

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, January 13, 2020

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:02 p.m. by Council President Matt Burke.

INVOCATION BY: Councilwoman Shayla Davis

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Reading and Disposal of the Minutes for Monday, December 9, 2019.

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

CLMN NENADOVICH: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I would like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting Monday, December 9, 2019 as written.

PRESIDENT BURKE: On the motion made by Clmn Nenadovich to accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council for the city of Garfield Heights for Monday, December 9, 2019, as written, all in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: The Meeting Minutes pass with 7 Yes votes.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PRESIDENT BURKE: Do we have any Committee Reports?

CLMN BLAKE: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Blake.

CLMN BLAKE: As School Liaison, I have a few brief comments. This past Tuesday I was able to attend a School Board meeting at the Board offices. Clwn Davis, Clmn Donahue, Clmn Dudley and Clmn Vaughn were also in attendance. At the meeting Ms. Ashley Thomas, Ms. Nichelle

Daniels and Mr. Joseph Juby were sworn in for their terms as members of the School Board. I just want to congratulate them and wish them good luck in working with them in the future.

This past December 13th I had the opportunity to sit down with our School Superintendent, Mr. Chris Hanke. Clmn Burke was in attendance as well. The meeting was introductory in nature. We also discussed some future projects and programs the school is planning over the next few months. Mr. Hanke is here. I asked him to make some brief comments regarding our meeting. So at this time I'd like to give the floor to Mr. Hanke.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Absolutely.

Mr. Chris Hanke, Superintendent of Garfield Heights City Schools: President Burke, correct?

PRESIDENT BURKE: Absolutely.

MR. HANKE: And members of Council I appreciate it. Mayor Collova and members of the community. I have been with Garfield Heights City Schools going on my 20th year. I came to the school district as a teacher and worked my way up in various jobs. I have the honor of now being the superintendent. As Clmn Blake said, myself and Clmn Burke and Blake met. We had a fruitful conversation.

One of the things I do want to let Council know about is we are embarking on a strategic planning process. This is a comprehensive process that should guide the district's work for the next five years. I invite any and all Members of Council to participate. If you would like to participate, you may contact me or the Board of Education. You can contact Lisa Miller, our administrative assistant. It's a commitment of maybe two-three evenings for a couple of hours. We're looking for community input. Right now, we have around 60 community members that are going to be participating. We're looking for upwards of 120 community members. So if you would like to participate, it would be wonderful. This is our blueprint going forward for five years. It's going to be really important work. I hope fruitful work.

I'd also like to thank the Council as well as the Mayor for an ongoing very positive relationship with the city. I look forward to working with any of you or all of you, if you wish.

I would also like to echo Mr. Blake's comments. Ms. Thomas is here. She's one of our new Board Members. Ms. Nichelle Daniels is also another new member. Mr. Juby did win re-election. He's been with us for some time.

I will entertain any questions if Council has any.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Does anybody have any questions for Mr. Hanke?

CLMN NENADOVICH: When would these meetings be held?

MR. HANKE: We are deciding when they will be held. I have a meeting with the Board of Education, as Ms. Thomas knows, in February. We're looking at springtime. Again, we're going to have exact dates once we meet with the Board.

CLWN DAVIS: Mr. Hanke, you mentioned that it would be a few nights/week?

MR. HANKE: Just three times total.

CLWN DAVIS: Three times total? OK.

MR. HANKE: We wanted to make sure we got as many people as we could to commit to maybe two hours times three and it won't be all in the same week.

CLWN DAVIS: You're looking for potentially 60 additional members of the community?

MR. HANKE: Yes. It would be wonderful if we could get them, but we are very pleased with the fact that we have 60 responses as is. Absolutely.

CLWN DAVIS: OK. Thank you.

MR. HANKE: We're still trying to look at businesses—small business owners especially. That would be very helpful to us.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Anybody else? Thank you, Mr. Hanke.

MR. HANKE: Thank you, President Burke. Appreciate it.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Are there any other committee reports?

CLMN VAUGHN: Yes, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: As everyone is aware of, we had Finance Meetings last month. At this time, I would like to have someone pass a motion for us to accept the Finance Minutes of Wednesday, December 4th. Then we will have someone pass a motion for the ones of Thursday, December 5th. We could vote on those.

PRESIDENT BURKE: OK. So you are making a motion to accept the Finance Committee Budget Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, December 4, 2019?

CLMN VAUGHN: Correct.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I second that.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Seconded by Clmn Mike Nenadovich. All in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Burke
Those pass with 7 Yes votes.

CLMN VAUGHN: Then if we could for Thursday, please?

PRESIDENT BURKE: And Clmn Vaughn you are making a motion to accept the Finance Committee Budget Meeting Minutes for Thursday, December 5, 2019 as written?

CLMN VAUGHN: Correct.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I second the motion.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Seconded by Clmn Nenadovich. All in favor signify by saying Yea. Any opposed?

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, Donahue, Nenadovich, Davis, Blake, Burke
The Minutes are passed with 7 Yes votes.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you. Are there any other Committee Reports?

CLWN DAVIS: Some of you may be aware that the Communication and Technology Committee that I am the Chair of, we had a meeting scheduled for December 12th, the same day that meeting was cancelled unfortunately due to some scheduling conflicts with our IT person here in the city. I will be reaching out to him tomorrow to look at rescheduling the meeting hoping that that can happen before the 1st of February. Once I do find out and confirm a meeting date, I will have that information out. So I apologize to anyone who was available and excited about that meeting, but unfortunately scheduling conflicts didn't allow for it. Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Clwn Davis.

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. Thank you. I do. First, I want to talk about the 2020 Census that is going to take place. This is a letter I received from the Census people at the County.

“Good afternoon Mayor Collova:

Thank you for your continued support for 2020 Census efforts to have a complete count in Cuyahoga County. As you know now, April 1st, also known as Census Day, is quickly approaching. The Cuyahoga County Complete Count Committee is diligently working to get the word out about what it means to be counted and how this will impact everyone for the next 10 years. Programs such as MEDICAID, SNAP, Special Education, Headstart, road to bridge construction, foster care, school lunches and governmental representation can depend on a complete and accurate count of people in our community. For each person not counted in the County, \$1,814.00 is lost in funding. Based on last Census your city, Garfield Heights, had one of the lower response scores in the County.

To assist efforts in counting we are offering a variety of tools to the city that can be used to promote the Census and avoid misinformation or other confusion that can result in an incomplete count. These tools include maps of your city with hard to count population data as well as material to support hiring for Census jobs, materials for hard to count groups like Seniors and young families, as well as English and second language populations. My office will also be dropping off produced materials to your city to share with residents for Senior Centers including frequently asked questions, yard signs and The Reasons Why the Census Matters fact sheets. If you need more of this you will be able to find them on-line."

This is not only important for the city, but it's important for the school system. The funding that some of the other communities receive because they do a more accurate Census count than Garfield Heights in the past is a result of us not doing our homework. I think that it's very important for all of us as Council people, as city leaders, to reach out to our residents and tell them the importance of this Census. They are not hiding. It does not mean they are going to be on jury duty. It's something to bring funding in to the city to help with street funding, bridge funding, anything like that depends on an accurate count. So I want to get that across. There will be materials about the Census coming in to the city and we will make sure all the Council and whatever residents need them will have access to.

The second thing I want to talk about tonight is the Cleveland Clinic is doing their Health Challenge Week. Let me read this.

"This fun competition motivates participants to get in shape in a healthy way. Program A includes group exercise sessions and health talks with Cleveland Clinic care givers and other lifestyle manager professionals. Pre- and Post-Program health screenings are performed to help participants track their progress and celebrate their success. The Southeast Eight-Week Health Challenge, formerly known as the Tri-City Week Health Challenge, is a part of a healthy community's initiative. A collaborative effort between Cleveland Clinic Community Partners to promote optimal health and wellness. Reach out to the www.clevelandclinic.org/southeast to get more information on this. The event is Thursday July 23rd, 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Includes program orientation, pre-program screenings, class registrations, sign-ups for post-program screenings, light refreshments served."

This is to get people in shape. Clmn Donahue, I'd like you to reach out to former Clmn LaMalfa to see if he'd be interested in going to this. Is he here? Joe, I got this special thing for you. You got to love him. Thank you.

We're going to move on to tonight's legislation. Ordinance 1 allows us to go out for proposals for materials and services for the 2020 year. Ordinance 2 allows us to participate in the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program that we do each year. Ordinance 3 is for the purpose of the public involvement and public education concerning water conservation. This keeps us in compliance with the EPA regs. Ordinance 4 is to enter a purchase agreement with Carco Automotive Incorporated for the purchase of a 2013 firefighter rescue squad. This was a very good deal that Chief was able to come up with through his department. We wish it was a new rescue squad but I undetrand this one is pretty good and you are going out to see it this week. Is that correct?

FIRE CHIEF KENNETH STROPE: Yes.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: So I would urge Council to support Ordinance 4. Ordinance 5 is an ordinance to continue to participate in the Cuyahoga County Community Diversion Program. We have a new Diversion person.

That's Resolution 1. This Resolution is appointing Lily van Scyoc to serve as the director of the Garfield Heights Community Diversion Program. She is the new office girl/paralegal in the Law Department that we just brought on the first of the year. She had a great week. She had a first week that was quite interesting. She started work on Monday and on Friday she was pulling out of the lot and got t-boned and was rushed to the hospital. She's doing fine, I'm glad to report. She's a great girl and I think she will do a wonderful job with Diversion. And that, Mr. Chairman, is my report.

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

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: No report tonight.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Tim. Let's move on to our Fire Chief, Chief Strope. Do you have a report?

FIRE CHIEF KENNETH STROPE: Yes, I do have a couple things. First of all, like the Mayor said I ask your support for Ordinance 04-2020 on purchasing this rescue squad.

Also, Fox 8 did a contest. Barb Molin actually found it. They were doing a contest to vote on your favorite fire station. She put it out to the residents, Council and everybody in the city to vote on your favorite fire station. They gave away 10 Traeger grills with Lighthouse Pools for the top 10 fire departments. We were lucky enough to win one of them, so they donated a grill for us. Thanks everybody for voting. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Chief. Does anybody have any questions for Chief Strope? I have one question. When are we going to be invited for the barbecue? Steaks, right?

FIRE CHIEF KENNETH STROPE: Always.

PRESIDENT BURKE: All right. Let's move on to our Police Chief, Chief Byrne. Do you have a report?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Yes, I do. I just want to take an opportunity once again this being the first Council Meeting of the year, Happy New Year to everyone.

On December 14th we took 50 kids from Garfield Heights to Shop with a Cop. Obviously we can't do that without the support of the entire community. A lot of people bought tickets. We had a lot of volunteers from our own police officers, our Auxiliaries, Garfield United; we had quite a few schoolteachers. So I just wanted to thank everybody for that. I believe the local

FOP sent over 400 kids. Fifty from Garfield Heights. We went to Target in Macedonia. It was a good day. I think for some of those kids that was actually Christmas so that meant a lot to them. Thank you. That's my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Chief. Does anybody have any questions for Chief Byrne? Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Chief, what amount of money did you give the children to spend?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: It was \$150.00.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Any other questions? If there are none, we will move on to our Service Director, Tim McLaughlin. Tim, do you have a report?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: Thank you, Mr. President. We're having a great winter so far. That can change very quickly. We've only been out four times. I think one time was plowable and the rest was all salt.

We had a couple patch crews out going through the city looking for sunken water cutouts, etc. to patch them. The tree truck has been able to do some tree work. Right now, we're in the process of taking down all the Christmas decorations. With that, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Are there any questions for Tim on his report? Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Yes, thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. McLaughlin, is there any plans for sending out a sweeper during the season?

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: No, they are put away.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Any other questions for Mr. McLaughlin? If there are none, we will move on to our Finance Director, Barb Biro. Barb, do you have a report?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Absent.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARB BIRO: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. This evening I would like to ask Council for support of Ordinances 1, 2 and 3. These are ordinances that are done every year at this time. They are renewals.

Also I would like support for Ordinance 5 in regards to the Cuyahoga County Community Diversion Program. This assists us in paying Lily who is in the Resolution 01. It will assist in paying her along with the individual that works with the employee that works with the Diversion students throughout the year. With the grant, there will be no cost to the city for those individuals. So I would ask for support of Ordinance 5 also. With that, you have my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Ms. Biro. Does anybody have any questions for Ms. Biro on her report this evening? There are none, we will move on to our City Engineer. Tonight our City Engineer is Mr. James Sickels. Do you have a report?

CITY ENGINEER JAMES SICKELS: I do. Thank you, President. Very briefly, Midwest sewers. That's our Phase 3, which is Grace Avenue, will be the third phase of that neighborhood project. That will be starting a little bit later in the winter, probably late February, beginning of March. That's what we're expecting. That project will be along Grace from just west of 102nd to just east of 104th. So roughly, a two block or so project. The contractor that won that project is Trimor. So our next step will be setting up a pre-construction meeting and then starting the project. That's my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Does anybody have any questions for Mr. Sickels? There are none. We will move on to our Social Services Director, Ms. Kathy Rush-Parsson. Kathy, do you have a report this evening?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSON: Just a quick announcement. The city usually does the AARP free tax service. We've had quite a few calls. Usually we start taking appointments around January 15th. We have not confirmed that yet. So if anybody is waiting to schedule an appointment to have your free taxes done, bear with us. It's usually on Fridays and it usually starts the first week in February. So if anybody is interested in that program, give us about another week and then feel free to call us and we will schedule you. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Does anybody have any questions for Kathy on her report? There are none, we'll move on to our Economic Development Director, Noreen Kuban. Noreen, do you have a report?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. I wanted to announce that the Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland is partnering with Spectrum located in Garfield Heights. Spectrum has 100 jobs open. There will be a Workforce Team Meeting on Friday, January 17th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Council's main office, which is at 1801 Superior Avenue. Attendees can expect to have a one on one interview. Assessments will be required before the job is offered. Wages are \$15.00/hour, which includes paid training. They are hiring for second shift at the Garfield Heights office. That is on Neo Parkway. You do have to register for the programs. You would have to call (216) 651-5188 extension 638 or you can visit the Website and register on-line.

Just to follow up on the Mayor's comments about the Census. I wanted to make a couple more comments. He mentioned that Garfield Heights was identified as a hard to count community. The important thing is not only the city can give this information out, but other people sharing it with neighbors, friends and family. Just a couple comments. The Census information will be coming out early in 2020. You can reply on-line by filling out your Census on-line, by phone or through the mail. A lot of the questions that are asked are just about age, gender, number of people living in your house, which includes children. I wanted to make a comment about undercounting. Frequently individuals who are under counted are renters, particularly those who live in multi building apartment complexes, college students, children, US military personnel and people in health care facilities. I just wanted to make a comment about young children. You can go on-line and look this up, but individuals head of households are to count

any child that is living with you. That includes all children who live in your home including foster children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews and the children of friends. Even if they are living with you temporarily. Children who split their time between homes—if they are living with you on April 1, 2020, should be counted in your Census response. Newborn babies, even those who are born on April 1st, or are still at the hospital on April 1st should be counted in your Census. Finally, regarding college students who are living at home should be counted at the home address. College students who live away from home should be counted at their on/off campus residence where they live and sleep most of the time, even if they are home on April 1st. Their primary residence is where they should submit their Census information.

That concludes my report. I'm sorry, finally the Mayor mentioned information that is available. Our contact person in our office is Patricia Salemi. She will be able to get groups or individuals or churches or organisms this information. The Cleveland Foundation is partnering with communities and we hope they will be able to supply more information for us. We are applying for a grant through the Foundation re the inner-ring suburbs so that we can get materials printed and distributed. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Noreen. Does anybody have any questions for Noreen on her report? Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Noreen, could we get that put on the Web?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes, I will put it on our Website.

CLMN VAUGHN: On the scroll also? And run it for the next few months?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Yes.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Does anybody else have any questions for Noreen? If there are none, we'll move on to Mark Moro, our Building Commissioner. Mark, do you have a report?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: No report tonight.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Mark. That concludes our reports of the Mayor and the Directors. We will move on to communications from citizens on tonight's agenda. Will the Clerk please read the rules?

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:

CLERK: Comments shall be strictly limited to brief statements not to exceed five minutes with comments limited to legislation on the current evening's agenda. No citizen shall speak more than once.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Is there anybody out there wishing to address Council on tonight's agenda? If there are none, we will move on to our Ordinances and Resolutions beginning with Ordinance 01-2020. Will the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2020

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE COMMISSIONER OF PURCHASES AND SUPPLIES, FINANCE DIRECTOR, THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ADVERTISE FOR PROPOSALS FOR VARIOUS MATERIALS, SERVICES AND SUPPLIES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 01-2020 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2020

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS WITH THE CUYAHOGA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARTICIPATING IN THE STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

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

ORDINANCE NO. 03-2020

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS WITH THE CUYAHOGA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT AND PUBLIC EDUCATION REGARDING SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION.

Moved by BLAKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 03-2020 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2020

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH CARCO AUTOMOTIVE, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE A 2013 FREIGHTLINER RESCUE SQUAD.

Moved by DAVIS to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: On its adoption, beginning with Clwn Davis.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN VAUGHN: Before I vote, I want to say that this is too good of a deal for us to pass up. It is something which is desperately needed in this community. With that, I vote Yes.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Before I vote, Chief, thanks for staying so diligent in searching for that. I appreciate that and so does the city. I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 04-2020 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2020

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH CUYAHOGA COUNTY AND CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUVENILE COURT TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATING IN THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DIVERSION PROGRAM.

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Ordinance 05-2020 passes with 7 Yes votes.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-2020

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION APPOINTING LILY VAN SCYOC TO SERVE AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE GARFIELD HEIGHTS COMMUNITY DIVERSION PROGRAM RETROACTIVE FROM JANUARY 1, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020.

Moved by DUDLEY to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

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

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Resolution 01-2020 passes with 7 Yes votes.

PRESIDENT BURKE: That concludes our Ordinances and Resolutions for this evening.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT BURKE: We will move on now to comments by citizens. Will the Clerk please read the rules.

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

PRESIDENT BURKE: Is there anyone wishing to make any comments to Council this evening?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

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

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

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

CLMN DUDLEY: First of all, I would like to wish everybody a Happy New year. I'm glad we all made it back safely.

I'd like to start off saying that you think about in Garfield Heights during the holiday season. I know people in various cities and elected officials, but during Christmastime you don't see in some other cities as much as you see here where they provide for those in need. When you think about that you think about some of the families out here they help provide for other families, even Members of Council, elected officials who gave gifts for some of the less fortunate. The Shop a Cop Program. Garfield United I believe was doing a Christmas dinner for police officers, etc. Even in the general public, we had some neighbors who were helping other neighbors out. You don't find that in a lot of cities. I want to say that is appreciated. People notice that. I notice that. Even at the school they help some of the less fortunate. Some of the gifts that these kids get is the only gift that they will get for Christmas. If you didn't give it to them they wouldn't have nothing. I appreciate what you're doing. I'm sure others appreciate and I know we do as a city as a whole.

I wanted to remind you that on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 we will be doing our Annual African American Black History Program. That will be held at 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. at 4900 Turney Road. That's the Garfield Heights Performing Arts Center. We appreciate in conjunction with the school that they provide us that facility to hold that program. It's been going on. This is a little known secret. I looked at a video at a DVD that we been doing this since 2006. That's how long it's been happening. If you want something to be raffled off because everything there is free. The food is free. This year we be going to have Judge Larry Jones. I did know him when he was an elected official in Cleveland as well. He is a Judge in the Eighth District Court of Appeals. That's where he sits. He's going to cover topics on Judges and some of the legal aspects that took place during the Civil Rights era. It's going to be a great thing. I encourage you to come out and bring your children. Plenty of food. All the raffles is free. All the refreshments is free. You have a great time. Plenty of seats. I look forward to a good attendance this year.

As you know, Mayor, I talked to our buddy Sonny Johnson and we were putting together a thing to help the school raise money for the Athletic Department, etc. There's going to be a good fundraiser. Some employees of the city is going to play against varsity. But you know Sonny Johnson said that maybe we want to play the girls' team? I had to laugh when he told me that, but I said I think we're ready for the varsity team. I appreciate the Mayor volunteered to coach the team and Clmn Mike Nenadovich is going to be assistant and one of our Council Members said they could get us some cheerleaders so we are going to be a official team. Don't be shy because of age. Some of us will play. Some of us won't. When you look through the various departments, we got some big boys there. Big young men—correction. I been playing all my life and I looking forward to it. About 90 days ago, I started practicing again. That way I know I can score about eight maybe two points. You should come out and support them. Even at the ticket cost if you want to contribute something extra, the proceeds is going to the

schools. Sponsors is going to sponsor all that money. Every penny is going to the school. I encourage you to come out. It is a good thing for the city and the school to interact like that. We want it to be a community program. Don't count us out. Right, coach?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Let me say this, Mike, I was actually speaking with the Police Department and the Fire Department today and told them how much it would be great for them to come out and win the game. They asked if they could use wheelchairs. That's what they asked. We're going to have to try to really put some thought into how we're going to put this team together because our employees are on the older side rather than the younger side. We're not going to back down. I guarantee that, but we might have to play half-court.

CLMN DUDLEY: We got six already. I believe the players are going to come through. Three minutes on a court is a long time. You do your three minutes out there. I believe Mayor we going to pull it off. You going to have a whole team to coach. I believe we going to take care of our business. I have confidence. I see Mr. H over there shaking his head. Come and have a good time. With that said, I appreciate it, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: If I can just add on. Mike, what I was thinking what we need to do is go out and do some hiring. Some temporary employees to help us with the school.

CLMN DUDLEY: We going to be OK, Mayor.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Clmn Donahue.

CLMN DONAHUE: Clmn Dudley kind of said it all. I'm going to let it go so you all have the time to see if we can get home and watch that basketball game. But I did tell him that (so I don't have to play) I will donate \$100.00. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Mr. Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I like your enthusiasm, Mr. Dudley. I like your checkbook, Mr. Donahue.

Fist of all I wish you all a Happy and healthy New Year. It's been a bad New Year for a lot of people, but let's make it go uphill from here on out. Good health and good things happening in the city, I hope very much so.

One thing we always seem to forget and I have not said anything about this for a long time, but there's a lot of people that are not home for these past holidays. They won't be home maybe next year. Some may be home never. That's our troops. Anytime you go to pray, pray for them because they really need it, especially in these times. I mean we see what's happening in the news and with all the stuff going on in this country they also have to worry about protecting another country to keep that from coming at us. So with that just say your prayers and keep them in mind. A lot of good men and women out there. We want to bring them home so they can enjoy the rest of their lives with their families. That's all I have.

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

CLWN DAVIS: Good evening, everyone. I was going to say Happy New Year, but I was kind of told after the 7th you shouldn't say it anymore, so welcome back.

Our first Ward 4 Community Meeting is going to be February 29th. It's going to be at the fire station from 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. We do have some time. That's about six weeks so you will hear it again and I will be putting the information out, but I just wanted to share that tonight.

I especially want to thank a resident from Ward 4 who is here tonight—Millette Tucker. Millette has been a phenomenal support. We put together a Ward 4 Holiday Cheer Program where we reached out to residents in the Ward who were possibly in need and had them submit information so that we could put a committee together to determine who would be eligible to receive whatever gifts they may need. It was not limited to toys, clothing, they need a rent paid, whatever it was we were going to try to do. In a matter of two weeks, Millette singlehandedly did everything. I kind of orchestrated it, but she really took everything over and handled it. We got a wonderful family, we got one submission. The community came together. All the residents that were not even in Ward 4, businesses and this was a family who was really struggling with some serious health needs, financial needs. It felt really good to be able to serve them in that way and bless that family. The young man--I mean his whole world lit up. I actually hosted a dinner at Applebee's and each box that he opened you could just see more and more joy coming out of him. By the time we were done eating, I was full of tears. Just an excitement for them that we were able to do that. So Millette, I just wanted to thank you personally for just being dedicated and showing up like that as a resident of the city. It was great. I think that's it for me tonight. Thank you.

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

CLMN BLAKE: I'd like to say that I agree with a lot of the things that Clmn Dudley said. Over the holidays I was able to see a lot of the people that went out of their way to help residents who may have needed some help. Whether it was buying gifts, donating food, cooking. Anybody that did something for somebody over the holidays I just want to say thank you. It really adds to the sense of community. Again, thank you for all your efforts, whoever went out of their way to help somebody.

Second, I'd like to thank Mr. Dobies and his staff for putting on a great community event.

Finally, Memorial Day is coming around the corner, May 25, 2020. January 21st at 6:00 p.m. here at the Civic Center we are going to have a planning committee meeting. If you have any questions and you can't make the meeting, please give me a call at (216) 338-7883 or Jen Newrones at (216) 624-8802. Again, feel free to call us with any questions you may have. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Thank you, Clmn Blake. OK. I just want to make an announcement that this Wednesday the folks that have put together the Idea of Meeting are having another meeting. If you have never gone to one, I find them to be very enlightening because they literally make you sit with people you don't know and then they have all kinds of icebreaker exercises, etc. You really get to know some of your neighbors that you wouldn't normally get to

know. You find out a lot of good things that you have in common with people that you wouldn't necessarily think you would have in common. I would urge everybody to attend. It's going to be this Wednesday right here at the Civic Center at 6:30 p.m.

I'm behind you, Clmn Dudley, when it comes to this basketball game. I certainly hope that Coach Sonny Johnson knows what he's getting his team into. I think I could give you maybe three minutes—maybe three minutes and 12 seconds. Wait till you see my game. You will be.

CLMN DUDLEY: Impressed.

PRESIDENT BURKE: I don't think so. I am willing to participate so I am looking forward to it actually. It will give me something to do.

Mr. Hanke, I do want to say that I would love to be a participant in your meetings. I was going to reach out to you and let you know that I'm available. If you can let me know what dates they are. I also would like to thank you for your time this evening. Do I see Nichelle Daniels sitting next to you? Nichelle, would you please stand up?

I would also like to wish everybody a Happy New Year. I was unaware that after the 7th you shouldn't say that, but I'm going to say it anyways. Happy New Year. I think that's all I have. We will move on to Clmn Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you. I want to wish everybody Happy New Year. Never heard that rule before, but things change.

You know, I would like to strongly emphasize on February 19th to attend Clmn Dudley's African American program he puts on every year. His committee and him do an excellent job. It's well worth going to. It's important that the community support these events. So please try to make it. Come down for a few hours and enjoy yourselves. Talk to some people. It's always an educational experience.

Mr. Hanke, I, too, would like if you could send out an invitation to all of us and we could respond, I think that would be very good for your program that you want to do. That would be important for all of us to get involved.

I don't like to do this often, but every now and then you got to say something because every month, every week we're losing great residents in this community. This past week we lost a woman that was very active up here—Wanda Long. If you didn't know who Wanda was I'm surprised because she was very active in the Senior Center. Her son was the guy that used to for parades and Home Days and every event going on, he'd be cooking hot dogs, etc. for the events out here. My sympathy goes out to their family. Wanda will really be missed.

I'd also like to speak real quickly about something that's been going on on the Internet the last few weeks. It's this idea that you have to talk to somebody before you come up to a Council Meeting to speak. In the 10 years that I have been seated on Council, I have never seen anybody turned away. We'll make a motion to allow you to speak, but I don't want anybody to be afraid to come up here and speak. This is your meeting as well as it is ours. It's important that we get the feedback from you. Sp please don't believe everything you hear on social

media. We welcome you to come. We welcome to hear what you have to say. If you didn't have an opportunity I'm sure one of us will make a motion to allow you to speak. With that, Mr. President, you have my report.

I would like to make a motion at this time that we adjourn so we can get home and watch the meeting. That's why those lights blinked. That was to let us know it was time to go.

PRESIDENT BURKE: Do I have a second?

CLWN DAVIS: I second.

CLMN BLAKE: I second.

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

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:56 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Matthew Burke
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council