

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, October 28, 2019

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

INVOCATION BY: Council President Matt Burke

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

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT BURKE: Reading and Disposal of the Minutes from our last Council Meeting for Tuesday, October 15, 2019.

CLMN SUSTER: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Clmn Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: I'd like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Garfield Heights City Council dated Tuesday, October 15, 2019 as submitted.

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 Tuesday, October 15, 2019, as written, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: The Meeting Minutes have been accepted with 7 Yes votes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: We will move on to the Reports of the Mayor and the Directors. At this time, I'd like to make a motion that we take Resolution 20-2019 and Resolution 22-2019 and place it on the agenda at this time, just before the Mayor's report. All in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mayor, you may proceed with your report.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. First off, I want to start my report by saying that we have many great businesses in Garfield Heights and these businesses go above and beyond to help the city of Garfield Heights. They donate money to the Senior Center, they donate time. We got some great businesses and I'd like to recognize them. If you remember at the last Meeting, we recognized Kokosing for the job that they've done as far as supporting our Seniors and our Food Bank by donations from their employees for a lot of money. We had a chance to officially thank them at the last Meeting. I thought that was very good.

Today I want to talk a little bit about another business that has been in Garfield Heights for a long time. It's Aaron Signs. Aaron Signs is on Turney Road and has been in business for about 30 years. Jimmy Grenig does a great job. He is more than happy to help the city at any time. Every time we need a banner, we need a sign, we go to Jimmy Grenig. He never refuses us. He works very well with the Service Department. He works with my entire staff. Every time we have a program to put together—a festival or something—he is always there to donate his time. I wanted to take this opportunity because of the amount of money that he has spent through his company to give Garfield Heights these benefits that he has from the sign and banner company. So with that, if you don't mind, Mr. Chairman, I would like to bring Jimmy Grenig and his wife Cindy up. I'd like to present them with something from the city. I have to say this. I know it's hard to believe. He wrestled 185 for Trinity.

This is your Resolution. All of Council. *(The Mayor read Resolution 20-2019 in its entirety.)* Jimmy, congratulations. Whenever somebody asks for something, Jimmy jumps to the front of the stage and does a great job. We can't thank him enough.

Today is another special event for me. We have three Council Members that have opted out of running again for multiple reasons. I could tell you a little bit about being a Councilperson. I never was on Council, but I was President of Council for a couple of years, Mayor for 10 years and I know some of the things that Council has to do and go through. It seems like a pretty easy job. You just sit up here, smile, wave to the people and vote on some ordinances. It doesn't quite work that way. You cannot believe the amount of phone calls that these Council people get. You can't believe the phone calls they get after a decision is made to help the city. If half the people like the decision you made and it's not always a popular one, they are very fond of you. The other half that wasn't happy with your decision; you're the worst Councilperson that ever lived. Each and every one of these seven Council people up here has experienced that.

But I can tell you what; I'm going to talk about Joe LaMalfa, who has been with us now for two terms now. One of the biggest things I always heard about Joe was he's so quiet. He never says anything. That's how he is here. The Meeting's over. Tomorrow he'll be in my office talking about everything. Joe has performed these last four years as good as I expected. He has been a great supporter of the city of Garfield Heights and I appreciate all you have done, Joe. I know one thing for sure. That you and the other Council people I'm going to talk about in a little bit I know that you have the residents at mind whenever you make a decision. I thank you for that. Thank you very much.

Now my buddy, Gene Glenn. Gene Glenn decided to leave us. Gene's been with us for eight years—four terms. He's been with me almost from the beginning. I came in one term in front of Gene. I don't think there has been anybody that has gone round and round with me as much as Gene. It's all been good natured. Every single time he has done it, he has done it because he believes it's the right thing to do for the city of Garfield Heights. I'm proud to say that, Gene. I don't care what disagreements you had with the Council Members, with myself or with the residents, I know where your heart is from the beginning and I still know. I want to thank you for your support. You supported me every year. I appreciate that very much. I want to thank you for your service. I hope that neither one of you two forget about us and you show up at these Meetings. Thank you. I appreciate it very much.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you very much, Mayor. It's been a pleasure to work with you, all the Commissioners, the residents of Ward 4. I cannot say enough how much I had the city at heart. Saying that, I again thank you.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: You're welcome. And I know again you did have the city at heart. There is one more character that's leaving us. Mr. Joe Suster. Joe and I go back a long way. Joe has been a Councilperson for about 30 years. Let me tell you something. That's not an easy trip. I can't tell you how many times I went to Joe because of experience of what happened in the past. He's been a mentor to me. He has helped me through my period here from the beginning until now. I can't thank him enough. I want to tell you something. As I said earlier, it's not an easy job. It really is a tough job. You get beat down pretty good. I'm going to try to explain that in a better way.

Joe, please stand up. You're getting this honor. Please stand up for a second. When I tell you that the residents beat you down, 30 years ago when Joe took office, he was six foot tall. They beat him down pretty good. Every one of the Council people left here. I don't care whether they lost an election, they resigned, etc. I have to thank every one of them. I want to honor every one for their service. I think the residents of Garfield should all do it too. When you do 30 years, you don't get that much for murder—about 25. I would like to, with the OK from Mr. Chairman, to read a Resolution for Joe.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Absolutely, Mayor.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: *(Mayor Collova read Resolution 22-2019 in its entirety.)*

(Following the reading, Clmn Suster introduced the members of his family who were in attendance.)

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Joe. As a personal side note, the job at the carwash begins Monday morning.

Let me talk a little bit about 2020. It is the new Census that is coming up. I never realized how much the Census means. I always thought it was just to know how many people are in the United States, etc. Some of the things that I found out are really incredible. Census positions provide the perfect opportunity to earn extra income while helping your community. They are looking out for people that would be working for the Census Bureau in 2020. To earn extra income while helping your community. The results of the 2020 Census will help determine your

State's representation in Congress as well as how certain funds are spent for schools, hospitals, roads and more. This is your chance to play a part in history and help insure everyone in your community is counted. Where that comes in is when the accurate numbers come out, in Columbus that's what helps determine what kind of funds should be sent to the individual cities. So it's good for us to be able to get an accurate count or as close to accurate as we can. What they're looking for is they would like to use Garfield Heights residents if they have them. This is a part-time job through 2020. It is great pay. I understand pay goes from \$14.00-\$16.00/hour, flexible hours. You get paid weekly. They actually pay you for the training to do that. They are interested in anybody that would be willing to do this. What you need to do is call 1-855-JOB-2020. This would be an ideal position for somebody that's not working, a young man that just got out of school that is looking for some extra money. So if you need any information about this, I have plenty of flyers here with me and we can get you more. So after the Meeting, if anybody would like to come up and get a flyer about this, please do.

CLMN VAUGHN: Mayor, could you pass one down to Joe, please?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: The last thing I wanted to talk about in the report was once again, I talked about this at the last Council Meeting, Sunday November 3, 2019, from noon to 3:00 p.m. will be the Fourth Annual Recovery Walk and Rally. It's going to be held right here at the Civic Center. Recovery Walk steps off at noon. If you can't make the walk? No problem. Rally with resources and impassioned speakers inside this building from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The Annual Recovery Walk and Rally raises awareness of the perils of addiction and also celebrates the process of recovery. The walk will be from the Civic Center along Turney Road to Garfield Heights Police Station and back to the Civic Center. Feel free to make posters to carry on the walk. A program including speakers, testimonials and refreshments will take place at the Civic Center following the walk. For more information, contact Pat Salemi here at the Civic Center (216) 475-1100.

Let me tell you I have attended every one of these. The opioid addiction is for real. I don't have to tell anybody here. We have people dying in Cuyahoga County and the State of Ohio in droves over this crazy fentanyl that is going on with these drugs. This is a serious issue and I can't believe that not every family or the majority of families have not experienced some form of this through a friend or a relative. Even if you haven't, this is the place to go to hear about it. They give you warning signs of what to look for if you think your child might be involved in some drugs. When these speakers talk about losing their loved ones there is not a dry eye in the place. It's really an interesting thing. If you have an opportunity to come, please do. Noon – 3:00 p.m. Sunday November 3rd.

OK. Let's get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 50. We are extending our agreement with our Engineers, OHM. Ordinance 51 is an ordinance to enter into agreement with the County for a Firefighter Grant.

Resolution 20. We already did. That was Jimmy Grenig. Resolution 21 is a resolution commemorating October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, which is another unbelievable disease that is hitting more people than we like to think about. We are honored to be able to do this each year. Of course, Resolution 22 was for Mr. Joe Suster.

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mayor. Does anybody have any questions for the Mayor on his report this evening? Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: I'm glad you brought that up, Mayor, about the Census report. I want to piggyback on something here that a lot of people need to understand that they don't need to concern they self that somebody's trying to get up in their business. A lot of people won't do the Census because they say the government's trying to find out about our personal life. That's not true. It's important that you fill out the Census like the Mayor says. It determines your Congressional seats, it determines the money that be allocated for the city and the communities. If you fail to do so, you don't help us. You hurt us a lot. It is important that you fill out. You in Ward 1, you got any questions, call me. I want everybody throughout the city to fill out. It's not about you personal life them questions they ask you. It's to determine how many people's in the city. It determines how much money we receive. Thank you, Mayor. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: No report tonight.

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

FIRE CHIEF KENNETH STROPE: No report this evening.

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Absent.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Chief. Let's move to our Service Director, Tim McLaughlin. Tim, do you have a report for us?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. First of all, I'd like to echo the Mayor's comments on Jim Grenig and Aaron Signs. We've dealt with Jimmy for a long time. He's always been there when we needed him. In some cases when our machine was down or couldn't make a sign, he made them for us right away. He took old signs that we had, refurbished them. I talked to the Chief. He did the decal on the fire truck and two of the squads. He's always been there. The city buses. I really believe he should have been recognized probably a long time ago, but I'm a little slow at times. I want to thank Jimmy. It's been a long time that he's been helping us out. Hope that he continues to help us out.

The other thing, the three Councilmen that are leaving us: Joe, Gene and Joe. I've had a lot of dealings with you guys on a day-to-day or weekly basis. Not always in agreement, but I understand how things went and why questions were asked. I've been dealing with Joe for a long time. I've been here 41 years. I've been with Joe from the start. Not that it was a bad thing, Joe. I want to congratulate you guys and thank you for all you have done.

With that, leaf pickup began today. Only two trucks out because the volume isn't that big yet. I put one in Ward 1 and one in Ward 7 and they all work back towards each other. I will throw a third truck out there as soon as things pick up.

I talked a few meetings back about Kimble, our rubbish company. One of the big problems was the recycling. I brought a few of the things. I have a stack about this big from a month or so. People are just not following the recycling. One guy took apart a stove and put it in the recycling container. Diapers, rubbish. These are what they send us. They send us why they did not pick it up. They will continue and they are not going to go back. It's very simple. Grass, wood do not go into the recycling. Diapers—trash—don't go in the recycling. It's bottles/cans and it doesn't even say you have to clean them. The last time I gave this report a lady called me the next day and said she was not going to clean out her bottles. I never said that. They are going to enforce it. The stack that I have maybe six-eight weeks. People are still doing it. They're going to leave it. We're not the only ones. I checked with other cities. They're all having the same problems. With all these companies I have heard they're getting rid of recycling in the first place. So when you dump something in that truck, you ruin the whole load. Something that goes in there that doesn't belong in there ruins the whole load. I just wanted to put it out there. Pay attention to how you do your recycling. Those are the light green cans for the recycling. There's the smaller ones. Hopefully we can get back into the program.

We finished the last of the water cutout repairs (the street repairs). The rest of them that come in will be secured until the spring because Cleveland doesn't reimburse this stuff after this time. Their program's probably depleted on the city so we're going to tighten those up. We did 144 of them this year with a cost of \$163,000.00, which they will be sending us back reimbursement for doing the final work on it.

With that, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Tim. Does anybody have any questions? Mr. Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: Tim, I don't know if you can really answer this. Do you think that these people put the items in these receptacles because they don't care?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: I can't answer that.

CLMN SUSTER: You read the top on both of them it tells you what can go in them. Are they just that lame that they can't figure out what it is?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: I can't answer that. We have a few problems here and there. Some cans get burned, which I've never understood, but I guess if you pour hot coals in it, they're going to burn anything. The recycling right now we got a letter from Kimble about they used to get like \$15.00/ton for cardboard/paper. They don't get anything for it now. They get rid of it sometimes. I'm just passing along. I checked with other cities that are other companies and they're all experiencing the same thing. What they do get, to try to make it right they said that they keep the recycle truck separate from the rubbish truck. If the guy does not catch it or they buried something underneath, you ruin that whole load. I don't have the answer. All I can do is keep asking that people pay attention and try to do it properly.

CLMN SUSTER: Thank you, Tim.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: There's two parts for Tim and the second part go to the Mayor. You mentioned that they started in Ward 1 so they started in Ward 1 today?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: Yes.

CLMN DUDLEY: I put my leaves up. Mayor, can we get it put on that marquee because nothing really of any great nature right now. It could say Ward 1 leaf removal so some people would know because right now they won't know and Tim got to move to the other Wards so we possible get that up?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: I'll check on it.

CLMN DUDLEY: I appreciate it.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Anybody else have any questions for Tim? If there are none, we will move on to our Finance Director, Barb Biro. Barb, do you have a report for us?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Absent.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARB BIRO: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. This evening I am asking for support of Council on Ordinance 50-2019, which is allowing us to enter into agreement with OHM to extend the three more years.

Just a bit of information. OHM has worked diligently with the city of Garfield Heights, the Mayor and his Administration. They have gotten us \$50 million worth of grants and other sources of money that the city of Garfield Heights does not have to pay back. That is our Multi-Street Program. We are going for our fifth phase. On our Midwest Neighborhood Project. We are on our third phase and ready to go for the fourth phase. With their diligence we have again, they saved the city of Garfield Heights \$50 million, which at the time the city of Garfield Heights did not have \$50 million to replace your roads at that time. Not only did they replace roads, they replaced waterlines, they replaced sewer lines and everything else that is underneath that road. So they have been extremely, extremely helpful to the Mayor, his Administration and as far as my position here at the city of Garfield Heights, as the Finance Director, I can honestly tell you that they monitor every program that we have and we do not—and I repeat—do not have cost overruns. When they tell the city of Garfield Heights what a contract is going to be, that's what their contract is. Very few times that we've had to go back for a change order to the Board of Control that that change order was needed in order to improve the street and it wasn't because the contractor did not do their job or there was a delay. So at this point, I am asking Council for their strong support of the OHM. They have been very, very beneficial to the city of Garfield Heights.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman, if I can I'd like to piggyback. I wish I had mentioned this earlier. I know Council's aware of this but I'd like the people out there to know that when I

first came into office we were paying engineers' fees of \$200,000.00 plus/year. We were in fiscal emergency. We had no money. The Krock Esser Group, which is now OHM, came in and talked to me. They came in and charged us \$16,000.00/year to be our engineers. They did a better job than anybody I could have asked. They knew that we were in trouble. They rode with us through that wave and they didn't get any increase for years down the road. I could not ask for better engineers than we have and I think everybody up here knows that. I just wanted to let the people out there know how good these engineers really are. Jim, thank you and Dave very much for all your work.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARB BIRO: In addition, I am asking for Council's support on Ordinance 51-2019. It is a contract to enter into with Cuyahoga County. Last Council Meeting I believe we made the statement that we have been awarded an Assistant Firefighters Grant in the amount of approximately \$218,000.00. The city of Garfield Heights has had to put up 10% of that. With this agreement, the County will be picking up the 10% so at the end of the day there will be no cost to the city of Garfield Heights. So I am asking Council for their support allowing the Mayor or his designee to sign this contract with the County.

With that, Mr. President, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thanks, Barb. Before we get into questions, folks back there, there's some chairs up here in the front if you want to come up instead of standing?

Are there any questions for our Finance Director on her report? Are there any questions for Barb on her report? There are none, we will move on to our City Engineer. Representing David Krock tonight is Mr. Jim Sickels. Jim, do you have a report?

CITY ENGINEER JAMES SICKELS: I have no report. I will just say thank you for all the kind words tonight.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Let's move over to our Social Services Director. Gene, did you have a question?

CLMN GLENN: I do have a question. Not on your report because you didn't have no report. I want to say Dave Krock and the city engineers. I cannot say enough for them. Their expertise bringing all this money into the city. We didn't go to the homeowners to get the money. We didn't have no money. Through grants, Jim, his associate there, the Mayor, the Council brought a lot of money to the city that we didn't have without going to the taxpayers. I want to say also the contract is the bearer that Dave Krock hired, Fabrizi Brothers, professionals to the up, up. They come in and they do a job very well. They help the city very much. Thank you for your really great help for the city of Garfield. Thank you, Mayor.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Let's move on to our Social Services Director, Kathy Rush-Parsson. Kathy, do you have a report for us?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSON: Yes, I do. Thank you. Just a quick announcement that on November 7th at 10:30 a.m. the Senior Center will host a presentation from the Senior Veterans Administration Services of Ohio, which is a non-profit charity assisting wartime Veterans, their spouses and families with assistance in information on

obtaining the Aid and Attendance Benefit, accessing the VA Burial Bill Fund, requesting Military Service records and other Veterans' benefits. So this is for anyone who has served in World War II, the Korean War or the Vietnam War or families as well. They will be here to present some information on how to access some unused benefits. The program is free and open to all residents. If anyone would like more information, they can contact the Senior Center.

That's all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Ms. Parsson. Does anybody have any questions for Mrs. Parsson? If there are none, we will move on to our Building Commissioner, Mark Moro. Mark, do you have a report?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Absent.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: A short one. Thank you. I know it's already been said about OHM, but we work very closely with them in the Building Department. They are always professional and very quick with responses to our important questions.

I, also, would like to ask for support on Ordinance 50.

I'd like to wish Joe, Joe and Gene good luck and good health in their retirement. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mark. Does anybody have any questions for Mark Moro on his report? There are none. 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 anybody wishing to speak on tonight's agenda?

Pat Dovak, 13240 Spruce Run Drive, North Royalton. I am here to thank Joe for being my Councilperson 30 years. He has always returned my phone calls. Always gone above and beyond what we've ever asked. I want to wish him good health and best of wishes in your retirement.

Mary Ryan, 5014 East 114th Street. I would like to thank Donna. Whenever I called, she has always been very nice to me and always gave Joe the messages. I have lived in my house, which on my side of the street starts Ward 5. Across the street is Ward 2 so I am like the first house in his Ward. I've lived there for over 30 years. He has always been there. Whenever I had a problem on my street, etc. I've always called him and I got a good response. So I want to wish you luck. We're going to miss you and I'm sure you're going to miss us. We're your favorite people that come up and talk. We want to present you with this.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: How much did you pay them, Joe?

CLMN SUSTER: Don't worry about a thing. Your day will come.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Is there anybody else wishing to speak on tonight's agenda? If there are none, we will move on to our Ordinances and Resolutions beginning with Ordinance 50-2019. Will the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 50-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHM ADVISORS TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES TO THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS FOR 2020, 2021 AND 2022.

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:

CLMN SUSTER: Before I vote, I'd just like to say to the representatives of the Engineering Department that as everybody has said and I'm not going to make this long, it's been a real pleasure to work with them since they've been here. I've contacted Dave Krock quite a few times. Everything has been taken care of. I want to vote Yes please.

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, I want to say that Dave has done a great job and even OHM as a company. Dave is the type of guy I have called him on Saturdays even Sundays and I respect the services. You could depend on him even through the weekdays because of my work schedule. I believe his heart is not just into the job, but his heart is actually into caring that he is successful in creating the best for the people as well. A good company. You're going to do well and you're going to continue to serve the city well also. With that, I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 50-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 51-2019

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CUYAHOGA COUNTY AND THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS FOR FY2018 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT - LOCAL MATCH FUNDS AS ATTACHED HERETO AS EXHIBIT A.

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 51-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 20-2019

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL HONORING JAMES GRENIG (THE AARON SIGN SHOP) FOR HIS OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN GLENN: Before I vote, I'd like to recognize Jim, being he lives in Ward 4, his company has been here all these years. I know him. He's one of my secret weapons. He's why I got elected. His signs did a good job. Thank you, Jim. With that, I vote Yes.

CLMN SUSTER: Before I vote, I would like to say I've known Jim and his wife a long time. When you hear what the Mayor had to say about him, how he runs his business, etc. He does a great job for anything that he does for anybody. I vote Yes.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Before I vote, I want to say thank you, Jim, for everything you've done for the city of Garfield Heights. Everything you did for the Garfield Heights Baseball League when we were there, so. We go back quite a ways. I know it's just going to continue. With that, I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 20-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 21-2019

A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote, as many of you know, breast cancer has hit my family very hard over the past 10 years. My wife fought the battle for 3 ½ years diagnosed Stage 4 and she fought it. She won. Today my son called from Virginia and he says look Dad, my fire helmet

for today had a pink bandanna around it. He goes we got to keep this going, Dad. We got to for people like Mom who fought this battle. So I ask all of you to join and vote Yes with this on me and I vote Yes.

CLMN GLENN: Before I vote, I sympathize with you, Tom, with your wife. It's a very important issue and affects families throughout our city. With that, I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 21-2019 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-2019

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL HONORING WARD 5 COUNCILMAN JOSPEH SUSTER FOR HIS NEARLY 30 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: On its adoption, beginning with myself.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

PRESIDENT BURKE: Before I vote, I just want to say thank you, Joe for 30 years. I was 16 years old when you started. I think I was still delivering newspapers (The Plain Dealer) or I was working at Color Tile or something. I know that you've done a great job for the city of Garfield Heights. I know I'm going to miss you even though I know you're coming back some week. With that, I vote Yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote, Joe, we've had our arguments. We've had our disagreements, but we always walked away gentlemen, shook hands and we carried on the business that we felt was best for the city. Donna, I feel sorry for you. He'll be home all of the time. Just send him up here. He can straighten things out. It's been a pleasure, Joe. I wish you good luck, good health. Can I still call you if I have a question?

CLMN SUSTER: Sure.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thanks, Joe. With that, I vote Yes.

CLMN LAMALFA: I was only nine, Joe. I vote Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Before I vote, Joe and I had some good times, a lot more than the bad ones. We always remained friends. I'm not losing a friend. I'm getting more time to spend with him, probably. We can spend more time at the trailer so we can go fishing finally. I vote Yes.

CLMN GLENN: Before I vote, looking at two/three boys over here that grew up across the street from me. Good to see Joe, Jr., Mikey and Matt. I see him back there. They were always courteous, always giving people. I remember Joe Jr. come across the street when I was not home, working a long shift or a long weekend and he would offer to shovel snow for my wife. I remember that, Joe. Joe, you have a strong foundation, a strong family. Enjoy your retirement. Even though we've knocked heads a few times, we were on the same page as far as helping the city out. Thank you, Joe. I vote Yes.

CLMN SUSTER: I'll hold my remarks for Miscellaneous Business if I could please?

PRESIDENT BURKE: Absolutely.

CLMN SUSTER: OK. I vote Yes.

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

NAYS: Dudley

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 22-2019 passes with 6 Yes votes and 1 No vote. That concludes our Resolutions and Ordinances 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 anybody wishing to address Council this evening?

Jim Grenig, Aaron's T's & Signs, 4883 Turney Road. I am completely humble with Council for this Resolution and this plaque because I'm going to hang it as soon as you walk into my sign shop. I'm very grateful to have people like you in my life that I can help and work with. I've been here a long time and I want you to know, all of you, that my services will continue to help the city that I'm from, that I live in, that I'm proud of. I'm happy to be friends with most of you if not all of you. I've known some of you longer than I've known some of the newer members in my family. It's incredible how we've grown. How we went from where we're at, to what the city has done, to the transformation, the changes, all the animosity, but working together in any capacity with any of Council is going to be my number one priority from Ward 1 all the way to Ward 7 to the Mayor, Council President and everyone else. I thank you deeply for this Resolution. Thank you.

CLMN LAMALFA: Mr. President, I have a question to ask him.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Absolutely, Mr. LaMalfa.

CLMN LAMALFA: Jim, about that softball how much did you mention my name with the Mayor? I hope you didn't mention my name?

MR. GRENIG: What?

CLMN LAMALFA: About the softball?

MR. GRENIG: *(Inaudible)*

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: Is there anyone else wishing to make any comments to Council? If there are none, we will move on to Miscellaneous Business. If the Clerk would please read the rules?

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Since I had the invocation tonight, I will go first, representing Ward 6. First of all, I want to say the Harvest Fest was pretty fun even though I was on the tractor for four hours. I think we had great weather and it was good to see a lot of the residents come out and support that. I did not see anybody walk away that didn't look like they were having fun so that was a good day.

Mr. LaMalfa, I want to say thank you for spending the time that we spent together on City Council here. I have to say that when I first met you and you first got elected, I was a little worried about you, but I got to see a different side of you when you got elected. So it's been my honor to share this with you.

CLMN LAMALFA: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Glenn, again, you know I considered us to be really good friends. I know there was times we did not see eye to eye. There's been times that I've had to do my job up here. That's not a personal thing. Sometimes when you're sitting in this seat and you're President of this Council you have to make some pretty tough decisions and you have to do your job. The Charter binds you to it, the Roberts Rules of Order bind you to it. I know enough about Mr. Glenn that he is a fellow Veteran just like myself and we don't take things personally. It's just business. I appreciate spending this time with you. I've been honored to serve as Council with you, Mr. Glenn—an honor.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, Matt.

PRESIDENT BURKE: And last but not least, Mr. Suster. I remember the first time I met Joe Suster. First time I ever talked to him on the phone, actually. He said get your signs out of that guy's yard. I said well if you saw the guy, you take the signs out of his yard. I'm not going to get into it. I got a good chance to get to know Joe Suster both as a friend but also as a Councilperson. I got to tell you, as a friend, I don't know which one's worse because he criticizes you no matter what. I've seen you do it to your family and I thought I fit right in. I'm one of the group, you know? But you can tell when you get that packet every Friday before the Council Meeting who looks at that packet. You can tell who takes the time. There has never been a time where Joe doesn't call me almost right after he gets the packet or Saturday morning. Did you read this legislation? Did you get this? He's always been on it a lot of times before I could even get to it. You don't never want to admit that to Joe, because then every single time after that he's telling you about how you didn't read your packet. I just know that that's him being Joe. I don't know that we'll ever have another Councilperson in Garfield Heights that has served 30 years. Times have changed. I certainly hope we do. I certainly hope as a Councilperson that I could do a job half as good as you.

CLMN SUSTER: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Suster. You have my respect and I'm not afraid to share it. With that, that's all I have this evening.

I want to also caution everybody that we have trick or treat coming up on Thursday. I know it's getting darker earlier so please be careful when you're driving and watch out for the kids.

Also, before I forget, we are going to have a little get together in Room 118 upstairs after the Meeting. We've got some cake and some refreshments there as well. Now we'll move on to Ward 7. Tom Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Why thank you, Matt. Thanks, Jimmy, thanks for all you do. I always enjoy coming down to the shop and we keep saying we're going to get together for lunch. We got to do it soon. All right? I don't know if anybody knows but Jimmy collects little toy soldiers and he's got the greatest Army displays, etc. I was always fascinated by them. It's just unbelievable what he has in that little shop. Thank you, again for all that you do, Jim.

Joe LaMalfa, my good friend. I've known Joe since our days at St. Therese together. Went on to Holy Name. He didn't last long there. He went to St. Garfield. Joe, you've been colorful, you've been an enjoyment to work with. I'm so glad you're walking better and feeling better and you look a lot better. I wish you the best and I hope that we see you around here.

Gene, you've done a lot for the city over the past eight years. You came in when things were bad and you did your best to help improve things. I hope you and Annie enjoy your good health and your retirement.

Joe Suster. What can we say about Joe Suster? Where do we begin? Right? You know Joe, 30 years ago—36 years ago, tomorrow you would have been at my wedding. That's how long I've known Joe. Joe, you've left your mark on this city in more ways than just City Council. St. Therese, Holy Name Society, St. Therese Credit Union, the Knights of Columbus, the 4130 Club. You are part of this. And each one of us Councilmen up here will always carry something of you with us because your own subtle way we've picked up a couple of your little innuendos over the years. I wish you luck and good health, Joe.

The other night on Thursday night, we had our Ward 7 Block Watch. I have two different reports: 84–87 people showed up at a meeting that I'm lucky if I have 20-25 people. Let me tell you there was a lot of things said and I think Vic and I walked away a little beat up after that meeting, but in many ways it was a good meeting because we understand where they're coming from. Maybe we can layout some stuff for the future for them and get some more answers to some of their questions. It's not over yet folks. I'll be interested to see how many people show up this month now, you know. Come on back. I really want to see you.

Halloween will be Thursday night from 6:00-8:00 p.m. I understand the Police Department will have extra guys out. It's going to be a bad night weather-wise, folks. If you want to participate put those lights on. Please by all means drive slowly. Those kids will be darting back and forth. With the rain, etc. it's going to be nasty so please take your time.

Harvest Fest was a great success. I enjoyed seeing a lot of people you haven't seen in a while. Yesterday I went over to the Halloween Skate. It was really nice to see 100 residents enjoying the day skating and enjoying themselves. I wish we had more programs like that because you

really see the residents enjoying it. The one coming up in a couple weeks, the dog that skates on ice. Benny the dog or something like that. It just amazed me so come out and enjoy that.

Veterans Day is coming up folks. Let's remember to honor our Veterans. That will be on Monday the 11th. Get those flags out. Let's show our support for those people.

The other thing, Matt, I want to mention this time and then I'm going to wrap it up here is our next Council Meeting will be on Tuesday because of Veterans Day. We have to move it over to Tuesday.

Joe, good luck. Thank you for all our help. We'll keep in touch.

That's all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Vaughn. Mr. Dudley, you're up?

CLMN DUDLEY: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to defer. I got a date and time that I want to put out some information and I'm waiting for it to be sent through my phone. So I'd like to defer to my colleagues and let them go before me, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: OK. Mr. LaMalfa.

CLMN LAMALFA: I don't have anything. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Yes. Thank you, Jimmy, for the help you gave me when I first ran. Your advertising appeared many times. Thank you very much for that. You did a good job and your prices were just right.

I want to thank Mr. LaMalfa. I never thought I'd say this but you are one of my best friends. We went through some rough times before the election. All that was missing was the daggers. You turned out to be a very good friend. I appreciate knowing you. I really do.

CLMN LAMALFA: The Mayor already dropped a dime on me that first day.

CLMN NENADOVICH: He did. Mr. Glenn, we've definitely knocked heads, but we always ended up friends in the end. I will drive on Broadway Avenue no more. That's an inside joke, right, Joe?

CLMN SUSTER: Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mr. Suster, you've been a great friend for me, a great colleague. I've learned a few things from you. I think I taught you a few things. We will not be opening an auto body shop. I've had a good run with you. I really appreciate the friendship we've had. We had our head knocking, but we ended up friends and I hope we stay like that the rest of our lives.

CLMN SUSTER: Thank you.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Tom, Vic, the meeting the other night at the Ward 7 Block Watch. I think you came well prepared. I know a lot of information was put out and the people were receptive to it this time. The problem that we did have with one young lady (can't call her young) one woman that was there, she left the meeting quite early and we actually had communication between the residents and did make some sense. Tom, you were so well prepared I applaud you.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you.

CLMN NENADOVICH: You had your ducks in a row and so did the Mayor. I think he did a great job in my estimation.

Veterans Day, November 11th, like Tom said. Remember the guys that made it possible for you to be here and the women. And in some cases, young men and women that gave up what they had for the rest of their lives, which ended very early.

With that, I have nothing else, Sir.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Dudley, are you ready yet?

CLMN DUDLEY: No. I'm still waiting on it, Mr. Chairman. I need to put it out tonight.

CLMN LAMALFA: I think we should wait for Mr. Dudley and he can go last.

PRESIDENT BURKE: I agree. Mr. Glenn, do you have anything you want to.

CLMN GLENN: Is Mr. Dudley finished?

PRESIDENT BURKE: I don't believe so.

CLMN GLENN: I'll wait until Mr. Dudley makes his comments. I'll go in order like it is supposed to be.

PRESIDENT BURKE: It was in the order it's supposed to be.

CLMN GLENN: I'll go after Mr. Dudley.

PRESIDENT BURKE: OK. Mr. Dudley, I'm going to have to pressure you.

CLMN DUDLEY: I'm going to ask you something. Once again, I'm going to say this. You saying it's out of order. I done said it plenty of times that we did not go in order. I'm waiting for information. That's all.

PRESIDENT BURKE: I suggest, Mr. Dudley, that you have the information, if you're going to say something, to say it. Otherwise.

CLMN DUDLEY: No, I'm waiting for a time here. If you want to have them wait, you can have them wait. If you want to take it upon yourself in the last minute and say hey we going to skip what I got to say to the community, then I just have to live with it.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Dudley, I don't appreciate you putting words in my mouth like that. I certainly didn't say that.

CLMN DUDLEY: I'm not putting words in your mouth.

PRESIDENT BURKE: I didn't say that. I'm just asking you to be a little bit more prepared before the Meeting.

CLMN DUDLEY: No, I am prepared, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: It's your time. Then go ahead. I'm not going to fight with you. Please say what you need to say. It's your time for Miscellaneous Business.

CLMN DUDLEY: Oh, it's my time?

PRESIDENT BURKE: It's your time.

CLMN DUDLEY: All right. Since you want to go that route? And so I don't be able to rebuttal nothing so I understand what you're doing there.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Rebuttal what?

CLMN DUDLEY: Do you want me to do my time, Mr. Chairman? Do you want me to speak now?

PRESIDENT BURKE: Yes, please.

CLMN DUDLEY: OK. First of all, tomorrow night, which is Tuesday, we going to have the Ward 1 Town Hall Meeting, which is Tuesday, October 29th, 6:00–7:30 p.m. at the Christian Kingdom Assembly, at 12700 Broadway Avenue. The guest speaker will be Fire Chief Strobe and Deputy Police Chief Mark Kaye. We will have them.

I'm asking residents if you live on a place such as Maplerow, between 131st and 126th is a small street. When you are allowing your company to park there nobody can pass at the same time and the school buses are getting stuck because six cars are parking in a row. So we want to watch that.

Also you know that it's leaf time. Do not put the leaves in the street. Keep them on the sidewalk. Keep them on the grass. They will clog the catch basins and the catch basins will end up flooding.

You know it's Halloween. Kids going to be out there so we have to be careful and watch the kids.

I want to mention my vote tonight as No was my personal vote. I'm not going to state why and I'm not going to put nobody down and I'm not going to put Mr. Suster down because I done worked with him years. We just had too many fundamentally differences that we had been through that didn't allow me personally to vote Yes. I have nothing against him as a individual. I just think that we didn't click and I think that some time I didn't feel as though stuff was being done right. I do wish him well. I just couldn't vote Yes. I wish him good health in the future. That I do wish for you, Joe, but on the other part, I just couldn't vote Yes. But I wish you good health and your family good health and you take care of yourself.

And I'll let that go, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. Dudley. Mr. Glenn. Your time is up.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, Mr. President. That being said, let it be known I got the last word. I don't usually get the last word all the time here. Today I got the last word. Thank you, Mr. President, Mayor, all the Commissioners, thank you for what you done for the city and I'll be around. Thank you very much. I want to make a motion to.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Suster's up.

CLMN GLENN: Oh, Mr. Joe.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Almost the last word, Gene.

CLMN GLENN: Almost the last word.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Suster, you're up.

CLMN SUSTER: Before I start with what I have to say, I would like to introduce some latecomers this evening. I'd like to introduce my son, Joe. Stand up please. My daughter-in-law Jen, and my grandson, Matthew. Matthew is in charge of University Hospital's Canine Unit. We have quite a few policemen and firemen and the whole ball of wax with this bunch so I also want to thank you for coming tonight.

I want to thank Barb very, very much for being so meticulous when she does her Minutes. I want to thank you for all the years that I've been here that you've been the Clerk of Courts to put up with a lot of things that are going on. I just want to say thank you very much.

CLERK: Thank you.

CLMN SUSTER: You talk about Jimmy Grenig having little soldiers. Go down his basement and you'll think you're in Coca-Cola world. Everything in his basement is Coca-Cola and I've only seen pictures of it.

Again, I would like to thank the Garfield Heights Fire Department for all the hard work that they do. They've been in my house a couple times for different occasions. When you watch these guys work, you're watching a bunch of professionals. When my house caught on fire, they were

there in a snap of a finger. Everything went very well. I know he's not here tonight but somebody that I'd really like to thank from the Garfield Heights Fire Department was former Fire Chief Tony Collova. When our house burnt by the time they got the fire out, etc., he already had us a place to stay on Rockside Road. We lived there for four months. His daughter was working there at the time so he was able to get all this done.

As far as the Police Department goes, every time I had a policeman deliver mail to my house on a Friday night, my last words were to him, please be safe tonight. I mean Garfield Heights has changed quite a bit. I've always said there are two jobs that I never wanted in my lifetime. One was to be a police officer and the other was to be a schoolteacher because I think they're two of the hardest jobs that anybody could ever have.

On that, I would like to thank you all again, my family. I'd like to thank all the residents of Ward 5 for letting me serve them for as long as I have and God Bless you all.

I would like to make a motion to adjourn.

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:18 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Matthew Burke
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council