

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

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

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

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Gene Glenn

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. We have the Reading and Disposal of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting of Council for Monday, September 24, 2018.

CLMN SUSTER: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Suster.

CLMN SUSTER: I would like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Garfield Heights City Council dated Monday, September 24, 2018 as submitted.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Suster to accept the Meeting of the Regular Minutes of Council for the City of Garfield Heights for Monday, September 24, 2018, as written, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

AYES: Suster, Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn
The Minutes passed 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. Mayor, do you have a report for us this evening?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I do. Thank you very much. Before I get into my report tonight, I want to talk a little bit about our safety forces. We talk about our police force and our fire department getting praise rightfully so because they do a great job in the city and you are not going to find very many people who are going to dispute that but there's another part of the police force that probably doesn't get the credit or the gratitude that they deserve and that is our auxiliary guys. Our auxiliary police force I want to tell you what since I have been Mayor, they have done a great job. Every time we have reached out to the auxiliary, they are there immediately. If there was a crisis tomorrow and they were called they would be on the

scene immediately these guys do a great job and I am really proud of them and today we have the honor of promoting two of our young men that work for the auxiliary police, one is Paul Sadosky he is going to become a Sergeant and the other one is Mike Biegacki who is going to be promoted to Lieutenant. This is an honor for all of us to witness and at this time if I can please call Paul up and any of his family.

(At this time, Mayor Collova swore in Paul Sadosky as Sergeant of the Auxiliary Police Force)

(Applause)

(At this time, Mayor Collova swore in Mike Biegacki as Lieutenant of the Auxiliary Police Force)

(Applause)

PRESIDENT BURKE: *We can proceed. The floor is yours, Mayor.*

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: *Thank you Mr. Chairman. That really was an honor you guys really do a great job and we certainly appreciate them. I want to talk a little bit about the Harvest Fest that is coming up. Harvest Fest is an autumn gathering for family and friends and a fundraiser to support the Garfield Heights Community Gardens. Activities include hayrides, games and crafts for kids, face painting, pumpkin decorating, food and bake sale, prize raffle, our gift basket raffles. It is right here at the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Road, on Saturday, October 20, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Each year the group that puts this on does better and better things. Each year we get more and more attendants. It is a good place to be if you want to take your kids and your family somewhere to really enjoy it I highly suggest Saturday, October 20 at the Harvest Fest. The next announcement I wanted to make was a free college scholarship workshop would be held Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. how to research what it is about. Let me start again, representatives from the College Now and Foundation Center will discuss how to research private scholarships. What scholarship opportunities are available for Northeast Ohio Students. Foundation Center support and other sources of funding. Avoiding scholarship scams. Writing effective scholarship essays. This will be held at the Cuyahoga Valley Career Center, Garfield Heights is a part of that program. If you are looking for some scholarship tips and ideas this would certainly be a good forum to attend and again that is Wednesday, November 14. I will be talking about this as this comes up. The other thing I want to talk about, I want to talk about a very interesting phone call I received early last week. It was from the daughter of a 91-year-old resident that lives in Garfield Heights and the 91-year-old, the young lady asked her daughter to call because she had an idea that she thought could help Garfield Heights. She was recently, her daughter left her car open and some kids got in there and ransack it and took some of their valuables in wasn't a lot but they did take some cash that was in there and this is happening as Chief Byrne would say much too often. It is going on in Garfield Heights much too often and she said we ought to put a promotion together that says turn the lights on for safety in Garfield Heights. I thought what an excellent idea. If people could just turn their outdoor lights on whoever is going to commit a crime certainly does not want to do it in the light. I thought it was a great suggestion, I appreciated it and so I want to take it a step further. Just like the city in the past has purchased smoke detectors to give to some of the residents. I am having our service department look into the cost factor of us purchasing some of the motion detector lights to see if we can get them affordable and we can give them out to some of the residents that could use them. Now we are not going to give them out to residents so they can give them to their daughter that lives in Macedonia or Maple Heights this is for an interesting idea that a lady brought up and I think would really work.*

We are looking into this and will talk more about it at the next council meeting but I would like to purchase some of these motion detectors and lets see if we can light up Garfield Heights and see if that will help. However, I do appreciate this young lady for her thought and for her effort for the concern of the City of Garfield Heights. She is going to remain anonymous and that is okay with me but I thought it was a great idea and we will certainly talk more about it.

Tonight I am going to get into our Ordinances and Resolutions. Ordinance No. 78-2018 is regard to our financial statements and our auditors, if you have questions on that, Barb Biro can certainly answer that. Ordinance No. 79-2018 enables us to better control cell towers. Tim Riley in the law department has been working on that if you have any questions, Tim can certainly answer those questions for you. And with that Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mayor. Does anyone have questions for the Mayor on his report for this evening? If not we will move on to our Law Director, Tim Riley. Tim do you have a report this evening.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: No report tonight.

PRESIDENT BURKE: We have a Fire Chief with us tonight. Chief Strope do you have a report?

FIRE CHIEF KENNETH STROPE: No report. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Does anybody have any questions for Chief Strope? If not, we will move on to our Service Director, Mr. McLaughlin do you have a report for us this evening?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: Yes I do. Thank you Mr. President. We just completed our second hazardous waste roundup and paper shred of the year. The hazardous waste roundup took in 6,469 pounds, which was all divided up and taken to the County disposal. The paper shred for 3 hours took in 6,380 pounds of paper. I was down there and it was a pretty continuous flow and I know we did talk about last time trying to see if we could have a third time of the year and I think Pat Salemi is working on the grant on it and the set up so we will see what will happen but it can probably be used. We just started finally clearing up most of our summer projects: the crack sealing that we did in-house. We did 26 streets as a final. There is still some crack sealing left for three main streets. Those are too big for us to do and we are having a company do those. The main streets: Warner Road and the hill from Garfield Boulevard to Canal; Rockside Road to Turney from Maple Heights and McCracken Road from Broadway to the Cleveland Line. I hope that by the end of October, those will be done but everybody is so busy that it might be the first week of November. They heat it when they put it down you know it is not cold so. We are in the last week of completing the water breaks the street repair from the Cleveland water breaks. We had around 100 and they should be tied up and repaired and billed to Cleveland by the middle of November we are getting the equipment and most of the equipment that is set up for the leaf pick-up and the snowplows are in the final stages of inspections and repairs. And with that, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you Mr. McLaughlin. Does anybody have any questions Service Director, Mr. McLaughlin this evening?

CLMN SUSTER: The only question I have Tim is what is the situation on our salt right now? Tonight they had on Channel 19 news where there is going to be a shortage of salt and I know we usually have some left over from last year or do we have any left?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: Yes. I am not sure exactly what is left in there I think but I don't know, Barb was there one thousand tons left? And we are still in the consortium actually they doubled the price of salt per ton from last year some of the cities are going to get clobbered. I heard some figures of \$125.00 a ton. I think ours \$60.00 a ton.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARB BIRO: \$63.00.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: But it doubled from last year. I mean you know we try to average it out the highs and lows you just do not know but right now, I think we will be okay.

CLMN SUSTER: Thank you that is all I have Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you Mr. Suster does anyone have any questions for Mr. McLaughlin? If not, we will move on to our Finance Director, Ms. Barb Biro. Barb do you have a report for us?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARB BIRO: Yes thank you Mr. President. I am asking for the support of Council for Ordinance No. 78-2018. It is an extension on our GAP conversion reports where we use the local government service and state auditor's office. We are currently in contract to the end of 2019 and I am asking council approval of the extension to 2020, and with that, you have my report Mr. President.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Excellent. Does anyone have any questions for Ms. Biro on her report this evening? If not we move on to our Social Services Director, Kathy Rush-Parrson. Kathy do you have a report for us this evening?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSON: Yes I do. Thank you. On Thursday, October 4, 2018 the Senior Center hosted an Oktoberfest Party for over 130 area seniors complete with chair volleyball, trivia, entertainment and prizes. Seniors were treated to a free lunch including bratwurst, sauerkraut, scalloped potatoes, onions and peppers, warm pretzels and dessert. I do want to just publicly thank Beachwood Pointe, Woodside Senior Living, Advantage Home Health Services, Bella Hospice, Homestead Senior Care and Oak Street Health, which are all organizations that sponsor the entire event. Also this Thursday, October 11 the Senior Center will be hosting the Senior Services Expo & Health Fair from Noon until 1:30 p.m. in the Senior Center dining room prizes and giveaways will be available and the event is free. The expo is co-sponsored by the professional networking group. In addition, the Senior Center is now offering chair yoga for seniors 55 and older on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. The class is taught by a certified yoga instructor with the focus on improving core strength, balance and mobility while improving overall mental health and promoting positive feelings. The cost for each class is \$3.00. For more information and class dates, you can contact the Senior Center. Also we will be holding our annual food pantry registration sessions on Tuesday, October 23 from 2:30 until 3:30 p.m. Friday, October 26 from 11:00 a.m. to Noon and Wednesday, November 7 from 11:00 a.m. until Noon. Yearly registration is mandatory for all households prior to the November monthly food pantry distribution days. Proof of residency, income and household members is required. For more information on acceptable forms of verification and requirements, you can call the Senior Center and there are information flyers

upstairs in the lobby. Finally, I would just like to announce that the City received a grant in the amount of \$288.00 from funds raised for the 2018 Harvest for Hunger Campaign. Grants were only issued to agencies that were in good standing and the intent of the grant is to provide for healthier food items including fresh produce to families that we serve in Garfield Heights. The grant money will be used to purchase additional healthy food items between the month of November and March 31, 2019. And that is all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you Mrs. Parssons. Does anybody have any questions for Mrs. Parssons on her report? If not we will move on to our Economic Development Director, Noreen Kuban. Noreen do you have a report for us this evening?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes I do. Thank you Mr. President. In September, NHS came here to talk to residents of Cuyahoga County if they had problems with real estate tax delinquencies. We have decided to make this a monthly event. We had about 10 people attend in September. We have not decided on a date yet but I would like to mention that you could call NHS office and speak with Stephanie Jones at 216-205-4468. We will post this on our website when we have a date confirmed. But this is so homeowner can work with the County and NHS will be the agent to enter into a payment plan, and that concludes my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you does anybody have any questions for Ms. Kuban on her report? If not we will move on to comments by 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 speak on tonight's agenda? Is there are none then we will move on to the Ordinances and Resolutions.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 78-2018

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR AND THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES DIVISION OF THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE TO PROVIDE THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, WITH BASIC GENERAL PURPOSE EXTERNAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020, PER THE ATTACHED LETTER OF AGREEMENT.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 78-2018 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 79-2018

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 909 ENTITLED %USE OF PUBLIC WAYS FOR SMALL CELL WIRELESS FACILITIES AND WIRELESS SUPPORT STRUCTURES+OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS

Moved by SUSTER to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: At this time, I would like to make a motion that we pass for a second reading. Can we take a roll call vote?

ROLL CALL VOTE: Suster (yes), Burke (yes), Vaughn (yes), Dudley (yes), LaMalfa (yes), Nenadovich (yes), Glenn (yes)

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance No. 79-2018 will be passed for a second reading at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT BURKE: That concludes tonight's Ordinances and Resolutions. We did not have any Resolutions tonight. We will move on to Comments by Citizens. Will the Clerk please read the rules.

CLERK: Comments shall be restricted to any problem a citizen has which has previously been submitted to his/her Councilperson or to the city hall department directly involved. If submission of a problem to a city hall department or a Councilperson is made and there is a lack of service rendered in this regard, the problem may then be presented during Comments from Citizens at a future meeting. It is the intention of this rule that no request of a first nature is presented on the floor at this time. Comments shall be limited to five minutes. No citizen shall be heard more than once.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Is there anyone wishing to address council this evening? If not, we will move on to miscellaneous business.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: 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 toward problems, etc.

PRESIDENT BURKE: We will start off tonight with Clmn Glenn since he gave the invocation.

CLMN GLENN: Nothing to say tonight.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Councilman Suster do you have anything this evening?

CLMN SUSTER: Yes I do. There was a conversation in the caucus room earlier regarding somebody throwing some rubbish in front of a building. It seems that we are getting more and more of this and I think the people that are moving into the City think that they are living in the City in which they came from and you know we are doing a lot of work to try and build this City up and if you think that our streets our garbage dumps you are completely wrong and I would wish and I am sorry that the police chief is not here this evening that if an officer was around and saw somebody dump something out of their car that they would give them a ticket for it. We are putting in too much time in trying to do things right and then we have these people that come from other places and they think they are going to do the same things they did in other cities and that is all I have to say.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you Mr. Suster. The only thing I wanted to say was congratulations to Lieutenant Biegacki and Sergeant Sadosky for their promotions and I wanted to remind everyone that I have my community awareness meeting this coming Monday at 6:30 p.m. right here at the Civic Center. This month we will have Pernell Jones coming in to speak about some of the things going on in the County Council and it would be a good opportunity if you want to show up and ask some questions. As always, we usually have the Mayor and Police Chief there as well. Harvest Fest is October 20 I have volunteered to drive the tractor again for hayrides so come on down and that is all I have. Mr. Vaughn do you have anything you would like to share?

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you again congratulations to Lieutenant Biegacki and Sergeant Sadosky I wish the most luck in your rank but most of all please be careful out there. Folks last Monday morning around 5:30 a.m. I was out walking my dog and I got sprayed by a skunk so please be careful watch out it is mating season and I did not see it coming. It is not a pleasant experience so please be careful and as I have been driving around you smell them everywhere so for everybody sake please be careful. Also, please come out and join us on October 20 for the Autumn Fest it is always a great time. It is a good time for the kids. That is all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you Mr. Vaughn. Mr. Dudley do you have anything?

CLMN DUDLEY: I wanted you to know that we will have our town hall meeting on Thursday, October 25 at 6:00 p.m. at CKA Christian Kingdom Assembly located at 131st and Broadway. This month we should be having Mark Moro, Building Commissioner and he will be answering any building concerns. We got one other person but I have not spoke to him before the meeting so I do not want to mention their name but I am looking forward to them so hopefully I will be able to mention their name at the 22nd meeting. I would like to congratulate to Mike for making LT and Officer Sadosky for being promoted to Sergeant and I wanted to mention when I was in another city I actually served on our auxiliary and we didn't do half the things that these guys do here and we would just sit around and I used to get bored some times and play some cards I won't mention the City though but I really wanted to do something and there was never nothing for us to do so eventually I left but I had all attentions of filling that gap but the gap wasn't there to fill like these guys do here so it is quite a different what ours really does in Garfield Heights compared to the city that I served on and there's no complaint for the city or position that I served. Also I wanted to mention to even if the rule that came up about the garbage cans we still got a couple individuals that are choosing to leave those cans out and not wish badness on them but I look forward to them getting that piece of paper saying that they have to pay that fine because you still got a couple of houses as you drive by and I do call them in and garbage are probably sitting out there for Wednesday in the case of Ward 1 and then you will see a

Thursday morning, Thursday night or Friday morning before they go in. I believe we have done everything we could for them Mayor to Service Department, Members of Council and to all those community warning people about this so when you get the citation don't give me call because there is really no conversation I can give you on that point. You have been more than warned. Also, for those who have pets and animals such as dogs and I am dog lover and stuff, prime example was if you did not really keep your dog restrained on the chain. I was driving down at night on Saybrook towards 131st and out of the clear view here come a dog running out this yard. It wasn't so much the dog running out the yard which is a dog we shouldn't have according to Ordinance 63-2007, but it was the fact that the little kid followed the dog out of the yard and both of them came and I said, I would have just struck them both if two more seconds of anything, I would have ended up hitting the dog as well as the kid so that is why it is important that you restrain your pets when you have them. Keep them on the chain do not let them run free in the community you got to keep them for your dog safety as well as your children safety and also for your neighbors. People say that sometimes there dog does not bark but chasing somebody in the street, we do not know your dog do not bark or bite so they are not aware of that so keep them restrained when you are an owner. A dog will bark by nature but honestly nobody wants you to put your dog at 6 a.m. on a Sunday morning where they hear a bark you know, you put them out at reasonable times but nobody complains too much about the barking but nobody don't care to have a dog living next door to them that is nine or ten o'clock at night and the dog is out there until 11 barking and you sitting in the house and pretend you don't hear. People have consideration for your neighbors. If you are new in the community you can always ask somebody what is the rules and regulations you have to abide by but hey show your neighbors some courtesy and respect and keep your pet restrained and also don't put them out there early to bark and if you know they are going to bark let him take care of his business and if they bark by nature then take them back in the house and go out there with them to keep them a little quiet with that know. Halloween is coming up to for the children and once again, we are going to be out there trick or treating. So if you live in the city let all your company know who comes into the vehicle to slow them vehicles down a little. You got the children out there running going trick or treating they not worried about the signs or the crossing, slow it down and be kind and be courteous and most of all be safe that you don't hit none of our kids or dogs trying to give out candy to, and with that Mr. Chairman that is all I have for tonight. Thank you.

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

CLMN LAMALFA: I do not have anything Mr. President.

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

CLMN NENADOVICH: Yes. I have a few things. First of all I would like to congratulate Paul Sadosky as Sergeant promotion and Mike Biegacki for Lieutenant promotion and Mayor you hit home this time with that letter that went out for the trash cans I think I may be had five left after collection it really has cleaned up the neighborhood really well, it hit home and I thank you for that. I really do. Comment on Noreen's statement about the NHS. I went to that meeting and it was very informative. The tenants and landlords have a lot of responsibility it is not just renting the house and tenants just not living in it. There are some responsibilities and they did bring them out at the meeting and I thought it was very well put together so I think the next one you should attend because it well worth going. A little lengthy but a lot of information put out and the questions that were asked I really enjoyed the meeting because it didn't get out of hand there were level headed questions, they were in order and they waited for an answer nobody talked

over. They asked questions that generalized everybody and they waited for a response and waited for the question and the response after and nobody talked over anyone it was really good to hear that it was a polite meeting and it was a great job.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: May I make a comment?

PRESIDENT BURKE: Absolutely Noreen?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Mr. Nenadovich are you referring to the landlord/tenant seminar. We did have that one event and there is another event with NHS will be monthly about helping people who are behind on their real estate taxes so there were two different programs going on.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I was talking about the one you had for the tenants, that was a great meeting Noreen.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I reiterate what Mike said about kids on Halloween and taking your cans in and respecting your neighbors this has been going on since I took office and probably before that. People just do not care about their neighbors privacy and we do not respect each other anymore. The dogs bark, the kids yell and scream. The kids are going to yell and scream and the kids have to play the Mayor has been saying that since he has been in office but 9 o'clock turn the volume down on your kids. People still work for a living and have to get up 6 o'clock in the morning they don't want to be going to sleep at 2 a.m. because they have to go make a living to so show a little respect for our neighbors we really need to do that and pick up in front of your house don't leave the trash in the street. It did hit home this week I saw the garbage truck go by and people were yanking those cans right in so it hit home and I hope like Mike says when they get that first letter and they have to pay. Mayor you did a great job, I really do appreciate it, and with that, I have nothing else, I think you want me to shut up anyway.

PRESIDENT BURKE: At this time, I would like to make a motion that we adjourn. All in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed? Meeting adjourned.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:12 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Matthew Burke
President of Council

Jennifer Sopkovich, Acting
Clerk of Council