

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Thursday, March 26, 2020

(Note: This meeting was conducted by teleconference.)

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

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

EXCUSED: Dudley

CLMN VAUGHN moved to excuse Clmn Dudley from the meeting.

PRESIDENT BURKE said on the motion by Clmn Vaughn to excuse Clmn Dudley, all in favor say Yea? Any opposed?

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

ABSENT: Dudley

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT BURKE made a motion to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Garfield Heights City Council for Monday, March 9, 2020 as written. He then said on the motion made by myself to accept the Minutes of the Council Meeting for Monday, March 9, 2020, as written, all in favor say Yea. Any opposed?

AYES: Blake, Vaughn, Donahue, Davis

NAYS: Nenadovich

PRESENT: Burke

ABSENT: Dudley

REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA thanked the Council President and began his report by stating that the city hall had been closed since Wednesday, March 18, 2020 and all services have been closed except for emergencies because of the Coronavirus. The Senior Center would be open every day. Everybody that came in to get meals at the Civic Center would be having them delivered to their house four days/week. The Center would continue with the two Food Banks. Some Directors would be coming in. The Service Department would not be patching potholes, etc. because they would only be able to perform essential duties. This arrangement would continue the following week. He might bring back staff on April 6, 2020, but was not certain.

Because of the Coronavirus crisis, the city could stand to lose 25%-30% of its income tax revenue. The Mayor would have to make numerous decisions. He might have to impose monthly furlough days/layoffs for the employees.

As for the evening's legislation, Mayor Collova encouraged Council to support both Ordinance 31-2020 regarding the purchase of a fire engine and Ordinance 32-2020 concerning leasing a dark fiber network. That was the end of his report.

PRESIDENT BURKE thanked the Mayor and asked whether anyone had any questions for the Mayor on his report. There were none.

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:

PRESIDENT BURKE asked whether anyone wished to speak on the evening's agenda. No one did. So we moved on to Ordinances and Resolutions.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 31-2020

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO A PURCHASE A 2006 SUTPHEN SHIELD FIRE ENGINE.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Ordinance 31-2020 passed with 6 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 32-2020

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH WOW! INTERNET, CABLE AND PHONE FOR THE LEASE OF A DARK FIBER NETWORK.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

ABSENT: Dudley

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

Ordinance 32-2020 passed with 6 Yes votes.
That was the conclusion of Ordinances and Resolutions.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT BURKE next invited residents to make comments.

Millette Tucker, School Board Member, said that she was looking forward to her role as Liaison to City Council.

PRESIDENT BURKE congratulated Ms. Tucker and thanked her for calling in.

CLWN DAVIS congratulated Ms. Tucker and welcomed her.

MS. TUCKER thanked Clwn Davis for swearing her in.

CLWN DAVIS said she was welcome.

There were no more comments from residents.

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:21 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Matt Burke
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council