

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO**

Monday, February 26, 2018

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: If I could have everybody just silence their cell phones. It seems like we've had in the past some feedback between the cell phones and the microphones in here. The folks that want to catch the proceedings on TV cannot hear the proceedings.

INVOCATION BY: Clmn Gene Glenn

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

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT BURKE: All present and accounted for.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion at this time to accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 12, 2018 as written.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Nenadovich to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the city of Garfield Heights for Monday, February 12, 2018 as written, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

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

The Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2018 passes with 7 Yes votes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: We will go into the Reports of the Mayor and the Directors. We will begin with our Mayor, Mr. Vic Collova.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I appreciate it. Last year we did this and I believe each year NOPEC comes out to the city and recognizes an outstanding employee, outstanding staff member that has done exceptional work for the community. That person today is in this audience and they don't know who they are. This is a total surprise. I can only give you one hint. It's not me for the second year in a row. I wasn't selected, but at this time, I think it is a great award. We appreciate it. I want to bring up the Community Outreach Manager for NOPEC, Tony Ramos, to present this award. If you would, please.

Tony Ramos, NOPEC Community Outreach Manager. Thank you, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Ramos. Let me tell you. Since the young lady is not here because we have a bid going at seven o'clock she will not be down. I forgot all about it. I'm sorry.

MR. RAMOS: That's all right.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Can we do this, Mr. Chairman, for those of you down here, Barb Biro, our Finance Director, is the recipient of this. She does not know it. I forgot that she's got another agenda going on upstairs, but she will be down very shortly.

MR. RAMOS: I can sit back down and wait.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I certainly would appreciate it.

MR. RAMOS: That's OK.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Ramos.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you and thanks Tim for reminding me she wasn't here. I wanted to talk a little bit about a program that was introduced here actually at our last Council Meeting by Mr. Dobies from the Rec Center. There is a group out here that's putting together a basketball program for the city of Garfield Heights and I want to read a little bit about it. It says

Interested in basketball? There is a new pilot program being offered in Garfield Heights sponsored by League Connections. This is for boys and girls Grades 3 - 8. Signups will be conducted on-line or by mail.

This signup was to conclude on February 28th. They have not received enough participants so they are going to open the sign up till March 7th. This is going to be a great program. I understand Bob can capitalize on this a little bit but I understand they had a program somewhere they started small and it turned out to be 60 people. Bob, you might want to get into this? This is something we need for the youth around here. They talk about we need to play basketball; we don't have basketball courts. This is a great opportunity for the young people. Please, if you know anybody at all, contact Mr. Len Shuba who is the League director. His phone number is (216) 213-5660. I just want to say that this is an independent organization. This is not run by the city of Garfield Heights, but I certainly promote it because it is a great program for the youth here.

Next, I wanted to read our yearly report. This is the yearly report from the Community Service Program. This is the 2017 report. As you know, we have Community Service working in Garfield Heights. They work here four days/week. We are one of the only communities that use this service. Just to give you an idea of what they do for us. Last year they put in 195 days of service. They worked on 1,371 sites, 4,615 man-hours, 2,253 bags of litter were picked up, 12 tires and 56 dumpster cubic yards. They did 17 snow days. They handled 13 incident reports from the Service Department. They worked at the Food Bank 18 days for 202 man-hours. They assist residents sorting food, picking up food from local businesses and stock pantry and assist with the turkeys that come in. They worked two days in the Finance Department. The TAC Program seven days. 224 man-hours. 244 bags of litter. In the Solid Waste Program seven days 196 man-hours. 177 bags of litter.

This program is run by Vince Liotta, one of our own former Councilmen, Vince Liotta. They do a great job. This is a program that we get through Cuyahoga County and I can't thank them enough because these guys do a great job. They shovel the bridges in the wintertime. They do a little bit of everything. They work for us four days/week. I'll tell you the price is really good. I want to commend Vince Liotta and his entire group on a great job.

Next, I want to remind Council that we are having the Charter Review this year. I need your selections. I would like them by the end of this week for your appointees to be on the Charter Review.

Next, I want to talk a little bit about our Garfield Heights Boys Basketball Team. You know there's a lot of things going on at school in Garfield Heights. We talk about them a lot. I just recently learned and I probably should have them in here shortly. I recently learned that the Music Express won an award somewhere. Doing a great job. Finished First Place somewhere. We hear them. They come in and they entertain our Seniors sometimes. They do an outstanding job. They're great.

Right now, I'm going to shift back a little bit. Before we call up the basketball team, I once again want to call up Tony Ramos from NOPEC to issue his award. A surprise that nobody here knows who is getting this award from NOPEC.

MR. RAMOS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor, Members of Council. So actually I saw you all not that long ago when I had the pleasure of recognizing Barbara as part of our 2017 Recognition Program. We are now into our third year of this. It continues to be a really good program and we really appreciate the participation of your community and so many others. At our General Assembly back in November, Pat Salemi from the city was present to represent your community. She saw the video and she knew about the program and she nominated another member of the city of Garfield Heights.

It's my absolute pleasure to be here to recognize Barbara Biro as part of our 2018 Recognition Program. As you know, she is your Finance Director so you already know that. Barbara is a conscientious, hard-working and honest individual. She does an outstanding job of keeping her focus on the city's residents and employees every day. So that's on your Certificate of Recognition. I have a cooler bag and a bag full of goodies, which are under the State limits so you don't have to declare anything. If I can have you and the Mayor and anybody else who wants to be in the picture, I'll take a picture in front of the flag like last time and let you get back to the business of the city. Congratulations.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Glad you made it, Barb.

(Photos were taken at this time.)

MR. RAMOS: Before I go you likely have already taken legislative action to accept your Energized Community Grant for 2018 and I just wanted to mention in case you did not know, NOPEC is also providing \$3,500.00 in additional funds to help support your Summerfest and Harvestfest this year as part of our Community Sponsorship Program. I just want to make you aware of that. Thank you for the time. Congratulations, Barbara. Thank you. Have a good evening.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Ramos.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Tony. Congratulations, Barb. OK. I want to move on now. You know there's a lot of great things going on in Garfield Heights. I mentioned the Music Express. There's a lot of talk about the police station moving to City View. There's new owners at City View. There's talk and rumors only of IKEA coming to Garfield Heights, but it's only a rumor. I know Riley just dropped dead when I said that. All of the great things that are going on.

Everywhere I go in different communities to hear about what great things are going on in Garfield Heights, the first thing they ask me is about the Garfield Heights basketball team. Everybody all over the area talks about this basketball team. We're proud that you're a part of Garfield Heights. If you would, Coach Sonny, please come up I would like you to introduce your players that are here to all the people here and everybody's watching at home.

Coach Sonny Johnson, Garfield Heights High School. I'm going to call up some of the basketball team- some of the guys. When I call you, come on up. First of all, this is a Junior here. He's one of the top 20 players in the country. He's rated on ESPN Magazine. He's got offers about Ohio State, North Carolina, Michigan State, everybody in the country basically. This is Alonzo Gaffney. He's a Junior.

This is a Senior here. Donovan Forte who has been a pleasure to coach all year. A team guy. He truly will be missed. He's going to Jacksonville on a full basketball scholarship. Donovan Forte, raise your hands.

This is our catalyst. Our attitude. He's a Senior. He played with a chip on his shoulder. He's special in many ways, but we love him. He's going to Mercyhurst on a full basketball scholarship. Alex, raise your hand.

We have Marlin Jordan, a Senior. Donavan's a Senior. Marlin Jordan is outstanding. He's an outstanding football player. He plays every position. He is one of the hardest working kids I've coached. He brings it every damn practice. He plays football, he plays basketball, he runs. We had him practice last week and after practice I think he went to baseball. I looked at him kind of crazy but he's only a Junior. He's our hustle guy. He's our attitude. He gives us what he can when we need him. Marlin, raise your hands.

We have Keandra Graves, a do it all player. He doesn't get the notoriety that a lot of guys get, but he comes in and he plays an unbelievable role. He's a catalyst to everything we're doing. He's going to Central State on a full basketball scholarship. Raise your hands, Keandra Graves.

Tajhma Tony. You might read the paper and a lot of guys get a lot more notoriety than him, but we would not be where we are without him. He does so many things well. He's a starter for us. He's going to Ohio Christian on a basketball scholarship. Raise your hands. He's a Senior.

This guy here. He just came around this year but he got dedicated. He was 6'6" and wanted to have a couple of jobs, etc. like that. Cutting grass, etc. Now he's dedicated. He wants to be a basketball scholarship. I've been knowing him since he was like in the Third Grade. I always been pushing him pretty hard, but he's really dedicated. He's only a Sophomore right now. His father's 6'6". His mother's 6'3" so hopefully we got about four more inches in him. Gilbert Davis, raise your hands. He's a Sophomore.

This kid is only a Junior. He's one of the top number two rated Apollo Four in the State. He already has over 15 divisional offers. We lost a few games in a row because he was out. He's

really the most athletic on the team. We like to call them Showtime, but I think we went down a little bit when he went out because I think we couldn't get no more dunks, etc. We're happy to have him back playing this year. He was out for a month. Brison Waller, raise your hands.

We call him LB. Brent Darby. His father played at Ohio State and was a big-time player. Brent Darby who played Ohio State. Played overseas many years. Starred at Ohio State for about three years if I'm not mistaken. Is that true? He's only a Sophomore. One of the top power forces in the State as Sophomores. His name is Brent Darby. He's going to be playing a major role.

This guy here is my nephew, Demetrius Johnson. He is rated as one of the top 20 Freshmen in the country. He is probably one of the top two/three point guards in the country. He's having an unbelievable game. He really brought a lot of attention to us when he not just had a 50-point game when LeBron came to see these guys play, things like that, but he is my nephew and I'm happy to be coaching him. He's been a pleasure to coach because he works so hard. Demetrius Johnson, raise your hands.

I just want to tell you all for everybody's played the games, thank you for supporting us big time. You know every game I don't know if you missed a few or you missed a game when you take a vacation here and there. You been to every game and these guys pay attention to that. Your support has really been appreciated not just you. A lot of the people that we see at the games and we're really going to need to for the tournament.

I'm trying to bring the State Championship to Garfield. I think it will be something special. I look at what Massillon-Jackson did for their community and the parade they had. It was such a special thing just to do something in your own community so we're going to keep trying. Hopefully one of these days we'll get that done for our community. We want to tell you all we really really appreciate you all. We have our first playoff game this Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at home. We really appreciate your having us here. Thank you so much.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I'm really proud of these guys. The entire community should be proud of them. This is an every year thing that they bring this attention to the city of Garfield Heights. They are doing a great job. They are good students. That's the great thing. They are disciplined and that's a tribute to Sonny Johnson. He does a great job with these guys and we are very fortunate to have Sonny as a coach in Garfield Heights. I'm proud of the whole team. I'd be even prouder if they beat Euclid on Sunday.

I wanted to say one other thing, you know. There's many of our residents that pass away in the course of the year and we certainly can't recognize everybody, nor that I want to, but we had a couple residents that passed away this last week that were really great for the community. They were just great individuals. They did anything we ever asked of them. I did want to make mention. We recently this last week lost Eddie Majka. And for those of you in the Rec Department that know Nikki's dad. And we lost Frank Pugly. Frank Pugly was an unbelievable friend of everybody in the city. He couldn't do enough for the city and was a great guy. Just another tribute to the basketball team, was, when I went to Frank's wake he was a big Bulldog fan. There was a big bouquet of flowers by the Garfield Heights Basketball Team. I thought that was nice of them. I wanted to make mention of those two gentlemen. They will be sorely missed from this community.

I'm going to get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 14-2018. We're accepting the terms of the 2018 NOPEC grant. Ordinance 15. That's about replacing the chillers and condensers for the

Rec Center ice rink. This is a heavy-duty price tag, there's no doubt about it. The fear is that we might not be able to get through another hockey season if we don't get these replaced. The reality is when all of these other cities and communities and even in Garfield that pay for ice time and use this ice time to schedule these games, it would be so disastrous if the season started and halfway through the chillers went and we had to cancel that all out. We're going to bite the bullet and we're going to go forward replacing these chillers. It is a hefty price but I want you to know that \$86,000.00 of that money is going to be given to us through grant money that has already been awarded to us and that will be used to offset some of this money. Ordinance 16 allows us to make the amended appropriations for 2018. If you have any questions, Barb can certainly answer that. Ordinance 17 is to renew our contract with Kimble Recycling and Disposal for an additional year (for one more year). I think that this increase is within 2%, which is actually pretty good considering the way everything is going up. So with that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mayor. Does anyone have any questions of the Mayor on his report this evening? If not, 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, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Tim. Police Chief Byrne. Do you have any report for us this evening?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I just wanted to mention the Mayor was speaking about people that passed away. This past week Don Pilny died. He was one of our Auxiliary Police Officers (now retired) and also worked in our jail. I just wanted to extend our sympathy to his family and wish them well. That's all I have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Does anybody have any questions of Chief Byrne on his report? If not, we will move right along to our Service Director Tim McLaughlin. Tim, do you have a report for us this evening?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. Contrary to the phone calls that I've gotten, we have had four patch crews out with cold patch trying to fix up the main streets we've been stuck on. Broadway and different areas are just absolutely horrible. It doesn't stay in there very long and we're back at it. I know I've gotten a lot of calls that we are not patching the streets, but they are out there. I have everybody available out patching. Hopefully the hot patch will open the next couple weeks.

I've also had the sweeper out sweeping up some of the areas with a bunch of winter debris laying by the side of the road trying to get a little bit of that done.

I also wanted to talk about rubbish. I'm going to go through real quickly the rubbish. We get calls all the time about holidays. All the years I've been here the holidays have been the same when we worked and when we didn't. Anyhow the regular holidays that rubbish is delayed one day is

- Christmas Day
- New Year's Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Memorial Day
- 4th of July
- Labor Day.

The day that they do pick up on a holiday are

New Year's Eve
Christmas Eve
President's Day
MLK Day
Columbus Day
Veterans Day.

We do have this put on the city's Facebook. We do put up signs on the main streets saying Regular Pickup or One Day Late. I don't know what else to do. I forget which of the holidays I mean I had 60-80 calls. Why did they pick up? It's a holiday. I try to make it as clear as I can. I don't know what else to do. It's posted on the streets, it's on the Facebook. It's been the same.

April 1st through October 31st you can have your rubbish out by six o'clock at night. November through March 31st you can have it out at four o'clock. It should be out before 7:00 a.m. so that it gets picked up. I get that a lot too that their rubbish got missed. Then I get the driver from the company saying it was not out so. We're just trying to make this more of an even type of operation, but I'm hoping that by saying this and seeing it on TV that maybe we get this down a little bit better. It seems to have gone backwards a little bit. I don't know why. If it's just new people in the city? We're trying to keep it orderly. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Does anybody have any questions on Mr. McLaughlin's report this evening? OK. We will move on to our Parks and Recreation Director, Mr. Robert Dobies.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Mr. President and Council Members, good evening. A few things this evening, thinking spring. The t-ball information is up on our Website. Registration will be from March 1st through March 31st. As in the past, we sent out letters and flyers to the families of past participants. This is a co-ed program for those who are 5. 7 years old.

Secondly, I laid a flyer on each of the Council Members' desks. I am sad to inform all that the Garfield Little League Baseball has come to an end after 65 years. I met with Mr. Bob Merrick last week and he informed me that the league was done. He has contacted the IRS of State to cancel the 401c3 status. His intentions at this time, as he moved on this already by contacting the city school district, to use the remaining funds, which I believe he said he had around \$1,200.00 and there's equipment, trailer. He has a little 4x4 that they filled with to auction off for a scholarship program which I thought was an admirable thing to do.

Being the Little League ran in conjunction with Bedford's Baseball Program for the last eight years, I met with Bedford and they will be the source for baseball this season. I met with Aaron Fotch who is the new Recreational Director of Bedford and Mike Callahan. He's the assistant. They just came in this year. Being that baseball had joined up with them just as I did with softball five years ago. They've been with Bedford for eight years. We thought it would be an easy transition this way. The information that I gave you is on our Website. If there are any questions as to what is needed, we can direct them to but they assured me that they would do the best and would look at it for a year. Part of the issue was basically Little League had two teams last year. The Peewee Team and a minor team. That was it. To provide competition I would have no other team to play each team so Bedford was the way to go because they established some teams also and I think it would be an easy transition at this time. We would

look at it in 2019 as to bring it back for a Rec program. This way nothing is lost. This is a program for all the different age groups that are listed on the form 7/8 all the way through 15. The softball will remain the same and will be partnered with them and continue on it as we have in the past because it has provided more competition for our girls.

Girlssoftball is a little way off. Registration will begin around April 3rd. More information will be coming. As always, we are looking for managers for t-ball and managers and umpires for softball programs. If anyone is interested, please call Mr. Kevin Koelliker at (216) 244-6077 or you can contact the Rec office.

Also for the 2018 summer season, we are already looking for lifeguards. This is a great opportunity for those who are at least 16 years old and Red Cross certified. Those already certified will have a preference. If you are considering becoming a lifeguard or know anybody, we can help direct you to becoming certified.

Last weekend our Annual Melt-the-Ice Tournament was a huge success. We probably had estimated 3,500/4,000 people come through that building last weekend. That was over a four-day period to our facility and our city. I'm happy to report our teams did an outstanding job. We had championship teams in our eight New Mites and 14 New Bantams while our Tenu Sports took a team second. A Tenu team is now in league playoffs in the Cleveland-Suburban Hockey League, which our program belongs to and we are Divisional Champs with an 11-1 record. I did check. They won their first game this past Saturday and will go forward to the championship this weekend on March 3rd. They play Winterhurst.

I would like to congratulate all our team members, coaches, volunteers, parents, Booster Club members along with my staff for a great job. The help from Police Chief Byrne with some extra patrols through our facility and parking lots was a big help.

Last, we are taking on a big project at the Rec- replacing the chillers that are 40 years old and the condensers. The condenser units on the roof are over 35 years old. I would ask for your support on Ordinance 15 so we may move forward. If you have any more questions or information, please call the Rec or visit the Website. Thank you. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Dobies. Does anyone have any questions of Mr. Dobies on his report this evening? Being that there are none, we will move to our Finance Director, Ms. Barb Biro. Barb, do you have a report for us this evening?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO: Thank you, Mr. President. A very short one. I wish to first of all thank Pat Salemi for nominating me in regards to the recognition program at NOPEC. NOPEC has been very generous to the Finance Department and the city of Garfield Heights. When we went into fiscal emergency they granted us \$260,000.00 in order to upgrade our finance system, our Website and we've also upgraded our Building Department software at the same time. Again, thank you, Mayor Collova for giving me the opportunity to be the Finance Director for the city of Garfield Heights. I could not do my job without the support of Council, Mayor Collova, fellow Directors and all the staff, Engineer that help me with my job on a day-to-day basis. I wish to thank everyone for this recognition.

This evening I would like to ask for your support of Ordinance 14-2018. Council, it is the NOPEC. It is the second round of grants. We are asking NOPEC for a grant of approximately \$86,000.00, which will be used towards the chillers at the Rec Center, which is Ordinance 15-2018. I also ask for your support of Ordinance 16 to amend appropriations in order to cover the

cost of the chillers and the self-containing breathing apparatuses that were approved at the Board of Control this evening.

Lastly, I also ask you for the approval of Ordinance 17-2018 for the one-year extension of refuse collection by Kimble Recycling and Disposal. With that, you have my report, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Ms. Biro. Does anyone have any questions of Ms. Biro on her report this evening? No questions, we will move on to our City Engineer, Mr. David Krock. Dave, do you have a report for us this evening?

CITY ENGINEER DAVE KROCK: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report this evening.

PRESIDENT BURKE: All right. We will move on now to our Social Services Director, Ms. Kathy Rush-Parsson. Kathy, do you have a report for us this evening?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSON: Yes, I do. Thank you. This is an announcement that the Senior Center will be hosting a Multi-Facility St. Patrick's Day Celebration on Thursday, March 15th from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We will be joined by Seniors from the Maple Heights Senior Center, Walton Manor, Sunrise Point Rehab Center and Woodside Village Assisted Living for this free event, which is open to Seniors 55 and over. The Garfield Heights High School Jazz Band will be performing from 10:00 . 11:00 a.m. and a free corned beef lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. To make a meal reservation, please call the Senior Center at (216) 475-3241.

Also, I just want to take a moment to acknowledge and thank the Garfield Heights Auxiliary Police for their very generous donation this month to the Garfield Heights Food Pantry. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Ms. Parsson. Does anyone have any questions for Ms. Parsson on her report? All right. We will move on to our Economic Development Director, Ms. Noreen Kuban. Noreen, do you have a report for us this evening?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, thank you. I just want to notify residents that the Garfield Heights Historical Society and Museum are having an open house on Saturday, March 3rd from 1:00 . 4:00 p.m. The Bohning family has donated an organ that has been in the family since 1880 and a ceremony accepting the organ will be held at 1:00 p.m. Again, that's March 3rd. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: All right. Does anybody have any questions for Ms. Kuban on her report this evening? Moving right along to our Building Commissioner Mr. Mark Moro. Mark, do you have a report for us this evening?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: I have no report this evening. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: OK. Let's move on to 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 out there wishing to speak on any of the Ordinances tonight? If not, we will move right along to Ordinances and Resolutions beginning with Ordinance 14-2018. Will the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2018

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

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 14 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2018

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CARRIER COMMERCIAL SERVICE FOR THE PURCHASE AND MAINTENANCE OF AIR-COOLED CHILLERS AND CONDENSERS.

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, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

NAYS: Dudley

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN SUSTER: Before I vote, I would just like to say it's been probably about seven/eight years that Mr. Dobies has come to Finance Meetings and asked to have these chillers and condensers changed. At that time, we did not have the money. He's very good at getting this money to do these kinds of projects. If we want to continue to have the Rec Center open, we need to pass this ordinance now. I vote Yes.

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, I will say that Mr. Dobies done a good job and he done a good job with the numbers. I just have a concern about the price tag of \$320,000.00 going into that old facility over there. It's not the issue of my concern. I think with that price tag it should have

went for a Second Reading and that's all I asked. Go to a Second Reading to give the public a chance to voice their opinion. With that they wouldn't take it at a Second Reading so I have to vote No.

CLMN LAMALFA: Before I vote, I would like to say at one point I thought we shouldn't have spent that money years ago but you done a great job with your Rec Center. It looks fantastic. That pool is very well kept, clean, etc. I vote Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mr. Dobies, before I vote, I'd like to extend my compliments on getting such a great price through the firms that you went to and keeping the budget was actually plausible, keeping these chillers, etc. going. I definitely vote Yes.

CLMN GLENN: Before I vote, I have something to say too. There's an old saying you can't get blood out of a turnip. Bob Dobies has done that. He's very frugal with his money. I also want to say that the Rec Center--the ice skating rink--although this is a great outlay by the city, it's a money generator. The ice time at the Rec Center over a period of time will pay for this expense. On that order, I vote Yes.

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

NAYS: Dudley

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 15-2018 passes with 6 Yes votes and 1 Nay vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 16-2018

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES OF CERTAIN FUNDS 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 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 16-2018 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 17-2018

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND/OR HIS DESIGNEE TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH KIMBLE RECYCLING AND DISPOSAL, INC. FOR CITYWIDE REFUSE /RECYCLING COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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: Ordinance 17-2018 passes with 7 Yes votes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT BURKE: That concludes tonight's Ordinances. At this time, 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: Would anyone like to make any comments to Council tonight? Would anybody like to make any comments to Council tonight?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: If not, we will move on to Miscellaneous Business beginning with Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to mention that I appreciate the people attending this Council Meeting--that we have some people here. I want to thank everybody for attending and showing interest in the city of Garfield Heights.

Tuesday March 6th Ward 4 Block Watch will be held at seven o'clock at the Civic Center. One of the reasons why we have these Block Watches is to get out information. Different speakers, different Block Watches give out different information about our city or the County. Our guest speaker for this March 6th will be the manager of the public library. Anybody that has kids interested in reading, video books, anything you want to know about the library, we're going to have a meeting. Lane Edwards is a Library Branch Manager. Very informative. He knows what he's talking about. Anybody has any questions, please attend. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Glenn. We'll move on to Mr. Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: I have nothing this evening.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Suster. I would just like to say congratulations again to Ms. Biro. I think she does a great job for the city of Garfield Heights.

Also, I'm kind of saddened to hear that the Garfield Heights Baseball League is finished. I'm a past Commissioner of the league and I know how hard it is for all the volunteers who put their time together to try to coach the kids and be a part of their lives and help out the community. So

it's going to be sad to see that not be a part of our community for at least a year or so, because I'm sure it will return. Other than that that's all I have. So we'll move on to Clmn Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Barb, congratulations. You do a fine job. I always feel that you give me truthful answers. No B.S. Right to the point and I appreciate that. Keep up the good work. Thank you.

Mike Dudley, I'd like to say thank you for putting on a really good program earlier this month. I enjoyed it. I'm sorry I had to leave early, but I got called out.

But Mike, there's a school up in your neighborhood that I would like to read a little something about the man that it's named after if that's all right with you.

CLMN DUDLEY: I appreciate it.

CLMN VAUGHN: Talking the campus of old St. Tim's. It's called Archbishop Lyke School. I don't know if a lot of people even know anything about Archbishop James P. Lyke. He was a friend of mine, a teacher I had many years ago. He's very inspirational, down to earth and he was taken from this world very early. I'd just like to read a few little things about him.

James Patterson Lyke was born on February 18, 1939 in Chicago, Illinois . the youngest of seven children born to Amos and Ora Lyke. Affectionately called "Jimmy" by his family, he grew up in Wentworth Gardens, a public housing project on Chicago's Southside. From these modest times, he went on to become a Franciscan friar, a Catholic priest, a teacher, a pastor, a bishop of the Church, and at the time of his untimely death in late 1992, he was the highest ranking African American in the Roman Catholic hierarchy.

Jim went on to St. George Catholic School. There, his desire to become a Catholic grew so strong that he eventually brought his Baptist mother and all but one of his siblings into the faith.

After entering the Franciscan Order of the Sacred Heart Province, he was ordained a Catholic priest on June 24, 1966. His first assignment was here in Cleveland, Ohio, where he taught at Padua High School. While in Cleveland, Father Lyke was also active in the community that led the local Operation Breadbasket efforts for the civil rights movement. After the 1968 assassination of Martin Luther King in Memphis, Tennessee, Father Lyke requested to be sent to Memphis, where he served for nine years as the pastor at St. Thomas Church (now known as St. Augustine). He was the first African American Catholic priest to serve in the State of Tennessee. During that time, Father Lyke's leadership role in the Black community took on a national dimension. He served as a president of the National Office of Black Catholics and was a close advisor to Bishop Carroll Dozier of Memphis, Tennessee. Also, while at St. Thomas, Father Lyke became the first African American chaplain for the Marriage Encounter. He authored a filmstrip marriage enrichment program, "Black Married Love."

In 1977, he was assigned as chaplain at the Newman Center at Grambling University in Louisiana. The assignment turned out to be short-lived, for less than two years later, Saint John Paul II called him to the episcopacy as auxiliary bishop of Cleveland, Ohio. He was ordained on August 1, 1979. He served as the Urban Vicar there until 1990, when he became the Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Atlanta following the resignation of Archbishop Eugene Marino. On June 24, 1991, the 25th Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, James Patterson Lyke, OFM, Ph.D. was installed as the fifth bishop and fourth archbishop of Atlanta, Georgia.

Archbishop Lyke received his Ph.D. and specialized in Catechetics from The Union Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1981. The title of his doctoral thesis is "A Black Perspective on the National Catechetical Directory." Archbishop Lyke also coordinated an outstanding committee of African American liturgists and musicians in the production and publication of the highly regarded African American Catholic hymnal, "Lead Me, Guide Me" in 1986.

It's a real honor to have this man have a school named after him in our own community. There is a process going on to have him beatified in our Church, which is part of the process towards sainthood. I really think it's great that we have a man looking over a school like this in our own community. Thank you. That's all I have.

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

CLMN DUDLEY: Tom, I really appreciate that because a lot of people didn't know that, you know. A lot of people don't know as a kid about nine years old I used to go to Miles Elementary School and I worked with a lady whose name was Mama Saunders who was a little Black lady who cleaned that school. Me and my brothers used to go with her every day from up 143rd in that area before you had that Illuminating Company it was nothing but wooded area. People who been in Garfield know that wooded area. We would walk all the way down to that school and we had to carry the cleaning supplies with us. That's how we made money. I cleaned that school for like two years after school. Me and my brother did (Clinton). We was like nine and ten years old. Ironically, I would come back and I would move in the same area. Right down the street, but I tell you, Tom, I really appreciate that.

CLMN VAUGHN: Mike, I'd give you this so that you can share it with your people in your Ward.

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

CLMN DUDLEY: I definitely will share it because a lot them don't know that. I appreciate that. My son he said Dad, did you know but he didn't go into details like you did, Tom. I really appreciate that.

I'd just like to say I do like to thank everybody who came out to the African-American Heritage/Black History Program at the Performing Arts Center. I'd just like to start in order and go through tonight. It will only take a few minutes.

I'd like to thank the Mayor and Jeannie Collova. The Mayor and the First Lady. They always had come to every one of them since I met the guy. They showed up faithfully. They always been a supporter on a program. I really thank them for that.

I thank Garfield Heights City Schools for giving us a place where we can actually put the show on. It's a nice location. A lot of people don't realize that Performing Arts is what it is. It's a great place.

I'd also like to thank Clmn Matt Burke for coming out and for providing a gift to be raffled off. Clmn Michael Nenadovich for providing. Him and Bernie used to come every year but this year he had to come by himself but we appreciate that what you and Bernie always do. She's always in our prayers. I'd like to thank my buddy down there Tom Vaughn who is every year the same. If he got to come through for a few minutes after work he shows up, but then we understand that everybody can't make it. Every Member of Council can't show up. You got other duties some

time you got to do as officials. I'd like to thank Jason Blake also for him and his wife coming out and providing a gift.

Every year we always have a School Board Member. They all can't show up at one time, but one or more will show up. This year it was Lt. Wolske. He came up this year and I was happy to see him but we always have one Member come out and they give us support. I'd also go round and thank the program manager. It's not a show you just put on. The show takes about six months. We start planning the show in September/August. That's our Program Director Ms. Janice Tubbs. Pastor John Snell doesn't live in our city but he had done a lot of programs with me in the city. And also Joyce Tubbs. I'd like to give them all a thank you here.

I'd like to go round and thank those sponsors that we had also. Our very own Mr. Hero who is Vic Patel on Turney Road. He does it every year and he supplies more than 100 sandwiches for the individuals. The food we have left over, we don't take it home for ourselves. We actually give it to families in Garfield Heights and our food was verifiably given out to several families. We had about 45 sandwiches leftover. We gave it to the families. We gave the leftover pizza to the families, etc.

Tom, the gift we picked up later on Monday, but we did give it to a family she does foster care for several children so we did give her the oven. We appreciate that, Tom. We delivered it to her.

I also like to thank our sponsors, which is Metro PCS, Marvin DePaul, out of Detroit. They sponsor us every year in Garfield Heights for various programs that I do. John and Mrs. Howes run the McDonald's up on Turney Road. They are great people if you never met them. He sponsors everything we take place. Our very own Lucas and his family from Lucas Funeral Services is a sponsor for us. Everybody knows Lorenzo Miller. If you haven't met him--a great trainer of dogs, etc. He sponsors a lot of programs. He has a business on Orchard. We had Lane Entertainment Center that opened up on Broadway, which is Lawrence Lane and Mrs. Lane. Great sponsors. On top of that, we had a gentleman from Used Auto Parts on 116th in Cleveland. When he found out what we was going to do, he didn't hesitate to say I want to be a sponsor not just for this year but also for next year. So he came and sponsored.

Like I say, it's a great program. I want to mention the individuals who had the awards this year. I kind of lost my voice from screaming like crazy. We had a Marabee Craig James, the late Pastor Robert Jones. He used to sit on the Zoning Board of Appeals and he was part of the program every year. We lost him last January 31st. We had Ms. Betty MacNair who is sitting over there. She also won the Distinguished Citizenship Award. And Ms. Rebecca L. Russell. This award is not decided and not based on nationality. We could care less on nationality to win this award. It's just give to an individual who went beyond the call. They don't even know that we checking up on them or looking back on them so one day we may come to you and say hey, we need some information on you. If I come to you for that, that's what I'm getting the information for.

Once again, I thank everybody for being our supporters. Thank you, Mayor. I thank Chief for coming out faithfully and my Council colleagues. Even though they don't attend, I know in their hearts they had a support for us.

Last thing. Sonny Johnson and the boys in Garfield Heights, I wish them the best. I have to sit over at John Adams where my son goes to school and watch them get the beat down. But my

son also plays football, Mayor, so he don't have to take it. He just watches. They are incredible kids. You got to see these kids in action. It's like watching a symphony playing an orchestra.

My prayers are out to anybody who lost loved ones, etc. and continue that. I'm looking forward to us moving forward in this year and good things coming to our city. With that, Mr. Chairman, I thank you for the time.

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

CLMN LAMALFA: Well after the history report, I don't know if Tom left me any time at all? So I don't have anything. The hell with city business. We got religion today.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Nenadovich, do you have anything for us this evening?

CLMN NENADOVICH: I don't think I can top that, but I do have something. I want to congratulate Barb on her award. The second time it was awarded it was Barb so I guess your name has to be Barb to win that award in this city.

I'd like to thank Mike Dudley for a fantastic show he put on. I had never seen a jazz quartet and when this guy came on. He's playing a flute. Wow. The next hour passed like that. It was a great show and I commend you on your efforts to put that show on. Great job on it.

CLMN DUDLEY: I appreciate it but it takes a team.

CLMN NENADOVICH: There was a team out there.

CLMN DUDLEY: The team worked hard to do it. It wasn't just Mike Dudley. Can I have one more thing to say of your time?

CLMN NENADOVICH: Yes please.

CLMN DUDLEY: I want you to know that we was actually recognized downstate. Stephanie Howes actually gave an award. That award was not just accepted by me. It was accepted by everybody in the city because everybody in the city helps make that possible so that award belongs to all of us and not just Mike Dudley. Thank you for your time.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Again, I'd like to keep in our prayers Frank Pugly, Eddie Majka and Don Pilny. They're going to be missed.

It's getting better weather ladies and gentlemen. The snow has melted and a lot of people are out in their yards, but I look at this city and if I would do this (*wads up a sheet of paper and throws it on the floor*) on your street? My God, why? There's trashcans all over, especially on trash day. I will pick that up. You don't have to fine me. But if I do that on your street, nobody even cares anymore. Pop bottles--they walk over the sewer and drop them in. They throw them on front lawns. If you see it, at least if you don't want to say anything to whoever's doing it, pick it up in front of your house. OK? That 40 feet that you have (or the 120 as in Gene's case- he owns half a street there) pick it up. That's your property. Don't throw it back in the street. Put it in the trashcan. That's what we pay for trash service for. But pick it up. Don't do that. That's terrible. It shows no class. This is a classy city.

With that, Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion to adjourn.

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:53 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Matthew Burke
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council