

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, November 26, 2018

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m. by Council President Pro Tem Michael Nenadovich.

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Thomas Vaughn

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

EXCUSED: Burke, Suster

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Yes, Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: At this time, I would like to excuse Clmn Burke and Clmn Suster from the proceedings tonight.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: On Clmn Vaughn's motion to excuse Clmn Suster and Clmn Burke from tonight's proceedings, all those in favor signify by saying Aye. Anybody opposed?

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

ABSENT: Burke, Suster

Thank you, Mr. Vaughn.

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Reading and Disposal of Minutes.

CLMN VAUGHN: Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Yes, Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: I move that we accept the Minutes of the City Council Meeting of November 13, 2018 as read.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: On the motion made by Clmn Vaughn to dispose of the Minutes of November 13, 2018, as written, all in favor signify by saying Aye. Any opposed?

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

ABSENT: Burke, Suster

Thank you, Sir.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION COMING OUT OF COMMITTEE: None.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: We will move on to the Reports of the Mayor and the Directors. Mayor, the floor is yours.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just briefly, before I get into my report I wanted to thank everybody, all the residents that came out to the Christmas Lighting Ceremony we had here yesterday. We had a couple hundred people that enjoyed a great time. The festivities were great. We had a group that was here that sang carols called the Cleveland Singers Club. They were about 35/40 strong. They all wore tuxedos and tails. They did outstanding. The conductor, Natalie Mallis, is a former Garfield Heights resident. They elected to come here and do that for us. I'm telling you, they were outstanding. The kids had a great time. We turned the lights on, had Santa Claus come, thanks to Mike Nenadovich who is a close friend of Santa Claus, they were able to show up again this year. Everybody had a great time. It was one of the best Christmas ceremonies that we've had here since I've been Mayor, for sure.

The other thing I wanted to talk about is that we are once again having our Annual Holiday Lighting Contest.

Participating in this year's Annual Holiday Lighting Contest and nominating your favorite residential display. One winner in each Ward and a citywide winner will be chosen. Nomination deadline 4:00 p.m. December 21st. Please submit nominations by mail to the Garfield Heights Civic Center, 5407 Turney Road, Garfield Heights, Ohio or by e-mail to jduber@garfieldhts.org. Or fill out the form below and bring it to the Civic Center.+

(I don't have that form below, but that's the flyer.) We do this every year and each year the participants get larger and better. We are looking for another big year with the holiday lighting contest.

Lastly on my report I wanted to give congratulations to our Engineer, Dave Krock. Dave, you are featured in Crain's magazine. They did a great write-up on you and we have provided them on that table if you'd like to read a great write-up about our Engineer. Dave did a great job. We're very proud of you, especially since you mentioned Garfield Heights. That was the highlight as far as I'm concerned. No, great job. Congratulations on that.

Getting into tonight's legislation, Ordinance 92. We're applying for a grant to purchase motion detectors and additional security cameras. Ordinance 93 allows us to apply for the BWC Safety Grant to purchase a portable lift for the Service Garage. What this is is it's similar to a tow motor that's it's a lift from the floor to unload trucks--unload different parts--and BWC highly recommends this because people are hurting their backs and because of back claims that are going on everywhere. not in Garfield Heights so much. but everywhere else. So we're looking for a grant to purchase that lift which we think will be well worth it. Ordinance 94 authorizes the city to establish a Municipal Court Special Project Fund to help pay for a new justice center. With that, Mr. Chairman, you have my report.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mayor. Any questions for the Mayor on his report tonight? If none, we will move on to our Law Director, Tim Riley.

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Thank you, Mr. President. No report tonight.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Tim. Fire Chief Strope.

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

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Absent.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you very much, Chief. Service Director, Mr. Tim McLaughlin.

SERVICE DIRECTOR TIMOTHY MCLAUGHLIN: Thank you. Mr. President. The last two weeks we've been working on the Christmas lights. It turned out very nice, as the Mayor said.

We've repatched a few streets while they were still making hot patch. You know they had some problems on them. I hope to keep them passable for the winter.

We're still picking up leaves. We're on the West side on Turney today up to Granger Road. We'll be switching over tomorrow and starting down on Richland, Russell, Edgepark, moving up towards Granger Road again. We will continue to stay out there as long as we can. Those pieces of equipment do not work when it snows or it's very cold because you end up knocking the propeller out of them, etc. We will continue. We'll see how it goes. We got into a big area today and we had everybody that we have available on leaves. We'll see what happens. We're going to continue to go as long as we can.

The rubbish. I'd like to mention that from the middle of the tenth month till currently there's been 874 warnings issued for not taking in the rubbish cans. There's been 67 that were given first violations/first ticket. There's 16 that have gotten two tickets, but evidently they did not understand the first one. We have three that have gotten a third ticket and one that has gotten a fourth ticket. We're continuing on this. We were hoping that would start going down and maybe we'd begin to see it. Some areas have changed. Some Wards have gotten a little better, some haven't. We'll wait and see what happens. That's the end of my report.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. McLaughlin. Any questions for our Service Director on tonight's report? If not, we'll move on. City Engineer Dave Krock.

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Absent.

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARB BIRO: Absent.

CITY ENGINEER DAVID KROCK: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I have no report tonight.

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSON: Absent.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, David. Economic Development Noreen Kuban.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Thank you, Mr. President. Briefly, we are applying for a Community Development Supplemental Grant. If you or any residents have ideas for a grant, please contact Pat Salemi. You can reach her at (216) 475-1100 and you'll be connected to Pat's voice mail or talk to her personally. Thank you. That is my report.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Are there any questions for Ms. Kuban? OK. Last but not least, our Building Commissioner, Mark Moro.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER MARK MORO: Thank you. I have a brief report to go along with the Christmas lighting ceremony. I'd like to remind everybody to use an outdoor rated extension cord of heavy duty and do not overload it for the Clark Griswold house lighting ceremonies. Please try to have it connected to a ground fault circuit interrupter outlet. In case it gets contaminated with water, it will trip off and not short out. That concludes my report.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Mr. Moro. Any questions for Mr. Moro on his report tonight? OK. That takes care of our Directors and the Mayor. Next are comments by citizens. Barb, would you read the rules, please?

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 NENADOVICH: Are there any questions or comments on tonight's agenda by the citizens? Any comments? Are there any Committee Reports tonight?

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you. We will move on to Ordinances and Resolutions. We will start off with Ordinance 92-2018.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE NO. 92-2018

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 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING A CITYWIDE SAFETY AND SECURITY PROGRAM

Moved by NENADOVICH to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa

ABSENT: Burke, Suster

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa

ABSENT: Burke, Suster

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa

ABSENT: Burke, Suster

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: On its adoption, starting with myself.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Nenadovich, Glenn, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa

ABSENT: Burke, Suster

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: That passes with 5 votes--five to zero.

ORDINANCE NO. 93-2018

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO DO ALL THINGS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE BUREAU OF WORKERSq COMPENSATION SAFETY INTERVENTION GRANT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING A PORTABLE LIFT.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

ABSENT: Burke, Suster

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

ABSENT: Burke, Suster

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

ABSENT: Burke, Suster

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: On its adoption, starting with Clmn Vaughn.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

ABSENT: Burke, Suster

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Ordinance 93-2018 passes with five to zero votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 94-2018

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ESTABLISH THE MUNICIPAL COURT SPECIAL PROJECT BUILDING FUND, NUMBER 229, WITHIN THE CITYq BUDGETARY FUND STRUCTURE.

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

ABSENT: Burke, Suster

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MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: That concludes tonightq business on Ordinances and Resolutions. Next, we will move on to Comments by Citizens. Barb, if you would be so kind.

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 NENADOVICH: Thank you, Barb. Are there any citizens wishing to speak at this time? Are there any citizens wishing to speak at this time? If there are none, we will move on to Miscellaneous Business starting with Clmn Vaughn.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

CLMN VAUGHN: I thank you. This has got to be the fastest meeting we've had in a while. We got to make them longer, right?

I would at this time express my sympathy again to the Ruth Pollack family on the death of her daughter and to Chief Byrnes family on the death of his father. Let them know that the city is with them in this time and we send our prayers and love for the family.

I am having a Block Watch Meeting on Thursday evening at St. Benedict School in the Augustine Room. Please come join us. We'll be meeting at seven o'clock. We will be wrapping things up for the city and what's going on towards the end of the year. So please come and join us. That's all I have. Thank you.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Clmn Vaughn. Clmn Dudley, do you have a report for us tonight?

CLMN DUDLEY: First, I'd like to give my condolences to Chief and Ruth on their losses, etc. We will definitely keep them in our prayers.

Everybody knows that the weather is changing. The roads are changing out there so be careful how you drive. Sometimes it's better to be a little late than not to make it at all. With that, that's basically what I have for tonight, Mr. Chairman. Quick night. My foot is in pain right now.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Mr. LaMalfa.

CLMN LAMALFA: Thank you very much.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you, Joe. Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, Mr. President. I, too, wish my condolences to Chief Byrne and Ruth Pollack for their deaths in their families. I conclude my statement.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Thank you. I jumped a little bit out of turn there but I, too, also wish to express my condolences for the Chief and to Ruth Pollack for the loss of her daughter.

CLMN DUDLEY: Mr. Chairman, I did forget one thing.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: Please go ahead.

CLMN DUDLEY: I just wanted to congratulate Dave. I tell you people don't have a clue at some of the stuff that this individual is involved in a positive thing throughout communities. I wanted to say we really appreciate that throughout the County. I wanted to say that Dave, you and your company are doing a great job and it benefits to all. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: And with that, I'd like to give Dave a round of applause.

(Applause.)

I have nothing tonight other than the condolences. With that, I would like to hear a motion, please.

CLMN VAUGHN: I make a motion to conclude.

PRESIDENT NENADOVICH: On the motion to adjourn tonight, all those in favor? Any opposed? Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen.

AYES: Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn

ABSENT: Burke, Suster

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:20 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Michael Nenadovich
President of Council Pro Tem

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council