

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, January 27, 2020

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

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Jason Blake

ROLL CALL: **PRESENT:** Council Members Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Burke, Vaughn

PRESIDENT BURKE: Reading and Disposal of the Regular Minutes of Council for Monday, January 13, 2020.

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I would like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes from the Regular Council Meeting Monday, January 13, 2020 as submitted.

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, January 13, 2020, as submitted, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: The Council Minutes will stand approved with 7 Yes votes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: Are there any Committee Reports?

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I will be having a report every week in the Neighborhood News. I spoke with Mike and he is allowing us to put in a little quip about ordinances. It's not going to

be an editorial. It's just going to be, "This is an ordinance in Garfield Heights." Cut and dried. That's it.

PRESIDENT BURKE: OK. If nobody else has anything, we will move on to the reports.

CLWN DAVIS: I have an announcement.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Clwn Davis. Go ahead.

CLWN DAVIS: The Communication and Technology Committee will hold its first meeting on February 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the Caucus Room, which is next week. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Clwn Davis.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: Let's move on to the reports of the Mayor and the Directors. Mayor, do you have a report this evening?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I certainly do. Before I get into my report, today we are going to be honoring once again the Holiday Lighting Contest winners throughout the city. We've been doing this for about six years. Each year it gets better. People are really taking pride into their decorations. It's truly a pleasure to be able to congratulate and give accolades to the people that have really done the best job. With your permission, Mr. Chairman, I'm going to come forward with the awards and call them up.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Absolutely.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: In Ward 1, we had a unique situation. Two neighbors that I understand work together and decorate both houses. They were chosen as the two best houses so we are going to honor two people from Ward 1. If they are here tonight, we have Daniel Gordon, 12117 Marguerite and David and Alexis Hurley from 12109 Marguerite. Please come forward.

In Ward 2, we have Mark Orahoske. Mark, front and center. 5089 Turney Road. Great job.

Mr. Orahoske, 5089 Turney Road. The coolest thing was when people came by they told me that it made them feel better to see the lights. That's something you got to do.

Ward 3. Tom and Lisa Johnson, 4945 Donovan. Front and center. Great job. Thank you.

Ward 4. Mark and Kim Butcher, 10306 Grace. Congratulations. Job well done.

Ward 5. We have Tom and Pam Gerak. Not here. We will make sure they get it.

Ward 6. Jason Martin. 12301 Oak Park. Nope. We will make sure he gets it.

Ward 7. Damon and Annette Fletcher. Are you here? OK.

This year we did something a little different. In the years previous, one of the winners from the Ward would get the citywide award. This year we did something different. We gave seven awards away and we also are giving away a citywide award. I have to read this letter from the person that nominated this person that was the citywide winner.

"Good morning,

I would like to nominate Sharon Scott at 12408 Granger Road for the Holiday Lighting Contest. Not only is her yard and house decorated beautifully for Christmas, but she decorates lovely with new displays for all the holidays and seasons. She is 77 years old and is having hip surgery this week Thursday. All she did this past weekend was get her lights and decorations up. She did not let her neighborhood down. He does it all herself and has done it since they built their house. She was one of the first residents on Granger. People in Garfield Heights do not know her personally, but they do know the yellow house across from Trinity decorated with love each and every month. I think she deserves it."

She certainly does. I'm not sure if Sharon Scott is here. Or a representative for her. We will make sure she gets this award.

PRESIDENT BURKE: I think somebody just walked in and they are one of the.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Fletcher? Just the people we're looking for. Come front and center. This is Damon and Annette Fletcher, 13703 Rybak. Congratulations. Can I bring all the winners back up here? Photographers please.

(Group photos were taken at this time.)

Not only the winners that were here tonight, but I want to thank all the residents of Garfield Heights for taking time to decorate their house. The city really looked good over the Christmas season. It looked great to see.

We put out a request to help with the Food Pantry. Let me read it to you.

"If anyone is interested in assisting with our monthly Food Pantry, please let me know. You would need to participate in a short mandatory civil rights training and sign off that you receive to be in compliance with our funding source. They may also require help in set up beforehand. The evening Food Pantry is monthly every third Thursday from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. I would like to draft a schedule for the first half of the year and then in May draft a schedule for the six months of the year. We are looking for some participation."

So far, Tom Vaughn is the only one that has responded. I surely would like anybody that would be available to help out. This is important. If we do not get the people to help us with this, we have to discontinue the program. We don't want to do that. So please contact myself or Kathy Parsson. We will fit you into the schedule.

Next I wanted to talk about the Viet Nam Veterans of America are having once again their Veterans Day here March 29th. Forever for all Viet Nam War and Era Veterans. President Trump signs a law declaring a National Viet Nam War Veterans Day. It's right here. Our host is the city of Garfield Heights. Location: city of Garfield Heights Civic Center. Date is March 29, 2020. There is a social hour at 1:00 p.m. The program starts at 2:00 p.m. We've been doing this every year for about five/six years. Each year it gets bigger and bigger. You have to hear the stories that these Veterans have to say. We have World War II Veterans joining with the Viet Nam Veterans. We actually have some Vietnamese that come and join us. It's quite an experience. Even if you were not a Veteran, you got to come and experience this. It's unbelievable what they do for the war heroes. So that's March 29th. I would appreciate it if you come.

Next,

"Garfield Heights Memorial Day Parade and Service will be Monday, May 25, 2020. Garfield Heights Memorial Day tributes honoring deceased Veterans of all wars and conflicts will be held on Monday, May 25, 2020. There will be a parade followed by a service at the Veterans Plaza at the Garfield Heights Civic Center. Refreshments will be available after the service. The parade assembly will begin at 9:15 a.m. at Maple Leaf Drive and Turney Road. The parade will step off at 10:00 a.m."

Last year I was really surprised at the number of people that came out on Turney Road to watch this parade. Let's make it bigger and better than ever. If you'd like to be a part of it, please contact me. We have a couple people that are really putting this thing together, but if you contact my office, we can get you in touch with them.

I wanted to read next something that I'm very proud of. Our neighbor Maple Heights. I received this letter.

"Good afternoon Mayor Collova:

I have wanted to share with you that on January 23, 2020 at a State of Ohio's Auditor Fiscal Commission Meeting a resolution was unanimously passed to release the city of Maple Heights from fiscal emergency. The city's fiscal emergency declaration was made on February 13, 2015. It was a five-year recovery plan. As of June 2019, we were four and a half years through this plan. Today we found out that an official presentation will be made possibly in March of this year based on the Auditor's availability to appear. The city is planning a small but well deserved celebration which will include our residents and you are certainly welcome if you are available.

Mayor, we couldn't have gotten through it without your friendship and support. Thank you."

They are saying Mayor, but believe me it was the entire city. We really did what we could to help Maple Heights. The biggest person that did anything was Barb Biro. She donated her time to Maple Heights to help them get through this because, as you know, we went through the same thing about eight years ago. So I am very proud of our neighbors Maple Heights. I am

very proud of Mayor Blackwell. She has done an outstanding job. Congratulations to Maple Heights.

OK. I don't want to ruffle any feathers, but I have to bring this up. It doesn't matter where I go and I'm sure there's people in this audience that have every time there's something going on in the city of Garfield Heights—good, bad or indifferent—we hear about how much taxes we all pay in Garfield Heights. We all know that we definitely have a high tax. The reality of this thing is that people will say for as much taxes as I pay my street should be glass clean. For as much taxes as I pay there shouldn't be a leaf on the ground. For as much taxes as I pay. I understand this. Everybody has to understand the city of Garfield Heights has not had a tax increase since 1970. There is taxes that go up with the Average Pay Fund, but the other part of this, which people just don't understand is every time a levy comes forward (a County levy, Metro Parks levy, Tri-C levy, library levy) all these levies we pass. In Garfield Heights we pass these levies. The city of Garfield Heights doesn't get paid for it, but we pass it. Typical example. The last levy that was out we passed by 58.3% Yes. Now I'm not saying don't vote for these because these are all good things. But when you vote for them and then you call me and tell me how high your taxes are, you know, for some reason it just doesn't compute to me. I'm not saying don't vote for these but I'm saying this is what makes our taxes go up. If you feel that the Tri-C should get something, by all means vote for it. But understand your taxes go up every time you vote for this and it's not the city of Garfield Heights. We don't get a penny of it. I just wanted to bring that up because there is another levy coming up. I've been asked to endorse it. Unfortunately, I can't. I will vote for it but I can't endorse it because I just feel so bad that our taxes are as high as they are and the city of Garfield Heights isn't receiving that money.

So, next this is something that we all are proud of. I left some of these on the table. The Court Community Service for this year. I want to read some of the things. We receive Court Community Service from the County four days/week. We pay them to come in and clean the city up. They give me a monthly report and a yearly report. I just want to read this to you because it's interesting.

Last year 2019, they gave us 192 days of service.
They did 102 days of grass cutting.
49.5 days of picking up litter.
21 days of snow.
19.5 Food Bank days that they worked with our Food Bank.
1,294 sites completed.
They cut 833 lawns.
253 different sites for picking up litter.
They shoveled snow on 208 sites.
They used approximalty 8,400 pounds of salt.
There was 4,365 man-hours.
2,374 bags of litter they accumulated.
They filled 137 dumpsters, not counting the bags.
Picked up numerous tires.
They also did two Court Orders. That was 65 dumpsters.
They did the Food Bank 19.5 days.
The Solid Waste Program they picked up another 120 bags of litter.
For a total of 2,774 bags of litter in the city of Garfield Heights.

This is crazy. I mean they are doing a wonderful job. We actually save close to \$3,000.00/year by bringing them in. I am just saying we have to start taking pride in this city. Think about how many bags of litter--2,274--and that's outrageous. We need to start taking a little more pride in the city. I think things are getting a little bit better. When you see figures like this, it does get a little scary.

Next, I want to talk a little bit about street repair, which is coming up. It's certainly not as much as everybody would like, but it is interesting. These are projects that are coming up. They are main projects. This is what our engineers work on as far as getting funding for these major projects. We have a \$5 million project. We're getting OPWC \$1 million and other funding from the city. Out of that \$5 million project the Multi-Street Phase 5, we pay \$250,000.00. That's great to get that kind of funding. Our engineers worked this out.

Broadway. Broadway is getting repaved and it needs it. This is a \$2 million project. We will be fully funded. OPWC is paying \$566,000.00. East 131st Street is a \$2 million. We received \$925,000.00 in OPWC funding. The city portion will be about \$130,000.00. When you put this together, you have \$9 million in projects and the city's total cost is \$380,000.00. These engineers do a fabulous job getting that funding. Thank you, Dave. You guys are well worth every penny we pay you. I know it's not enough.

Then I also want to give you some idea of some streets. It's tough to get the streets done. These are some streets that have already been approved for the end of this year. We have East 109th Street from Langton to Edgepark, Grannis Road from Turney to East 135th, South Parkway, East 131st to East 139th, Garfield Drive Turney to East 104th, Wolfe Street, East 35th to East Terminus, East 88th Street from Grand Division to Birchwood, Park Heights Turney to East 113th, Monica Lane Thraves to Rockside, Darlington East 128th to East 133rd. These are projects that were approved and will be happening at the end of this year.

These next streets I want to read you are projects that we put in for. We're hoping that we get the same result we got on this one. These have not been approved yet. So don't go home and say I'm getting the street done. Hang loose till I give you the final. We got Carpenter, Horton, Andover, Henry, East 135th, East 128th, Edge Park, East 90th, Wadsworth, Shady Oak, East 115th and Russell. These are groups we had put in for. We were approved on the first group. The last two groups we're still waiting for approval on that. We're doing everything we can to get these streets paved. When you hear the money that it costs to pave these streets you understand why we can't do it. I always tell everybody because everybody has the worst street in the city. Including mine. The reality is that this group of Council people and myself and my staff could pave every street tomorrow. We'd be the most popular politicians in the world. We could run forever because your street would be brand new. Why wouldn't we do it? Because we don't have the money to do it. Unfortunately, we just don't have the money to do it. We're trying to get more funding. We're looking at ways to get some chip sealing done on maybe another dozen streets this year. We're working on that as we talk. Hang in there. I know your streets are bad. Some of them are really bad. We're trying to get to the worst first. We're working with the Service Department, Engineer Department to pick out the worst streets. We're also going to reach out to Council shortly to give us a couple of what they believe are the worst streets in their Wards. Hang in there. We're trying to get what we can. If your street is bad we're going to get to it eventually.

Next, this is about Ordinance 9-2020. Council, so you understand this, when we entered into an agreement with Kimble collecting our rubbish we agreed in 2013 for recycling disposal. It was a five-year agreement. At that time cities were getting credit for the recyclables that were picked up. Because at that time the refuse companies would sell the recyclables to China. China would pay the recyclable companies for the recyclables. So that was showed in the cost in our contract prices. Since then the tariffs in China that were put on by President Trump stopped our companies from receiving money through China for recyclables. If you send them to China, you have to pay them now instead of receiving money. All of the refuse companies are really up against it so they have come back to the refuse companies and have asked the cities if they can increase during the life of the contract increase the rate per month per unit. They asked for a 60-cent increase/unit/month. I believe it was an additional five cents for gas for a total of 65. There was no way as much as we want to help our company.

There was no way that we could absorb a 60-cent increase/unit/month. We talked back and forth with legal, with finance and Kimble. Our contract expired at the end of June this year. If we don't agree to anything starting June we will be paying 60 cents/unit/month more. We negotiated with Kimble that we would give them 20 cents starting now and they would give us a year extension until the end of June 2021. We think that was a great move because instead of paying 60 cents in 2021 we will continue paying 20 cents. Nobody wants to pay more than what the contract says, but I think that these negotiations help our city financially very much. So I am urging that Council would support that legislation.

With that, Mr. Chairman, I'll get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 6. We are extending our Meritech lease one year at the exact same rate. Ordinance 7 allows us to purchase eight sets of fire gear that we do on a yearly basis. Ordinance 8 allows us to enter in agreement for the purchase of a BOMAG pavement roller, which is long overdue. We need this and it will help us in street repairs. Ordinance 9 is the one I just went over about Kimble Recycling. Ordinance 10 allows us to increase the number of captain positions by one and decrease the lieutenant positions by one.

Resolution 2 allows us to apply for the 2020 Community Recycling Awareness Grant. We are always looking for grants. Resolution 3 allows us to apply for the Holiday Meals Senior Program funding. This is a very interesting program. If you have questions, Noreen can answer them. Kathy's not here today but Noreen understands the program.

So with that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mayor Collova. Does anybody have any questions for the Mayor on his report? I actually have one question, Mayor. You said Wolfe and East 135th or East 35th? I think it's East 135th, right?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: 135th. It's a dead end.

PRESIDENT BURKE: OK. Does anybody have any other questions for the Mayor? If there are none, we will move on to our Law Director, Tim Riley. Tim, do you have a report?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: No report this evening.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Tim. Fire Chief Strobe. Do you have a report for us?

FIRE CHIEF KENNETH STROPE: Yeah, I do have a couple things. First of all, I ask for your support of Ordinance 7 and 10 this evening.

Also, I appreciate your support of authorizing the purchase of a used squad at the last meeting. Joe Nejd and myself flew out to Minnesota to pick it up at the Mayor's recommendation. We looked at it. It had some structural damage. We called back, spoke to the Mayor and he said it's up to us and we felt it safer to walk away at this time. We thought maybe it was going to cost us much more in the long run. So I do appreciate your support but we opted not to purchase one this time. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Anybody have any questions for Chief Strobe? Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Chief, what is the longevity of a set here?

FIRE CHIEF KENNETH STROPE: NFP recommends 10 years, so with eight sets we have two sets each. That way if we have a fire they have a backup set when they are laundering that one. With the rotation, it works out. Each guy has one set for 10 years.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Are there any other questions for Chief Strobe? If there are none we will move on to our Police Chief, Chief Byrne. Do you have a report?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. I just have unfortunately a death notice. One of our retired captains, Captain David Delugo, passed away on January 17th. He served as a police officer for 33 years. Two of those years in Beachwood and then he came over to our Garfield Heights in 1966 and served for 31 years and retired in 1997. So I just wanted to mention that and extend sympathy to his family.

With that, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Chief. Does anybody have any questions for Chief Byrne? If there are none, we will move on to our Service Director, Tim McLaughlin. Tim, do you have a report?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: No, I don't have a report. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Tim. Let's move over to our Finance Director, Barb Biro. Barb, do you have a report this evening?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Absent.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARB BIRO: Yes, I have a short one. Thank you, Mr. President. This evening I would like to ask for Council's support on Ordinance 6-2020. It is for Meritech. What we're doing is we're extending the five-year contract for one more year at the current rate that we're paying. We will be looking in 2021 at leasing new equipment at that time. I would appreciate Council's support on this ordinance. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Barb. Does anybody have any questions for Barb in regards to her report? There are none, we will move on to our City Engineer Dave Krock. Do you have a report?

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Thank you, Mr. President. No report this evening.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSON: Absent.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Dave. We'll move over to Noreen. Noreen, do you have a report?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. Regarding Resolution 2-2020, this is a Recycling Awareness Grant. It pays for two Community Shred dates, which will be held in May and September, as well as a Household Hazardous Waste collection as well as some marketing programs, flyers, banners, brochures and yard signs.

Regarding Resolution 3-2020, this is the program from Cuyahoga County Department of Senior and Adult Services. They plan to expand the Holiday Meals Program. They started a pilot program in 2018 in the city of Euclid and they want to expand this Countywide. This will allow people who come in for congregate meals or home delivered meals to have a meal during the holidays. For instance, on Wednesday before Thanksgiving when we're closed Thursday-Friday we would be able to serve and deliver to homebound residents an extra meal.

Last Council Meeting I mentioned the Census that will be coming out very shortly. We also talked about undercounting. In 2010, our population was 28,849 individuals. The update in 2018, which is not an actual Census but an update or estimate, was 27,687, which is a reduction of about 4.5%. That does not necessarily mean that our population has dropped or that does not mean that we are severely undercounted. But that whole program or what we've been talking about is making sure that everyone is counting everyone in their household so that we get accurate data.

Then related to the Census in Cuyahoga County, the Census Bureau will be hiring 6,000 temporary individuals for jobs. The pay is \$18.50/hour. You can apply on-line or get more information at 2020census.gov/jobs. This is also on our Website on the Breaking News section.

Finally, there is a program called Prom to Remember. It is a prom for teens who are suffering or have cancer. They will have their prom at the Ritz Carlton Hotel. They are looking for items to assist people to dress: prom dresses, purses, jewelry, shoes and they are taking donations up to January 31st of this year between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Our local drop off is at Marymount Place, 5100 Marymount the Village Drive. That's until January 31st. The hours are 9:00 – 4:00.

That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Noreen. Does anybody have any questions for Noreen on her report this evening? If there are none, we'll move on to Mark Moro. Mark, do you have a report?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: No, just have a little bit of excitement. I've been talking to a gentleman who is building a new home here, which I believe it's been about 14 years since we've had a new home constructed. So I'm a little excited about that. We do not have an official submittal yet, but he's been in several times with plans. I'm looking forward to a new house.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Awesome. There you go. Does anybody have questions for Mark on his report? If there are none, we will move on to communications from citizens on tonight's agenda. Will 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 make any comments on tonight's agenda? If there are none, we will move on to Ordinances and Resolutions beginning with Ordinance 06-2020. Will the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 06-2020

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS WITH MERITECH, INC. FOR THE LEASE AND MAINTENANCE OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT FOR 2020.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 06-2020 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH PHOENIX SAFETY OUTFITTERS FOR THE PURCHASE OF (8) EIGHT SETS OF FIRE GEAR FOR A TOTAL COST NOT TO EXCEED \$25,500.00.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 07-2020 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 08-2020

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SOUTHEASTERN EQUIPMENT CO. INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BOMAG PAVEMENT ROLLER.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 08-2020 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS WITH KIMBLE RECYCLING & DISPOSAL, INC. FOR COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF RUBBISH AND RECYCLABLE MATERIAL.

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 09-2020 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 10-2020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 28-2019 TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF CAPTAIN POSITIONS AND DECREASE THE NUMBER OF LIEUTENANT POSITIONS PERMITTED IN THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion by VAUGHN to PASS FOR A SECOND READING:

Seconded by Clmn Nenadovich

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 10-2020 will be read again on February 10th at our next Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 02-2020

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COMMUNITY / PUBLIC RELATIONS / GRANT COORDINATOR OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS TO APPLY FOR THE 2020 COMMUNITY RECYCLING AWARENESS GRANT.

Moved by BLAKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 02-2020 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-2020

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR SERVICES TO APPLY FOR HOLIDAY MEALS FOR SENIORS PROGRAM FUNDING.

Moved by DONAHUE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 03-2020 passes with 7 Yes votes. That concludes our Ordinances and Resolutions for this evening.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT BURKE: We will move on now 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: Is there anyone wishing to make any comments to Council this evening?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: If there are none, we will move on to Miscellaneous Business. Will the Clerk please read the rules?

CLERK: This involves the business of Council in the legislative function; any other problems should be directly dealt with by the department involved. This area of the agenda shall be limited to legislative business, Ward business, lack of attention to Ward problems, etc.

PRESIDENT BURKE: We will start with Ward 1 again. Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: First of all, I would like to say hello to Coach Mayor Collova down there. If you are not aware, but most of you should be by now, the city of Garfield Heights the public relations with some of the younger people in the community we are told to play Garfield Heights Bulldogs in an exhibition game to help raise funds for the various departments in the school. It's going to be all nice. It's going to be a good thing. I do take it a little seriously and stuff like that, OK? I love to play. I'm just proud to say that every Member of Council, including the Mayor and hopefully some of the departments are going to participate in this exhibition game. But most of all I'd like to see the people come out in the community and support your school as well as support us and stuff. What you can do to help raise money, you can sponsor some of these great players that is sitting up here next to me. You can select people maybe playing from city departments and sponsor that individual. That's how a lot of money is actually raised. All proceeds are going to the school. Nothing is going to us for our pockets. It's going to be well worth the thrill when you come there. We're not going to roll over. Like I told Sonny Johnson, we coming there to play ball and ball we will play. So I'm looking forward to everybody coming out and supporting the Garfield Heights varsity team and support us as well. Bring your family as a family day. I'm looking forward to you all coming out there. We going to win, Mayor. I got confidence in us. I told Sonny that too.

Also I got to get over whatever been going around lately. I see somebody else may have it too. It lasts for a long time. I ain't never had it that long.

I want you all to know that on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 we will be having our Annual African American Black History Program. It will be held at 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at Garfield Heights High School. The guest speaker this year is Judge Larry Jones. He sits on the Eighth District Court of Appeals. He is going to bring some information about the Judges who were coming up to be Judges during the Civil Rights era. You'd be surprised at some of the names of these individuals you didn't even know. I didn't know personally neither till I had a conversation with him. It's a great program. It's free. It's sponsored through various sponsors in our community—stores—the Mayor as well. Him and Jeannie has sponsored as well. The raffles are free. The food is free. The show is great. I look forward to you all coming out to support it.

The key to bring a lot of stuff like that is education. It's not just a thing where you say Black History for Black people. It's a matter of history. If you ever sit down and look at like I do with my grandsons at something they was shocked when they see some of these films that you don't just see Black people who were marching. There were White people there too taking bricks up the side of the head. You remember the two young men who went down there the young Black kids and they were killed while they were trying to get people registered. You remember the young lady who decided at the march on Selma she was going to drive a couple people back and she paid the cost of her life. Was giving them a ride back. She was actually White. So it's a lot of history that a lot of people made the march together. I'm looking forward to you all coming out. I'm looking for every seat in the house to get filled. The food is nice and there's plenty of food to eat. There's plenty of prizes to be won. You going to be well entertained. It going to be educational for you and your family. I appreciate.

I think this weekend I saw so much more death than I saw in a long time. Even throughout our County. Every time you turn the news on, I was sad to see what you had the basketball player Kobe Bryant with his 13 year old daughter and all the people that was in the helicopter. That was a sad note. If you looked on the news where we're going in the County where the people being held hostage. Everybody didn't make it out there. You saw someone would die then a fire. The key thing to say you got to keep the people in prayer. Life is precious. Don't leave home mad at anybody. Never be mad at your brother, sister, etc. when you walk out because you never know when you going to see them again. We spend so much time in the petty stuff and we spend less time trying to love each other. I want you to take that to heart. Remember you got to cherish every minute because life is not promised.

With that, I thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

CLMN DONAHUE: As usual, Clmn Dudley says it all. The only thing I have to add is if you remember what I wore for Christmas, my sports jacket. I'm planning something for the next Council Meeting for Valentine's Day.

With that, thank you.

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

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mr. Donahue, we'll take that to heart.

Definitely, Mayor Collova, I congratulate Mayor Blackwell on their accomplishment in Maple Heights. I'm very proud to say we volunteered our best to help. Thank you, Barb. I really do.

Chief, on your loss from your Police Department, my condolences go out to him and his family.

I'd like to congratulate all of the lighting awards that were handed out tonight. The city was lit up pretty good this year. Some people had maybe one or two lights but they tried. That's the key. You got to try. Anything they did for Christmastime was fantastic. We did not have the snow we wanted except on the weekends. I congratulate all the winners and especially that 77 year old woman that goes out there to make sure that she's doing her job. I mean that's commitment. C'mon you got to face it. I don't have that kind of energy at 72.

Mr. Dudley, I have a sponsor for you for your basketball. I believe it's all of the orthopedic surgeons at Marymount.

Mr. Chairman, that's all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Nenadovich. Clwn Davis.

CLWN DAVIS: Good evening, everyone. I want to thank everyone for coming out tonight. Reminding Ward 4 constituents and residents that our first Community Ward Meetup will be on February 29th at the fire station from noon - 1:30 p.m. Please come out. Get a chance to meet me personally. We can discuss some of the issues and concerns that you guys may have. Anyone else who would like to come out just to participate in the bigger community, please do so.

Also, I want to remind folks who have signed up, we have a School Board Member tonight, Ms. Nichelle Daniels, that they are hosting a Diversity and Equity Week with the school district. I think there's going to be a dinner being held at the high school on February 12th. I believe at 6:00 p.m. I may not have the time correct. She does have flyers here tonight, everyone. Myself and a few other Council Members will be sitting on the School Board Strategic Planning Meeting. The first meeting is going to be I believe on February 20th at 5:00 p.m. Any resident who is really interested in our district. This is not a school board meeting but I think it is very important that we as community members really get involved and engaged. When I do get calls from residents a lot of times I hear kids are doing this, kids are doing that. This may be an opportunity for you to speak out and give some input on what the school district can do to try to help some of the activities and actions of the children.

With that being said, Black History Month is coming up in February. I hope that you guys are all able to reflect and to find something very valuable about the culture and share it with someone that you know.

That is all I have for tonight. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Clwn Davis. Clmn Blake.

CLMN BLAKE: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Two quick things. I'd like to congratulate the winners of the lighting contest and everybody who participated and got nominated. As everybody pretty much has said, the city looked really good over Christmas. I just want to thank everybody for their efforts.

Mayor Collova mentioned the Viet Nam Veterans program. I was able to attend it last year. I got a lot out of it. I went at the last minute because I remembered it was there. I think it was one of the best things that I did last year.

I'd also like to say if you get the chance, to head to Clmn Dudley's program as well. I've been to the last two of them. It's another event that you get a lot out of and you interact with the community.

That's all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Clmn Blake. I, too, would like to congratulate all the winners of the lighting ceremony. As I drove around the city, I try to compete in it every year but I know with my limited time, etc. I just like to see the city in such a festive mood. I got to say the Ward 1 residents—those two gentlemen (I know they left) but they worked together to do this and that is incredible to see neighbors working together to do something positive like that. I really applaud them and I hope they set an example for other people in our community to do that. Maybe there's a challenge that should be put out there for that?

Chief Byrne, I do want to also offer my condolences to the family of Captain Delugo. My thoughts and prayers are with them.

I will be attending both meetings. The February 20th school meeting and also your meeting, Mr. Dudley.

I think that's all I have. I will be at your meeting, too, Clwn Davis. Trying to write all these dates down and keep everything together. I'm so happy to hear the folks on Wolfe and East 135th are going to get their street fixed. We don't know exactly when, but it's coming. It's getting close so that's good. That's all I have other than our next meeting will be February 10th. I will pass it over to Clmn Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Mr. President. I would like to commend the Fletchers. You guys did a great job over there on Rybak. I have one request. Could you help me next year? I just don't seem to get it right. In all the years I've been hanging lights I guess I'm doing something wrong. I thought it was great. I will say Ward 7 was very well lit up. I appreciate all that you do. Thank you.

Talking about Ward 7, Block Watch will be this Thursday, January 30th at St. Monica Parish in the school Augustine Room. Come on down and join us. We are having a speaker I believe. I can't think who it is off the top of my head. I'm sorry. I'm dazed today. Excuse me. Come on down. There's a few things I'd like to talk about going on in the Ward so please join us. Everybody is welcome whether you are a resident of Ward 7 or not.

Folks, when those Census reports come, please fill them out. It's very important. As Noreen shared with us, it's very important. If you know of a Senior Citizen that might be having a hard time with theirs, please call one of us and we will be glad to help them. We need the help from Washington and where other monies come from, so please.

With that, that's all I have. Mr. Chairman.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Before you adjourn the meeting, on the lighting, plug them in next time.

CLMN VAUGHN: What?

CLMN NENADOVICH: Plug the lights in.

CLMN VAUGHN: My wife won't let me do it. It costs money. Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: May we adjourn please?

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Matthew Burke
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council