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adopted 11-14-2022
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ORDINANCE NO.: 98-2022

SPONSORED BY:

Co-sponsored by

MAYOR MATTHEW A. BURKE

Vaughn, Donahue, Johnson, Tonsing, Kelley

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING
THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO PURCHASE ONE (1) 2023
CHEVROLET TAHOE FROM GANLEY CHEVROLET OF
AURORA, LLC

WHEREAS, The City of Garfield Heights would like to purchase one (1) 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe from Ganley Chevrolet of Aurora, LLC, and

WHEREAS, per Ohio Revised Code Section 125.04(C) governmental agencies may purchase equipment/services without bidding so long as the equipment/service has been purchased for less than or equal to the cost of the state contract, and

WHEREAS, accordingly, the City wishes to purchase said vehicles upon equivalent terms, conditions, and specifications through State of Ohio, Department of Administrative Services, Contract #RSI008658, and

WHEREAS, the state bid permits the purchase of this specific vehicle at a price not to exceed \$45,490; the City wishes to purchase this vehicle at a cost of \$43,695.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Mayor or his designee is hereby authorized and directed to purchase one (1) 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe from Ganley Chevrolet of Aurora, LLC, at a total cost not to exceed \$44,000.00.

SECTION 2. The Finance Director is hereby authorized and directed to issue her vouchers of the City for the purpose set forth in Section 1 hereof, said amount to be charged to the appropriate Fund.

SECTION 3. Council declares this Ordinance to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and for the further reason that it relates to the daily operation of a municipal department(s), therefore this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 11-14-2022

APPROVED: Matthew A. Burke
MAYOR

Thom J. Vaughn
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Lottie Overly
CLERK OF COUNCIL

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MAYOR MATTHEW A. BURKE
All of Council

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ACCEPT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT VIOLENCE REDUCTION & STAFFING GRANT MADE AVAILABLE BY THE OHIO OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE SERVICES

WHEREAS, In Resolution 13-2022, this Council authorized the Mayor, or his designee to apply for the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Law Enforcement Violence Reduction & Staffing Grant, and

WHEREAS, as a result of the application, the City of Garfield Heights was awarded a grant (Grant # 2022 AR LEP 995) in the amount of \$1,311,936.82 and

WHEREAS, accordingly, at this time, the City wishes to accept said grant.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to accept the grants totaling in the amount of \$1,311,936.82 from the Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services.

SECTION 2. The Finance Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to issue her vouchers of the City for the purposes stated in Section 1. hereof, said vouchers to be charged to the appropriate fund.

SECTION 3. Council declares this Ordinance to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare; therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon the adoption by Council and approval by the Mayor; otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 11-14-2022

APPROVED: Matthew A. Burke
MAYOR

Thomas J. Vayda
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Lorraine O'neill
CLERK OF COUNCIL

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ORDINANCE NO. 103-2022

SPONSORED BY:
CO:SPONSOR

MAYOR MATTHEW A. BURKE

All of Council

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECONSTRUCTING MCCRACKEN ROAD – PHASE I AS DESCRIBED HEREIN

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield Heights has recognized the need for the improvement of McCracken Road, and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to enter into a 50/50 cost share agreement with Cuyahoga County for the purpose of reconstructing a portion of McCracken Road, and

WHEREAS, McCracken Road – Phase I shall consist of reconstructing the road beginning at the intersection of McCracken Road and East 131st Street and continuing approximately 1000 feet east of East 131st Street, and

WHEREAS, as stated in the agreement (attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated as if fully written within), the anticipated cost of the project is estimated to be approximately \$522,705.00 of which Cuyahoga County has agreed to a 50/50 cost share agreed with a maximum expense from the county of \$250,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, THAT:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor of Garfield Heights is hereby empowered and directed on behalf of the City to enter into agreements with Cuyahoga County necessary to complete the planning and construction of this improvement.

SECTION 2. That the Mayor of Garfield Heights is hereby empowered and directed on behalf of the City to make application to the County of Cuyahoga, Ohio, for approval to use County Motor Vehicle License Tax Funds for the improvement.

SECTION 3. The Finance Director is hereby authorized and directed to issue her vouchers of the City, for the purpose set forth in Section 1 hereof, said vouchers to be charged to the appropriate fund.

SECTION 4. Council declares this Ordinance to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare; therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon the adoption by Council and approval by the Mayor; otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 11-14-2022

APPROVED: Matthew A. Burke
MAYOR

ATTEST: Lotte Oueley
CLERK OF COUNCIL

Theresa Vayl
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

EFFECTIVE DATE: 11-14-2022

CERTIFICATE OF COPY

State of Ohio)
County of Cuyahoga)
City of Garfield Heights)

I, Lottie Overby, as Clerk of the City of Garfield Heights Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Ordinance adopted by the legislative Authority of the said municipality on the 14th day of November, 2022, that the publication of such Ordinance has been made certified of record according to law; that no proceedings looking to a referendum upon such Ordinance have been taken; and that such Ordinance and certificate of publication thereof are of record in Ordinance Record No. 103-2022, Page _____.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal, this 14th day of November, 2022.

Lottie Overby
Clerk, City of Garfield Heights, Ohio

MUNICIPAL SEAL

AGREEMENT

Between the County of Cuyahoga, Ohio and the City of Garfield Heights for the Reconstruction of McCracken Road – Phase I from East 131st Street to approximately 1000 ft east of East 131st Street

This Agreement made and entered into this 14 day of November, 2022, by and between the County of Cuyahoga, Ohio, a body corporate and politic and a political subdivision of the State of Ohio organized and existing under the Charter of Cuyahoga County effective January 1, 2010, as same may have been amended, modified, and supplemented to the effective date hereof, on behalf of the Department of Public Works (the "COUNTY") and the City of Garfield Heights (the "MUNICIPALITY") by its Mayor, having been duly authorized to enter into this Agreement by Ordinance No. 103-2022 adopted by Council of the City of Garfield Heights on the 14 day of November 2022.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the MUNICIPALITY has recognized the need for and proposes the improvement of a portion of public highway which is described as follows:

The Reconstruction of McCracken Road – Phase I from East 131st Street to approximately 1000 ft east of East 131st Street in the City of Garfield Heights (the "Project").

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the covenants and agreements herein contained to be performed by the parties hereto, it is mutually agreed between the parties hereto as follows:

A. CONSENT

1. That it is declared to be in the public interest that the consent of said MUNICIPALITY be and such consent is hereby given to the COUNTY to participate in the cost of construction of the Project.

B. COOPERATION

1. That the COUNTY and the MUNICIPALITY will cooperate in the Project.
2. That the MUNICIPALITY will prepare construction plans and specifications, including necessary engineering reports, which shall conform to generally accepted engineering practices and principles.
3. That the MUNICIPALITY will arrange for the supervision and administration of the construction contract.
4. That the COUNTY will review the construction plans, estimate, specifications and bid proposal for conformance with section B-2 of this Agreement. County approval of these

documents are required prior to the advertisement of the construction contract. The COUNTY will make an inspection of the completed Project.

5. That the MUNICIPALITY shall agree to provide the COUNTY with a complete set of as-built plans upon the completion of the Project.

C. FUNDING

1. MUNICIPALITY hereby agrees to participate with the COUNTY in the cost of the Project by using an allocation from the County Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund to pay the COUNTY's portion of the project.
2. That the COUNTY shall contribute fifty percent (50%) of the actual cost of construction and construction engineering which is determined to be eligible by the Cuyahoga County Engineer's policies up to a maximum of \$250,000.00.
3. In the event MUNICIPALITY secures additional funding for the Project, County's financial contribution and the supplemental funding cannot exceed the total actual cost of the Project.
4. The anticipated construction cost for this project is \$522,705.00. To determine funding eligibility, the COUNTY shall be notified immediately of any significant changes to the scope of work and/or construction cost.

D. MAINTENANCE

That upon completion of said improvement, said MUNICIPALITY will thereafter keep said highway open to traffic at all times; and

1. Maintain the resurfacing in accordance with the provisions of the statutes relating thereto and make ample financial provisions for such maintenance; and
2. Maintain the right-of-way and keep it free of obstructions in a manner satisfactory to the COUNTY and hold said right-of-way inviolate for public highway purposes and permit no signs, posters, billboards, roadside stands or other private installations within the right-of-way limits; and
3. That the COUNTY shall continue to maintain the structural elements of any bridge (defined as a structure with a span of twenty feet or greater) located within the limits of the Project in accordance with the applicable sections of the Ohio Revised Code.
4. After construction of the project is complete, the Municipality agrees to follow and maintain post-construction Best Management Practices as outlined in the Municipal Storm Water Permit that is filed with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (O.E.P.A.).

E. TRAFFIC

1. That upon completion of the Project, MUNICIPALITY will thereafter keep said highway open to traffic at all times; and
2. Place and maintain all traffic control devices conforming to the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices on the Project in compliance with the provisions of Section 4511.11 and related sections of the Ohio Revised Code; and
3. That the street or highway shall be and hereby is designated a through highway as provided in Section 4511.07(A)(6) Ohio Revised Code; and
4. Stop signs affecting the movement of traffic on said street or highway within the roadway being improved shall be removed, and no stop signs shall be erected on same except at its intersection with another through highway where traffic does not warrant the installation of a traffic control signal but where the warrants for a "Four-way Stop" as provided in the aforesaid Manual are met; and
5. That no rule or regulation shall be enacted restricting the use of the improved road and/or structure by any class of vehicle or vehicle load permitted by the Ohio Revised Code to use a public highway. Any existing rule or regulation so restricting road usage shall be rescinded; and
6. The MUNICIPALITY shall prohibit parking in accordance with Section 4511.66 of the Ohio Revised Code unless otherwise controlled by local ordinance or resolution.

F. RIGHT-OF-WAY

1. That all existing street and public right-of-way within the MUNICIPALITY which is necessary for the Project shall be made available therefore.
2. That the MUNICIPALITY will arrange for the acquisition of any additional right-of-way which may be required for the construction of the Project.

G. UTILITIES

1. That the MUNICIPALITY will make arrangements with and obtain agreements from privately owned public utility companies whose lines or structures will be affected by the Project, and said companies have agreed to make any and all necessary arrangements in such a manner as to be clear of any construction called for by the plans of Project, and said companies have agreed to make such necessary arrangements immediately after notification by said MUNICIPALITY.
2. That the COUNTY will participate in the cost of alterations of governmentally-owned utility facilities which come within the provisions of Section 8301 (Utility Reimbursement Eligibility) of the Ohio Department of Transportation's Real Estate

Policies and Procedures Manual to the same extent that it participates in the other costs of the project, provided, however, that such participation will not extend to any additions or betterments of existing facilities.

3. That it is hereby agreed that the MUNICIPALITY shall, at its own expense, make all rearrangements of governmentally-owned utilities and/or appurtenances thereto which do not comply with the Provisions of Section 8301 (Utility Reimbursement Eligibility) of the Ohio Department of Transportation's Real Estate Policies and Procedures Manual, whether inside or outside the corporate limits, as may be necessary to conform to the Project.
4. That the construction, reconstruction, and/or arrangement of all utilities shall be done in such a manner as not to interfere unduly with the operation of the contractor constructing the Project, and all backfilling of trenches made necessary by such utility rearrangements shall be performed in accordance with the provision of the Ohio Department of Transportation Construction and Material Specifications.

H. MISCELLANEOUS

1. That if the MUNICIPALITY includes the construction of sanitary sewers, waterlines, area sewers (drainage of area surrounding the Project), alternate bid items, or other items in the Project that are in addition to those now existing and not provided for elsewhere in this Agreement, the MUNICIPALITY agrees to pay, or make arrangements for the payment of, the cost of said additional construction, the cost of preliminary and design engineering and construction supervision.
2. That the MUNICIPALITY shall be solely responsible for the certifications or obligations made or agreed to in Sections F-1, F-2, G-1, G-3, and G-4, and hereby agrees that the COUNTY shall be and is hereby released from any and all damages or claims of the MUNICIPALITY arising from or growing out of the certification or obligations made or agreed to in said Sections F-1, F-2, G-1, G-3, and G-4 hereinabove.
3. For matters relating to this Project, the agent for the COUNTY and liaison officer on the matter contained herein shall be the County Engineer of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, and/or such members of his staff as he may designate.
4. MUNICIPALITY agrees to make all pertinent contractual books and records and other documents pertaining to the Project available to the COUNTY and its designated agents for purpose of audit and examination upon reasonable request.

5. By entering into this agreement, I agree on behalf of the City of Garfield Heights to conduct this transaction by electronic means by agreeing that all documents requiring County signatures may be executed by electronic means, and that the electronic signatures affixed by the County to said documents shall have the same legal effect as if that signature was manually affixed to a paper version of the document. I also agree on behalf of the aforementioned entities and persons to be bound by the provisions of Chapters 304 and 1306 of the Ohio Revised Code as they pertain to electronic transactions, and to comply with the electronic signature policy of Cuyahoga County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have affixed their signatures on the day and year mentioned above.

City of Garfield Heights

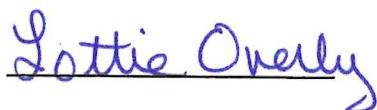


Mark A. Blaustein
Mayor

County of Cuyahoga, Ohio

Armond Budish, County Executive

ATTEST:



Lottie Overly

Clerk of Council

adopted 11-14-2022

ORDINANCE NO.

100-2022

SPONSORED BY:

Cosponsor

MAYOR MATTHEW A. BURKE

All of Council

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACCESSIBILITY AT THE DAN KOSTEL RECREATION CENTER

WHEREAS, The City of Garfield Heights would like to continue to improve the infrastructure within the City and create better conditions for residents, visitors and staff; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to apply for Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") funds to improve the parking area and entrance to the Dan Kostel Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department staff has identified the badly needed improvements to the parking area and sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the City's intent in applying for CDBG funds is to improve accessibility to the Dan Kostel Recreation Center, which is used year round; and

WHEREAS, the city recently used NOPEC funding to replace the doors to Dan Kostel Recreation Center in an effort to improve accessibility and energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the parking area, sidewalks and entrance have not been improved in decades and have become a safety hazard;

WHEREAS, CDBG funding is administered through the Cuyahoga County Department of Development and the City is eligible to apply for up to \$150,000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield Heights advertised and had the required public hearing where residents could share project ideas; and

WHEREAS, the project, as required by federal guidelines, is located in an Improvement Target Area (ITA) that includes a high percentage of Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Households; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield Heights has used Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in past years to improve the Antenucci sidewalk, repave Dressler Road, renovate the city's playgrounds and create a pedestrian trail along McCracken Road and has been a good steward of federal funding.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Mayor be and he is hereby authorized and directed to take whatever steps may be necessary to make application with and enter into an agreement with the County of Cuyahoga Department of Development for the purpose of improving infrastructure and accessibility at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center.

SECTION 2. The Finance Director is hereby authorized and directed to issue her vouchers for the City, to be charged to the appropriate fund for the purposes set forth in Section 1. hereof.

SECTION 3. Council declares this Ordinance to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 11-14-2022

APPROVED: Mark A. S. C.

MAYOR

Thom J. Vaughan

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Lottie Overly

CLERK OF COUNCIL

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AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT (CDSG) FUNDS AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, The City of Garfield Heights recognizes the importance of providing recreation activities; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to apply for Community Development Supplemental Grant funds to make infrastructure and equipment improvements at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center; and

WHEREAS, the City of Garfield Heights is eligible to receive up to \$50,000 from the CDSG program, which is funded by the County's Casino Tax revenue funds; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Department staff has identified aging equipment that needs to be replaced at the public pool and ice rink; and

WHEREAS, the city rents ice time and skates at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center and the needed equipment is used daily during the season; and

WHEREAS, the city collects fees for the use of the pool; and

WHEREAS, replacing this equipment is essential to the seasonal operations at the Dan Kostel Recreation Center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. The Mayor be and he is hereby authorized and directed to take whatever steps may be necessary to make application with and enter into an agreement with the County of Cuyahoga Department of Development.

SECTION 2. The Finance Director is hereby authorized and directed to issue vouchers for the City, to be charged to the appropriate fund for the purposes set forth in Section 1. hereof.

SECTION 3. Council declares this Ordinance to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by this Council and approval by the Mayor, otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 11-14-2022

APPROVED: Matthew A. Burke

MAYOR

Thomas J. Walsh
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Lorraine O'Neill

CLERK OF COUNCIL

EFFECTIVE DATE: 11-14-2022

ORDINANCE NO.: 102-2022

SPONSORED BY: ALL OF COUNCILAN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 136,
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE, OF THE CODIFIED
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS

WHEREAS, In Ordinance 18-2022 this Council voted to repeal Chapter 136, *Community Relations Committee*, with the intention of holding legislative meetings to update the Community Relations Committee, and

WHEREAS, at this time, the meetings have completed and Council wishes to put forth an updated version of the Community Relations Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio that:

SECTION 1. Chapter 136 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Garfield Heights, Ohio, which read as follows prior to be revoked in Ordinance 18-2022 (~~strikethrough~~ indicating language to be removed):

CHAPTER 136
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

136.01: Creation
136.02: Term and Qualifications of Members of the Committee
136.03: Purpose
136.04: Duties
136.05: Support; Expenses

136.01: CREATION

There is hereby created a Community Relations Committee consisting of ~~seven (7) members as follows: the Mayor of the City of Garfield Heights, or his designee, and six (6) members to be chosen by the Mayor and ratified by a vote of Council. The Committee shall select from among its members a chairperson to run the meetings and present reports and findings to Council when necessary.~~

136.02: TERM AND QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

(a) Each member of the Community Relations Committee shall serve a term of ~~three (3) years.~~

(b) All members of the Committee shall be current residents of the City of Garfield Heights, and shall remain residents throughout the duration of their term. In the event a member no longer resides in Garfield Heights, wishes to be removed from the Committee, or is deemed no longer able to perform the functions required of being a member (including, but not limited to, failure to appear for meetings), the Committee shall advise ~~the Mayor~~, and a new appointment shall be made, and submitted to Council for ratification by way of a vote.

(c) The members of the Committee shall be diverse and reflective of the diversity of community at the time of their appointment.

(d) No member shall be an elected official from either the City of Garfield Heights or the Garfield Heights City Schools.

(e) No member shall be a City of Garfield Heights employee.

(f) All positions on the committee shall be unpaid.

136.03: PURPOSE

The purpose of the Committee shall be to foster, encourage and stimulate the improvement of community and intergroup relations among and between citizens of all races, colors, religions, sexes, gender identity, ages, ancestries, familial statuses, physical disabilities, mental disabilities, and national origins, and all economic and educational levels, so as to provide all individuals with an opportunity to grow, participate and share to the best of their ability in the economic, educational, ~~political~~, social and judicial system.

136.04: DUTIES

The duties of the Committee shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (a) To advise City Council and the City of Garfield Heights on community and intergroup relations matters,
- (b) To educate City Council and the City of Garfield Heights in fields of community and diversity,
- (c) To promote communication and understanding between institutions, citizens, and citizen groups in the community,
- (d) To act as a catalyst in improving equity of opportunity in government, education, employment and housing in the community,
- (e) To conduct research and studies in the fields of community and diversity in an effort to lessen prejudice and discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, gender identity, age, ancestry, familial status, physical disability, mental disability and national origin,
- (f) To assist and encourage all citizens in the pursuit of their rights under the laws of the United States, the State of Ohio, and the Ordinances of the City of Garfield Heights,
- (g) To cooperate with City, State, Federal and other agencies in order to promote better community and intergroup relations.

136.05: SUPPORT; EXPENSES

The City shall provide in-house staff and related services in support of the Committee as may be required, with the approval of the Mayor. Additional expenses related to the operation of the Committee, including but not limited to postage, printing, and stationery, shall be included in the City's annual budget as approved by Council.

Shall read as follows upon passage of this Ordinance (**bold** indicating new language):

CHAPTER 136 COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

- 136.01: Creation
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- 136.03: Purpose
- 136.04: Duties
- 136.05: Support; Expenses

136.01: CREATION

There is hereby created a Community Relations Committee consisting of **nine (9)** members as follows: **one (1) member to be selected by the Mayor, one (1) member to be selected by each member of Council, and one (1) member to be selected by the Council President** (read: **The Councilperson serving as Council President shall have two total selections**). The selections shall be

ratified through Council by way of city ordinance.

At its first meeting, the Committee shall select from among its members a chairperson to run the meetings and present reports and findings to Council. The Committee chair shall present reports and findings to City Council quarterly at Caucus before a regularly-scheduled Council Meeting.

136.02: TERM AND QUALIFICATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

(a) Each member of the Community Relations Committee shall serve a term of **two (2)** years.

(b) All members of the Committee shall be current residents of the City of Garfield Heights, and shall remain residents throughout the duration of their term. In the event a member no longer resides in Garfield Heights, wishes to be removed from the Committee, or is deemed no longer able to perform the functions required of being a member (including, but not limited to, failure to appear for meetings), the Committee shall advise **City Council at its quarterly-meeting**, and a new appointment shall be made, and submitted to Council for ratification by way of a vote.

(c) The members of the Committee shall be diverse and reflective of the diversity of community at the time of their appointment.

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(d) To act as a catalyst in improving equity of opportunity in government, education, employment and housing in the community,

(e) To conduct research and studies in the fields of community and diversity in an effort to lessen prejudice and discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, gender identity, age, ancestry, familial status, physical disability, mental disability and national origin,

(f) To assist and encourage all citizens in the pursuit of their rights under the laws of the United States, the State of Ohio, and the Ordinances of the City of Garfield Heights,

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as approved by Council.

SECTION 2. Council declares this Ordinance to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare; therefore, this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect immediately upon the adoption by Council and approval by the Mayor; otherwise from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED: 11-14-2022

APPROVED: Mark A. B. C.
MAYOR

Thomas J. Varga
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: Lotte O'neill
CLERK OF COUNCIL

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