

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

Monday, January 22, 2018

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

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Michael Dudley, Sr.

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

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Chairman, at this time I would like to make a motion for the dispensing of our Meeting that was to take place on January 8, 2018 due to an emergency here in the building.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Vaughn to dispense of the Meeting that was to take place on January 8, 2018, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke
That passes with 7 Yeas.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you.

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT BURKE: Reading and Disposal of Minutes.

CLMN SUSTER: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Garfield Heights City Council for December 11, 2017 as presented.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Suster to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the city of Garfield Heights for Monday, December 11, 2017, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn
That passes with 7 Yes votes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: At this time, I would like to move on to the Reports of the Mayor and the Directors, beginning with Mayor Collova. Mayor, do you have a report for us this evening?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, I do. Before I get into my report, I wanted to talk a little bit about the 2017 Garfield Heights Lighting Contest that we have each year. This year, 2017, we did something a little different. In the past, we picked a house from each Ward that we thought was the best of that Ward. This year when the judges went out they saw some houses that were together. Neighbors that sort of were in harmony on the Christmas Lighting Contest. So we felt that a couple of the Wards where those houses together were all lit up and all looked great we are giving all of the neighbors in the Ward today. At this time, I would like to call the winners up if they are here.

In Ward 1 we had three winners.

We had Dwayne and Wendy Kelly
Lucille Price

We also had a resident that we couldn't get a hold of. It's one of your neighbors at 13307 Alvin Avenue.

Thank you. You did a great job.

In Ward 2 we had two winners.

Tom and Diane Martin

Tom and Lisa Martin.

You can accept for them. I understand you are very close to them.

Ward 3.

Roger and Vi Kolenich, 8422 Doll Drive.

Ward 5.

The Cancellieri Family.

Ward 6.

Jason Martin.

Ward 7.

James Delitoy and Monique Washington.

Great job. Outstanding.

Our Ward 4 winner and also the Citywide winner.

The Lakota Family.

Your house was selected as the best of the city of Garfield. Thank you very much. We will take a picture with everybody.

(Photographs were taken at this time.)

Thank you everybody.

Mr. Lakota, 9512 David Drive. As your overall winner in the city, if it wasn't for other residents and the help of my neighbor, I wouldn't be here today. Thanks to Council for voting and for all winners who give back to the community and all the neighbors that stopped. Thank you for doing what you do.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: It really does a great job at the holiday time to see all the lights. Each year it seems to be getting better and better. Continue the good work and we will continue this program.

To go on with my report, I have a letter that I want to read to everyone. It's a little bit lengthy and I know we have a lot to do on the agenda today, but I think it's very important for the residents and Council to hear this. This is a letter to

Mayor and Council,

I never write letters or ask for help. This past year my son had the opportunity to purchase the house next to me on Grand Division on 85th. He was excited to be next to me as I raised him on my own since he was two years old. He went to Trinity, then joined the Navy before 911. He served two deployments in Iraq and Somalia, came back after nine years with an injured spine and fractured vertebrae and post traumatic syndrome. He wanted to be near us to help. I cleaned up the house after the last renters ruined it. The owner was Don Oranti and worked out a deal to sell it to him. I did it myself at 65 because he's a big guy, but can't do a lot. I called the Building Department and Dave came out. What a great guy. We covered the repairs and violations.

After a few months, I and my son wanted to be in the house for Christmas. Unfortunately, I was exhausted and spent my last money on the house. This is where the Hallmark magic happened. I was desperate. Now it needed only smoke detectors and a few things. I called the Fire Department to see if they still had a program. The Fire Marshal called me and said that they didn't have the program any more. I received a call from Joe Rody (*who is our Fire Inspector*). He said he found three new smoke detectors and he was at my house with them. I was exhausted and giving up. He took my hand and said you'll get it done.

Kidding, I asked if there was any old refrigerators around. That at the time was all we needed. Again. Boom. Mr. Rody called. He didn't have the refrigerator but he had a dryer. I received a dryer from Ms. Roman and delivered it by Big Mike (my Councilman) because I called him and said what a great guy Joe is, he found out about our needs and got Larry Kucinich to help him. Big Mike's heart is taller than him. I found out his wife is sick and he goes out and does this well. Ruth Pollack then donated some things. Thank you, Ruth. (*Ruth is our Resource Center Coordinator*). Then I found out Ms. Roman said if it doesn't work I'll pay for the repair to the dryer.

Then Joe gets him a beautiful xmas tree. fully lit, 6 foot tall. What a gift. Joe is a new friend. While still no fridge, but Joe found one by Akron. Previously I talked to Bernie at the cigarette store and she said her brother Gary had one and again Larry takes snow and a blizzard and it was delivered in a blizzard. What great joy. To Joe, Mike, Ms. Roman, Ruth, Larry and Bernie and her brother, thank you for helping a tired old man give my son a great home and for Christmas. No words can say more. I would read this but I broke up every time I think of you guys kindness.+

He signed it and I'm not sure I want to say who the gentleman is so I'm going to hold that back. He says

A private P.S. to Joe (*meaning Joe Rody*) Joe, you helped me that day more than you will ever know. I was giving up and you stopped that and got me straight. You're the best. Big Mike, all that's going through I'm glad and grateful

for you and you are my friend and Councilman and also Dog Warden Bonnie got me a best friend. He never leaves my side. What a great staff.+

I had to read this because I was really taken aback by this because this happened to this gentleman but this happens on a daily basis from our staff. Our Council, our staff. All you need to do is ask for help. The Resource Center- people come in there every day. I just thought this was great. I saw on the back of the envelope he puts another message for Joe Rody. The message said

Joe,

Thanks for everything, but I still don't have a refrigerator.+

I'm sure Joe's going to get him a refrigerator. That was great and I wanted to read it. Stuff like that makes me feel good. I'm certain it makes a lot of people feel good.

The next thing I wanted to talk a little bit about is the biggest topic in Garfield Heights since I've been Mayor and probably long before. Our taxes are too high. I pay too much taxes. I have to tell you that 90% of the people that call my office to ask for something or complain about something- 90% the first words are I pay taxes. I don't know if they think that's going to get something done or not because most people do- not all of them- but most people do and they always open with that. Then if you look at the social media, you talk to people, even friends of mine they say you know with all the money we pay in Garfield Heights for taxes you'd think we could have snowplows out on every street, every side street every minute of the day, rake all the leaves, fix all the houses and why do we have a road that's bad with all this money that Garfield gets? There was something that was written in cleveland.com that I wanted to share with everybody. It talks about Cleveland, Ohio.

Cleveland Heights, which has one of the highest property tax rates in Cuyahoga County, is actually closer to the middle of the pack when examining what a typical homeowner pays. The same goes for other places with some of the highest rates. Cleveland.com analysis found and in Garfield Heights, the typical bill is actually one of the lowest in the County despite the third highest rate. This is because the property tax bill is a result of two factors: tax rates and home values. Where home values are high, it takes fewer homes and lower rates to raise much more money. Cleveland.com last week published the new tax rates for each place in the Greater Cleveland/Akron area ranking Cleveland Heights, Garfield Heights, Shaker Heights and University Heights near the top. Number one was a small slice of South Euclid and the Cleveland Heights/University Heights school system.

But today's separate analysis offers a different picture. Examining tax bills based on the median home value in each place a small area of South Euclid has the highest tax rate but ranks 58th for tax bills. The Shaker Square area of Cleveland, which is part of Shaker Heights school system, is second for that rate. Second highest tax rate, but 49th in actual tax money that comes in. Garfield Heights is the third highest rate in the County, but is tied for 58th in the amount of tax money that comes in to the city. This illustrates how sometimes a crippling problem for areas with low home values such as Garfield Heights. Much higher tax rates are required to raise money in those places, causing people to pay more than others with similarly valued elsewhere.+

Now what this means is and I try to explain this when I go to a lot of the functions and a lot of the Ward clubs. We have a higher tax rate because we don't have a lot of business so our tax rate is high, but the amount of money that we bring in to the city is much less. Think about this. There are 59 communities in Cuyahoga County. We rank 58th bringing in the least amount of money. 58th. Bring in the least amount. But you know what? When we go buy salt, when we go buy fuel, we pay the same thing as the people that are bringing in the most tax dollars. So when you wonder why Brecksville has a wonderful beautiful rec center. I was there yesterday and it's absolutely beautiful. I would love to have one like that. They can afford it. People there are paying a lower tax rate than us but they are paying on \$400,000.00 houses. They give an example. In property tax, the city of Garfield Heights should be getting \$7.9 million in property tax. Because of the delinquencies we bring in, we get about \$7 million. That's a lot of money, but it's not a lot of money with a \$50 million budget. You take a city like Brecksville, Solon, Independence. Their tax rate is lower than Garfield's. People love it. That city that's half our size or a third our size probably brings in \$15 million or \$16 million or \$20 million a year. That's the difference. I try to explain it to people. I know the tax rate is high. We would like it to be lower, but contrary to what social media says, I'm not putting all that money in the drawer and saving it for when I retire. So I just wanted to bring that up. This is reality, folks. This is what we deal with in the city of Garfield Heights. When we have to spend \$1 million to get streets fixed, we have to scrape and borrow, etc. To get that million where some of the other cities can just say OK, we'll get that one done and get the other two done for another million. So not complaining but I just wanted everybody to understand that because that is a huge question that I receive all the time.

With that said, I'll get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 1 and 2. We enter into a contract for the purpose of participating in the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program and the public education for that program. Ordinance 3. An ordinance authorizing the extension of the labor agreement between the city of Garfield Heights and the Garfield Heights Firefighters. In Ordinance 4 we're asking for funds to help our Seniors and individuals who have disabilities. Ordinance 5 is to advertise for proposals for supplies for 2018 such as salt, fuel, asphalt, etc. Ordinance 6 allows for the sale of the outdated and no longer needed equipment here in the city. Ordinance 7. Updating our pay scale to reflect any increase in wages for non-Union employees. Number 8 allows us to allocate dollars to OHM (the Engineers) for the Transportation Boulevard Project. The greatest thing about that is those tax dollars are being funded by the developer. Doesn't cost the city anything.

Resolution 1 is appointing Jeff Jerome to serve as the Director of the Garfield Heights Community Diversion Program. We have been in juvenile diversion for I think the last five or six years. We are heading in a different direction. Before it was worked out of the Court. This year we're going to do something different. It's being worked right out of here. Money being collected right out of here and Jeff, who is our staff attorney, will be handling all the duties of the Juvenile Diversion Program Director. Resolution 2 is a resolution ratifying the appointment of Edward Stanzas as a Member of the Civil Service Commission, which is a very important commission. It serves a very important part of the city.

With that said, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mayor. Does anyone have any questions for Mayor Collova on his report this evening? Does anyone have any questions on Mayor Collova's report? We'll 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.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. So we will move on to our Police Chief. Chief Byrne, do you have a report for us this evening?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Yes, I do. Just very quickly. It seems a while ago but I want to thank everybody. During the holidays a lot of people brought stuff up to the Police Department- bakery, etc. On Christmas Day the group Garfield United the folks took time out of their own day to bring dinner up to our officers that worked that day. So we're all very thankful and very appreciative. Thanks and that's my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Chief Byrne. Does anybody have a question for Chief Byrne on his report this evening? If not, we'll move on 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. Just to explain. When we had the closing for the two days- the emergency closing for those of you who aren't aware. Over the weekend, my maintenance guys they check the building on Saturdays and Sundays and as he came in one of the routines is to walk around the outside. The main water feed on the backside of the building had blown. Lucky enough that we caught it when we did so that this didn't flood downstairs here. We had to wait until Monday to get it fixed because they had to mark all the utilities. We had a company in right away. They were here in 20 minutes after we called them. That was the reason why we were closed for two days. This building was built in 1990. It's 28 years old. There's things that are going to occur now just like when you own a house. This place is run seven days a week and things will go. That was the reason for that closing. Hopefully everything's fixed and we won't have any further problems.

In the last month there has been a lot of plowing and salting, overtime, lot of holidays. The last storm was pretty rough with the freezing rain and the cold has made it very difficult because the salt doesn't react the same way as it normally would when it's six degrees out and there's no traffic so we been knocking at it and hopefully maybe we won't have any real bad storms. I doubt it though.

We also removed the Christmas decorations.

Today we had the crews out on the main street starting with the cold patch. That's the end of my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Does anybody have any questions of Mr. McLaughlin on his report this evening?

CLMN SUSTER: Mr. McLaughlin, the only thing I'd like to say is kudos to all your crew. With all the weather that we had I think they did a fabulous job.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: I'd like to echo that as well, Mr. McLaughlin. Your guys did a splendid job. Does anyone else have any questions? OK. We will move on to our Parks and Recreation Director, Mr. Robert Dobies.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Mr. President and Council, good evening. No report this evening.

PRESIDENT BURKE: All right. No report from our Rec Director. Great way to start off the year. We will move on 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 real short one. This evening we are asking Council's support on Ordinance number 1 and 2 in regards to the Cuyahoga Soil and Water Conservation. These are two routine ordinances.

Also, we are asking for support on Ordinance number 5 for purchasing for the year 2018. Once again, it is a routine piece of legislation we do every year.

Lastly, we are asking for support on Ordinance number 6 for the sale of city property that is no longer in use. And with that, you have my report, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Ms. Biro. Does anybody have any questions for Ms. Biro on her report this evening? We will move on to our City Engineer, Mr. David Krock. Dave, do you have a report?

CITY ENGINEER DAVE KROCK: I do. Thank you, Mr. President. I want to report on the Transportation Boulevard Widening Project . Ordinance number 8. Just as the Mayor said, just to reiterate, the developers paid over \$5 million to allow this project to move forward, which widens the bridge and widens the road. There is no cost to the city for this. So what's on tonight is really for the inspection work that needs to be done. The project bids on Thursday this week and the work should start (*inaudible*).

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Is there any questions on Mr. Krock's report? If not, we will move on 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. Just an announcement. The Senior Center will again be partnering with volunteers from AARP to offer free tax preparation every Friday beginning February 9th. Appointments will be scheduled from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and volunteers will be able to file both Federal and State returns. A correct photo ID and last year's tax return will be required. Residents may start calling the Senior Center to schedule an appointment beginning Monday January 29th. Just a reminder--these appointments do fill up very quickly so if anyone would like to get their tax returns filed you should call as soon as you have all your documents gathered.

Also, finally I just want to ask for Council's support for Ordinance 4, which will allow the Senior Center to apply for additional grant money from NOACA to purchase another handicapped accessible bus for the Senior Center. The bus that we purchased with the same type of funding from NOACA in 2017 was put into service earlier this month and we are hoping to secure funding for an additional bus. Currently we still have a 2006 and a 2007 model bus that we are using. So I'm just asking for Council's support of Ordinance 4. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Ms. Parsson. Does anyone have any questions of Ms. Parsson's report this evening? Anyone? Great. We will move on to our Economic Development Director, Ms. Noreen Kuban.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Thank you, Mr. President. I have no report this evening.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Excellent. We will move on to our Building Commissioner Mr. Mark Moro. Mark, do you have a report?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: I do not have a report this evening.

PRESIDENT BURKE: That concludes our reports from the Mayor and the Directors. We will 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 wishing to comment on tonight's agenda? Anyone wishing to comment on tonight's agenda? If there isn't, we will move on to our Ordinances and Resolutions beginning with Ordinance 77-2017. Will the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 77-2017

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1309.07 OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES RELATING TO REGISTERED CONTRACTORS PERFORMING WORK WITHIN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Moved by NENADOVICH to WAIVE THE THIRD READING and PASS ON THE SECOND READING:

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Nenadovich to Waive a Third Reading and pass and adopt this Ordinance, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

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 number 77-2017 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2018

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS WITH THE CUYAHOGA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:
AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:
AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

PRESIDENT BURKE: On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Suster.
VOTE ON ADOPTION:
AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 01-2018 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2018

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS WITH THE CUYAHOGA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND PUBLIC EDUCATION REGARDING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION.

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:
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 02-2018 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2018

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE LABOR AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS AND THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 340 OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:
AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:
AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:
AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke

PRESIDENT BURKE: On its adoption, beginning with Clmn Vaughn.
VOTE ON ADOPTION:
AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster, Burke

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 03-2018 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2018

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO NOACA, ACTING AS THE DESIGNATED RECIPIENT FOR FTA FUNDS, FOR THE ENHANCED MOBILITY FOR SENIORS AND INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM AND TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH NOACA IF SELECTED FOR FUNDING.

Moved by GLENN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 04-2018 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2018

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COMMISSIONER OF PURCHASES AND SUPPLIES, FINANCE DIRECTOR, THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS FOR VARIOUS MATERIALS, SERVICES AND SUPPLIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018.

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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 05-2018 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2018

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE 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 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: Ordinance 06-2018 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE No. 07-2018

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE 04-2017, THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS PLAN OF CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION OF NON-UNION PAY POSITIONS.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 07-2018 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE No. 08-2018

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHM ADVISORS TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION TASKS FOR THE IR-480/TRANSPORTATION BLVD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT . PHASE 2, PURSUANT TO THE AGREEMENT ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A, AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF COSTS IN THE AMOUNT OF THREE HUNDRED, FORTY-THREE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR DOLLARS (\$343,364.00), WHICH COSTS WILL BE FUNDED THROUGH THE CRAIG REALTY GROUP . CLEVELAND LLC. AGREEMENT APPROVED UNDER ORDINANCE 52-2017.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 08-2018 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2018

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION APPOINTING JEFFREY JEROME TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DIVERSION PROGRAM RETROACTIVE FROM JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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: Resolution 01-2018 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2018

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION RATIFYING AN APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR OF EDWARD STANZESKI AS A MEMBER OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, FOR THE TERM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2018 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 02-2018 passes with 7 Yes votes. That concludes tonight's Ordinances and Resolutions.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT BURKE: We will move on now to Comments by Citizens. Would 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 speak tonight?

David Greta, 4955 East 85th Street. I just had a question regarding what the Mayor said regarding property tax. I know it's not easy for a lot of residents to keep current on our property taxes, but a lot of us do. I'm wondering what can be done for the delinquencies. Obviously, this is money that the city needs. Is there any way to try and collect on some of the delinquencies?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I'm not in favor of passing the buck, but I will say that since you asked the question, that's exactly what the problem is. The problem is that the delinquent taxes are collected by the County. The County goes out and does this. About six years ago that department not only had a group that went out to collect the delinquent taxes, but when you got a little bit behind that group would reach out to the person who was behind and offer them programs to catch up. Back then they had about 80 workers working in that department. That department has been cut back to 30.

I had a meeting today with a reporter along with four other Mayors to talk about this issue. We need the County to get more pro-active on collecting the taxes. Again, we're probably about (and Barb could answer this better) \$6 million maybe \$7 million in the hole altogether, but when you talk about losing the \$900,000.00/year, think what that \$900,000.00 could do. Even if we had half of it. That's \$450,000.00. That's two/three more policemen, a fireman. There's a lot you could do with that. That's money that's not coming in to the city. We had a meeting today right before I came here. We had a meeting in South Euclid. We don't want to lean on the County because they do a lot of great things for us, but this is one thing that we think they're falling off on. So the answer to the problem is they're just not pro-active enough. When they don't have that group out there contacting the people that are delinquent and giving them programs when they only owe only \$3,000.00, it goes four, five years and now they owe \$10,000.00/\$15,000.00. There is no program then and they are so far behind that's when they walk away. So the trouble really does lie with the County. I'm not throwing blame on them but we certainly are asking them to step it up a little bit. OK?

MR. GRETA: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Is there anyone else wishing to speak this evening?

Ruth Pollack, 6219 Turney Road. Hello everyone. I just wanted to briefly ask everyone to check out my Annual Report for 2017. I did write one and I believe you all received one in your packet. The reason I write these is just, you know a lot of people say what does she do. She's in that office every day. A lot of times there might not be people in there with me, but there's a lot of different programming that I am doing. There is no typical day, as we all know, at any job. At my job, someone can walk in. I've had people that were fearing for their life, domestic violence case. Had to hide until the perpetrator left the house and didn't know where to go. There's all kind of different stories. There's kids that walk in that share things. That they're being abused. Again, I can get them the right resources that can help them. Then there is you know, fun things. The kids that are in high school or in our schools that just pop in because they want to talk about something or they have an issue that they want to share. The reason they know me from that and that makes me happy that they know me and they know where I am is because I worked in the schools for 13 years. I got to know a lot of kids. Now they're in their high school years and they remember me and they'll come in and talk to me if they need help, if they need a resource. That's what we're all about.

My purpose is to help and serve the community. That is truly what I do. I do it in any way it has to be done depending on what's going on. I feel blessed to be able to do it. I really do. I love the

opportunity to help others. I feel that is my true calling. I love this community. I've been here since 1998, raised my children through the schools. I have nine grandchildren. So it's a wonderful place and I feel honored actually to work here. We get everything from as you know, the addiction issues are unbelievable right now. They have nowhere to go a lot of times. I may just be helping them to get downtown to get help because they can't even get there. Maybe a bus pass or something. There's just so many different things that happen. I feel again you know blessed. Some people come in. They've just been evicted. They have nowhere to go. Their utilities are off. There's just so many different things. There's never a typical day at the Resource Center. You never know what's going to walk in and you don't know who's going to call in. People call in for help and I am able to give them the resources they need. If I don't have it, I'll find it and call them right back as soon as possible.

I do get to work with some of our at-risk kids at our Learning Center. I don't know if everyone's aware that Garfield Heights has a Learning Center and that is a classroom and a principal, etc. at the bottom of the middle school. Those are kids that would not be successful if we didn't have a Learning Center. They're so far behind they would be in their mid-20s maybe to be able to catch up if they had to go back. So they have a different way to school these kids and make sure they're able to go out and get a job. So I go there every month. The Mayor allows me to do that. I do a few classes with these kids that are at-risk. We've role played how to get a job. A lot of the kids are teens. We've all played getting a job. We talk about drugs. We talk about all the issues they're facing. A lot of them have homeless issues, etc. going on. So I just want people to know what I do and know to please send me anyone or if there's someone you cannot help in your Wards, send them to me and I'll try.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, I'm piggy backing on that a little bit. First, Ruth, I just got your report. It is very great. It's very detailed.

MS. POLLACK: Thank you.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Council is all looking at your report. I'm sure they're going to be very pleased with it. What I would like to do at the next Council Meeting is break this out and actually explain to them some of the things that you are involved in in more detail as you have in this report so I will do that at the next Council Meeting. How many years ago did we start this program?

MS. POLLACK: Six.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Six years ago. I have to tell you and I mean this sincerely it has to be one of the most successful programs we've had. This is helping people on a daily basis. Ruth helps everybody. She does a phenomenal job. She's helped me with personal problems that I've had with my family. She never says no. Almost to a fault because we can't afford to keep saying yes the way she does. No, she does a great job and I'm going to get into much more depth at the next Council Meeting. Thank you for everything you do, Ruth.

MS. POLLACK: Thanks so much, Mayor. Appreciate it.

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Mayor, I would like to make a suggestion that we take this to a committee meeting and all of us be able to sit down and go over all these things and talk about some of the stuff. I think that would be a much better forum to do at than to do this at a City Council Meeting. Maybe the Ways and Means Meeting? Or Safety? I'm not really sure which one we'd put it

under. That would probably be the correct forum to do this under. Matt, I ask that you would make the recommendation, please.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Absolutely.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you.

MS. POLLACK: Thank you. Thank you all.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Is there anyone else wishing to make any comments tonight?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: If not, we'll move on to Miscellaneous Business beginning with Clmn LaMalfa.

CLMN LAMALFA: I do not have anything tonight, but thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: All right. Mr. Nenadovich?

CLMN NENADOVICH: I have nothing tonight.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: I have nothing tonight.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Suster?

CLMN SUSTER: I have nothing this evening.

PRESIDENT BURKE: All right. My turn. The only thing I have is to say is that I have my Community Awareness Meeting coming up next week on Monday, a week from tonight, right here at the Civic Center. I have invited the school superintendent, Mr. Olszewski, to come in and talk about the schools. So I would like to invite any resident that would like to come in and ask some questions and find out what he has to put up with on his level and he has to go through with the current grading systems and the things that they have to work within.

Then the other thing I want on a personal note is I would like to wish my son well. He is enlisted in the United States Army and he will be leaving for basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri on January 30th. Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Well, I guess I have to take up time for everybody else tonight, huh?

PRESIDENT BURKE: Absolutely.

CLMN VAUGHN: Boy I even got Bob Dobies time too. I'm going to make it real quick. First of all I'd like to announce the Ward 7 Block Watch will be Thursday January 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the school building at St. Benedict's. This is going to be an organizational meeting for the year. So come on down. Sit down. We're going to talk. What we want. Where we want to go, what speakers and stuff we want. I invite all residents to attend. We're a very friendly very easy moving group. Please come down and join us. Last month the Mayor came down. It was a

pleasure to have you, Mayor. I know Thursday nights are a tough night for you and I understand.

I'd like to thank my driver for the past couple weeks. Bob Raffle back there has been driving for me. You know Bob, if I would have been able to vote you would have gotten second place for lights in our Ward. Believe me. But your buddy Vic said no so I couldn't go against him you know? With that that's all I have to say tonight.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Dudley, do you have anything for us tonight?

CLMN DUDLEY: Yeah, I'd take some of the time to talk. Hey what I wanted to say first of all. Your son made a good choice choosing the Army. Tell him I'm proud of him. All right? OK.

What I'd like to announce too. February 16th we will be holding our Annual African. American Black History Program. We been doing this now it's been a long time. On one hand I have the first program we held is on CD actually from 2006 and we have been doing it all the way up, which is coming on our 13th year. It's a great program. In the past, we had Sandra Garrett who is Morgan Garrett's granddaughter. In 2017, she was the keynote speaker. In 2016, we had Clarence Bosman who was Dr. King's driver. That was also a great program.

The program this year, if you love music it's going to be one of the best programs for all ages. I can't announce that individual. I was sworn to secrecy till we actually drop the flyers. This is a free program done in the city of Garfield Heights. We always have input from Members of Council as well as other individuals in the city. Some of our sponsors like I said of food, the refreshments, the raffle, everything is free. You come out. You bring your children, etc.

We also have a award that we give out. It's called the Distinguished Citizenship Award. We have a couple individuals here tonight who were recipients of that. The thing about that award. Nobody knows that they ever going to receive that award until we call you and start asking you questions. The award is not based on your nationality, your race or your religion. That has nothing to do with it. Chief is also one of our first recipients--former Chief Sackett. He was one of our recipients, etc. We got to watch what goes on. We got to watch people. We get information feedback from other people in the community. So you know if you're doing something great in the city, you're doing something great for the community and you been doing it for years, you may be the person we give you a call or come knock on your door. I want to say that.

The program is going to be February 16th, 6:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. We thank the school for providing this place to us for the last several years. They give us enough space. It's professionally done. It's also video. We make no money. You might take a program. You might take a copy of this CD. The information will be placed in the Neighborhood News. We'd have Wendy come down and take some pictures for us.

I just want to make it quick and mention some of the sponsors that we have for the program: Metro PC, McDonald's on Turney Road, Lucas Funeral Home (you notice a lot of these are right inside our city), Lorenzo Dog Training, Parnell Jones & Son. But it's not just that. I do want to mention some of the individuals that always contributed one way or another to the program. We have the Mayor who never forgets us, Garfield City Schools, Council Member Matt Burke, we thank Council Member Joe LaMalfa who provided a 40+TV last year. People didn't know that's where that TV came from. It didn't come from us. Also Councilman Michael Nenadovich we thank him and also Mr. Hero's and Subways. The food and program is nice, family. oriented,

etc. So I hope to see you all out there this year. Come and enjoy. You going to be really surprised about the music that going to be put on this year. With that, I thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the time.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. I just wanted to say one other thing. You know we had the situation last month or the beginning of this month where we had to pretty much cancel a Council Meeting because of the water main break. I just want it to be clear that that was the decision that I made along with the Mayor to talk about that and find out that there was not anything pressing that needed to be done that could not have been done tonight. So in an effort to not waste anybody's time but also with the way the weather's been I felt that was the right decision to do. I took that upon myself to go ahead and postpone it to tonight and that we addressed it earlier in the meeting tonight. This way there's no confusion on that. At this time, I'd like to make a motion that we adjourn.

CLMN VAUGHN: I make a motion that we adjourn.

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Matthew Burke
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council