 2018 and in Division A we had a unique finish to this end of the season. Understand that all our programs when we put teams together we try to balance them as best we can and we look for parity in our teams trying to bring in quality with each team as they progress through the season. In Division A we had three co-champ finishes. They all finished with the same record. So congratulations goes out to the Arrows Blast in Force. I think that was a first time.

The weekend of November 16th-18th we held our Annual Gold Cup Hockey Tournament. I'm happy to say that our tournament continues to be a premiere event during the Thanksgiving season which included teams locally and from out of State. Congratulations goes out to our 12U team for taking the championship and our 10U team for taking runner-up honors. I'm proud to say that this is the 50th anniversary for the hockey program in our city. I also would like to thank the Chief and the Police Department. I asked for a little bit of extra help with all the people coming in and out over the three-day period. Their efforts were appreciated and noticed by all, Chief. Thank you very much for that. You guys are always welcome.

Our Annual Tree Lighting Skate on the 18th was a huge success along with the Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony. We welcomed over 300 people/patrons for this free event from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Thanks to all who came and enjoyed the rink and a special thanks to Santa (Clmn Nenadovich) for his continued support.

Our 24th Annual Holiday Christmas Skating Recital was held this past week on Saturday December 8th from 4:00-6:00 p.m. It was a great show. Thank you to our Muni figure skaters for putting forth their talents and routines for all to enjoy. Over 150 guests enjoyed the show. Thank you for supporting our children.

I will remind all that our Annual Skate with Santa is this Sunday, December 16th from 3:00-5:15 p.m. This is an event for residents. Come have a fun afternoon and meet Santa. We will have music and treats for the children. Children under 12 have to be accompanied by a parent so mark your calendars.

Futsal, which is indoor soccer, will begin. Signups begin today and will run through January 10th. There is a late fee. The reason for the time period for signups is it allows us to establish teams and order shirts for the program. The program is for 5-14 year olds and runs from January to end of March. This program is held at the Middle School gymnasium.

Although our Grab Bag Fitness session is in progress, those wanting to stay in shape for the New Year, our Winter session will begin January 7th. More details will be coming shortly for that.

Figure Skate Learn to Skate session 3 will begin January 8th with the signups now through January 7th. This is a six-week program and it will be the final Learn to Skate for the season. Early signups are always welcome for all programs. For more information on any of the programs please call the Rec Center or visit the Website. It provides all the details and costs for our programming. You will also be able to view the pictures of all the events I have mentioned. There is a collage of pictures for every event. That concludes my report. Thank you. I would like to say also thank you and Merry Christmas to all for taking care of me over here.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Dobies. Does anybody have any questions for Mr. Dobies on his report? 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 are asking for Council's support for Ordinance 95, which closes the final appropriations for 2018 and we are asking for your support on Ordinance 96 and 97. Ordinance 96 is the final appropriations. Ordinance 97 is the appropriations to begin the year 2019.

I would also like to thank you for the gifts here and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Ms. Biro. Are there any questions for Ms. Biro on her report this evening? There are none, we'll move on to our City Engineer Mr. Dave Krock. Dave, do you have a report for us?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: I have nothing new to report tonight, but I would also like to say thank you for all the gifts.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Are there any questions for Mr. Krock this evening? If not, we'll move on to our Social Services Director, Kathy Rush-Parssons. Kathy, do you have a report for us this evening?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSON: Yes, I do. Thank you. First of all, I want to thank you for the sweets. That's number one.

I just want to report that this Thanksgiving we again received a generous number of donations from area businesses and organizations in Garfield Heights. So that all of our families had a wonderful holiday complete with a turkey. So on behalf of the Mayor and the entire Social Services Department I'd like to acknowledge and thank the following organizations and community partners:

St. John Lutheran Church
System Seals
Garfield Heights United Methodist Church
Marymount Child Care Center
Automated Packaging Systems
Elmwood School
1-888-Ohio-Comp
Overdrive.

These organizations and businesses donated thousands of pounds of food literally and close to \$10,000.00 in monetary donations. We served just under 120 families, which was approximately 350 individuals so it was a huge success again this year. I want to thank all those organizations.

Also, just to announce that this Wednesday December 12th the Senior Center will have a free Beatles in Cleveland presentation at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome to join us as we go behind the scenes to bring the backstage stories of John, Paul, George and Ringo to life, including never before published photos, videos and memorabilia.

Finally, we are looking for any Seniors in Garfield who are interested in participating in an Autobiography Workshop. Participants will explore the past and the future, sharpen memories, broaden experiences and write their own autobiography. Journals and instructions will be provided. The class is free. If interested, please call the Senior Center for more information. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Ms. Parssons. Does anyone have any questions for Ms. Parssons on her report this evening? There are none, we'll move on to our Economic Development Director, Ms. Noreen Kuban. Noreen, do you have a report this evening?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, Mr. President. Very briefly. Our next Help for Homeowners individuals who are delinquent who are behind on their real estate payments will be on Wednesday, December 19, 2018, 5:30-7:30 p.m. here at the Civic Center. You can also make an appointment by calling NHS Services at (216) 205-4468. You want to speak to Stephanie. That concludes my report. Thank you for all the candy.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Ms. Kuban. Does anybody have any questions for Noreen on her report this evening? If not, we'll move on to our Building Commissioner, Mr. Mark Moro. Mark, do you have a report this evening?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: Yes, I do. Thank you. I'd like to ask for your support on Resolution 32 involving the property demolition program and I'd also like to recognize Janice in my office who has pretty much taken this under her wing and has managed the current round and was also instrumental in applying for the next round to keep the project moving. I, too, would like to thank you for the goodies. I had a good checkup today so I can hit it tonight. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Moro. Does anybody have any questions for Mr. Moro on his report? There are none. That concludes our reports of the Mayor and the Directors. We will move onto communications from citizens on tonight's agenda. Would 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 on tonight's agenda? If there are none we will move on to Ordinances and Resolutions, beginning with Ordinance 90-2018.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 90-2018 (COMING OUT OF COMMITTEE)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 505, ANIMALS AND FOWL, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS AS WELL AS ADOPTING CHAPTER 506, NUISANCE, DANGEROUS, AND VICIOUS ANIMALS.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to PASS FOR A SECOND READING

CLMN BURKE: Yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: Yes.

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, I'd like to say I was happy the way it was before. It was OK the way the original 63-2007 and I wish it could have stayed that way because we do have an issue about how the dogs has just been overrunning the city. With that, I vote Yes.

CLMN LAMALFA: Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Yes.

CLMN GLENN: Yes.

CLMN SUSTER: Yes.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 90-2018 will pass for a Second Reading and we will read it again at our next Council Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. 95-2018

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO MAKE APPLICATION AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, \$ FY 2018 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT TO PURCHASE FIRE INVESTIGATIVE EQUIPMENT.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: That passes with 7 votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 96-2018

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE FINAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to WAIVE THE 72-HOUR RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 96-2018 passes with 7 votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 97-2018

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019.

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 SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 97-2018 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 27-2018

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF LOUISE TRIPTOW AS A MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, FOR THE TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2019 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.

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:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 27-2018 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 28-2018

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF JOYCE TUBBS AS A MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF

GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, FOR THE TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2019 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, Joyce Tubbs does a very good job. I know her for a long time. She is not involved just with the Zoning Board but she is very involved with the community. If you ever go to the meetings, I am quite sure all of them do because I watch them, she does an exceptional job. You can tell she does her homework. When you are talking about a piece of property you can hear from her conversation that she actually took the time to go out there and speak to the people whose property is involved. Also she took a look where the situation is to make the decision. I am very proud to have her as part of my community and part of the city and be serving in that position and I am proud of her. I vote Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Before I vote, I echo Clmn Dudley's remarks. I vote Yes.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Before I vote, I would like to also echo Clmn Dudley's remarks. I had the pleasure of going to school with Joyce Tubbs. We graduated together. She is a very fine individual and has not changed over the years. I don't know where she finds that fountain of youth, but she has. With that I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 28-2018 passes with 7 votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 29-2018

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF PAMELA WILKES AS A MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, FOR THE TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2019 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, Pamela Wilkes she does a great job on the Zoning Board. Thank you. I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 29-2018 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 30-2018

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF FRANK LEONE AS A MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF

GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, FOR THE TERM COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2019 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.

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:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 30-2018 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 31-2018

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF KIMBERLY R. MOTLEY AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO DURING THE PERIOD COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2019 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024.

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, I sit on the Planning Board with Kimberly and I will tell you that she is very informed about what's going on. She does a lot of research. She's prepared when she comes into the meetings. With that, I will vote Yes.

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, I concur with Clmn Tom Vaughn. Kimberly does an exceptionally job. Like you say she does her homework before she gets there and she knows what she's talking about when she speaks. Once again I'm just as proud of her as I would be of Joyce. With that, I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 31-2018 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 32-2018

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY PROPERTY DEMOLITION PROGRAM FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEMOLISHING BLIGHTED PROPERTIES IN GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

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 SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, I'm glad to see that coming around for the second round or the third round in the home demolition. What Mark had spoke early on since they had Janice become a part of that department there, she stays on top of it, she gives me a call, she takes a look at the houses or somebody else in the Building Department takes a look at it, but she keeps you well informed. Communications what keeps everything. I know what's going so when people call me I can tell them what the status is of a vacant home right then and there. She doing a great job in helping out in the Building Department. With that and the rest of the team as well, I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 32-2018 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 33-2018

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND DESIGNATION OF THE CUYAHOGA RIVER WATER TRAIL BY THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 33-2018 passes with 7 votes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT BURKE: That concludes Ordinances and Resolutions for this year.

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: At this time, I would like to make a motion to cancel our meeting for December 27, 2018 so everyone can enjoy the holiday. If there is anything that will come up on our agenda that we want to vote on before then we will hold a special meeting. At this time, I would like to place that motion.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I second it.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Vaughn and seconded by Clmn Nenadovich to cancel the meeting of Council for December 27, 2018 in lieu of no agenda and if there is anything pressing we will reschedule the meeting and have a special meeting. All in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Chairman, we need to clean up the little language there. You said cancel--reschedule. If necessary.

PRESIDENT BURKE: OK. I will make the announcement again. On the motion made by Clmn Vaughn and seconded by Clmn Nenadovich to reschedule a meeting scheduled for December 27, 2018 if needed, because at the present time there is not anything on the agenda, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

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

The meeting for December 27, 2018 will be rescheduled should it be needed.

PRESIDENT BURKE: That concludes Ordinances and Resolutions. At this time, I would like to entertain Miscellaneous 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 anyone wishing to make any comments this evening to Council? If not, 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: OK. We will start with Clmn Dudley this evening since he had the invocation. Clmn Dudley?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

CLMN DUDLEY: First of all, I'd like to congratulate our new officer that came on board. I wish those nothing but the best to the officers who are going to retire. We thank them for her time and dedication to our city.

Merry Christmas to everybody. I'm wishing you a Happy New Year. Be safe out there and be careful because you know on New Year's Eve some people choose to drink and drive. So be careful out there.

On February 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the Garfield Heights Performing Arts Center over at the high school, we will be holding our African-American Heritage Black History Program. That will be at 6:00 p.m. It's a great program. Some people ask. It does not cost the city. It gets financed and support through volunteer money that is given to out to run the program. The program is for everybody. It's not for a particular group of individuals. It's for everybody. Come out. You are guaranteed a good time. Admission is free. The food is free. The raffle is free. You being there is free. So I look forward to you all coming out. If you'd like to donate a basket or something that could be raffled off in your name, we more than happy to accept it and raffle it off. I look forward to you seeing it. Mark your calendars. February 15th. 6:00 p.m. We also recognize several citizens as Distinguished Captainship Awards we give out to four/five citizens every year for distinguished acts throughout the community.

With that I wish you all a Merry Christmas. Everybody stay healthy. See you all in the New Year if I don't see you sooner than that. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Dudley. Mr. LaMalfa, do you have anything this evening?

CLMN LAMALFA: No, I don't have anything tonight. Thank you Mr. President.

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

CLMN NENADOVICH: Yes, I do. Thank you for the gifts. I'd like to thank the officers that are retiring for their efforts and that they are making it out safely. That's a big job and I wish them good luck in their retirements.

I also welcome on board the new officer. I wish her the best.

It's good to hear seven people voting again. Welcome back Joe.

Merry Christmas to all of you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Nenadovich. Mr. Glenn, do you have anything this evening?

CLMN GLENN: I do. Thank you, Mr. President. Just a little recap. I think the city with the Mayor, the Commissioners hard working throughout the year with the great work being done on the interstructure of Garfield Heights- waterlines, sewer lines, streets. They did a great job with the cooperation of the Mayor and City Council. I want to thank each Councilman, every Commissioner and especially the Mayor.

With that, I wish you a Happy New Year and Merry Christmas. Ho, ho, ho.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Glenn. I also would like to say congratulations and to Ptlm. Dickens and Ptlm. Nero for their service to Garfield Heights and wish them well on their retirement.

I'd also like to say welcome to Officer McCune for coming on board with us, I wish her the best of luck and hope that she stays safe out there on the streets.

I, too, would like to say thank you for all the gifts tonight. Merry Christmas. Have a Happy and safe New Year as well. That's all I have.

Mr. Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: Thank you. I'd just like to say congratulations to Officer McCune.

I'd like to wish the two officers that are retiring lots of luck and make sure you enjoy yourself in your retirement. I found out what that's all about.

I'd like to thank everybody that sent me cards, called me on the phone, stopped in to see me. It was a long drawn out thing. Where the place I was at I didn't enjoy it there at all but it's something I had to go through just for rehab. Again, I would just like to say thank you.

And on behalf of my family I'd like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy and prosperous New Year, That's all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Suster. I also

CLMN SUSTER: One more thing if I might?

PRESIDENT BURKE: Sure.

CLMN SUSTER: I'd also like to thank Clmn Nenadovich and Clmn Burke for keeping me abreast of what was going on with the city while I was gone. Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you. Joe, it's good to see you back. I'm glad you're here. It was a little lonesome over here. One week Bob was gone and I started thinking my deodorant was wrong or something. I'm glad you're back.

On December 20th at 7:00 p.m. Ward 7 will be having their Annual Christmas Party and Block Watch. So come on down and join us. It will be in the basement of St. Benedict's School. All are welcome.

To Officer Dickens and Nero, best of luck in your retirement. Thank you for the number of years that you served the people of Garfield Heights. It's a job that always people don't appreciate but you guys did a great job.

I'd like to welcome Officer Brittany McCune. Best of luck to you.

I'd like to thank everybody for the gifts that you gave us tonight.

Most of all I want to thank the residents of Garfield Heights for giving us this opportunity to serve you.

With that, I say Merry Christmas. Happy New Year. Please be safe out there. Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: I make a motion to conclude.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Vaughn to adjourn tonight's meeting, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed? Meeting adjourned.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:56 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Matthew Burke, President of Council

Barbara Molin, Clerk of Council