

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL

CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO

Monday, December 12, 2016

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 p.m. by Council President Joseph Suster.

INVOCATION BY: Councilman Michael Dudley, Sr.

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

READING AND DISPOSAL OF MINUTES:

CLMN BURKE: Mr. President, I would like to make a motion that we accept the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council, City of Garfield Heights for Monday, November 28, 2016 as written.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Mr. Burke to accept the Minutes of the last meeting as submitted, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL: None.

LEGISLATION OUT OF COMMITTEE:

CLMN BURKE: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion that we pull Resolution 24-2016 out of Committee and place it at the beginning of tonight's agenda at this time.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. On the motion made by Mr. Burke to pull Resolution 24-2106 out of order this evening and put it on the agenda as of now, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Would the Clerk please read the title of Resolution 24-2016.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-2016

A RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL HONORING ED WIGDALSKI (TURNEY AUTO PARTS) FOR HIS OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS.

Moved by BURKE to HAVE RESOLUTION READ IN ITS ENTIRETY:

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

(The Clerk read Resolution 24-2016 in its entirety.)

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER THIS PIECE OF LEGISLATION AS WRITTEN:
AYES: Burke, Vaughn, Dudley, LaMalfa, Nenadovich, Glenn, Suster

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Resolution 24-2016 passes with 7 Yes votes.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Chairman. If I may, can I have the honor of speaking for this important occasion?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Yes, Mayor, go ahead.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Ed, I have to tell you and I talked to you a little bit when I walked in the Meeting, that many times we do proclamations and resolutions like this and usually we have a family member call up and say you know we have a resident here that has done some really great things and we think something should be done for him. In your case, and I'm not kidding you, we had five or six or seven different people respond asking the city to do something for you. I think this is a great honor. It's a great tribute to what you did and that resolution I have here for you and myself, Present of Council and the Clerk of Council will sign this for you. What I would like you to do is come up front with your family. Let's get some pictures. This is a great day. Friends, family, everybody that wants to come up, please do.

(Photographers took pictures at this time.)

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Congratulations, everybody.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Excuse me. Ed would like to say a few words.

Mr. Ed Wigdalski: On behalf of my family and employees, all of which have been Garfield Heights born and raised residents, and all the small business owners of Garfield Heights, we thank you very much.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: If you and your family wanted to leave, nobody will be offended.

REPORTS OF THE MAYOR AND DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: We will go ahead and continue with the meeting. We will go ahead with the reports of the Mayor and Directors. Mayor, do you have a report for us this evening?

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Yes, Mr. Chairman, I do. Thank you. First off, I wanted to pay my respects to Senator John Glenn and sort of trail on to what Clmn Dudley was talking about. Senator John Glenn was one heck of a guy. I never knew him personally. I met him a few times throughout my career, but a gentleman, a former Councilman and resident of Garfield Heights, Pat Bluso, was his assistant and I talked to Mr. Bluso often about all the things that John Glenn did. He was all about Ohio. Everything he did was to keep Oho straight and he's going to be sorely missed. The Bluso family still lives here in Garfield Heights and they talk about John Glenn very fondly. So I just wanted to pay my respects to the John Glenn family.

I wanted to read a notification. It's not often we get to do this. Usually I get a telephone call or a resident seeing me in a store but I thought this was important enough to read. It says

%Hello Mayor Collova,

My name is Malik Colbert. I am a resident of Garfield Heights. I am sending this e-mail to express my thanks to the Detective Mendolero and Officer Parnell for their different efforts in my case. I am truly pleased with the way I was treated and the legitimate concern for seeing that my property was returned to me and the offender brought to justice. In these times of so much negativity, I am delighted to express my gratitude for the efforts of these two gentlemen. I truly hope there are many others in your department who exhibit the same dedication. I realize my case pales in comparison to other more important matters your department must face and I would also like to acknowledge all the other personnel who may have contributed.

With my sincere gratitude,
Malik Colbert+

Chief, this is a tribute to not only these two officers who are very great officers and detectives, but to your entire department. These are the things that really help the residents in Garfield Heights and we appreciate it and please pass this along. My thanks to those two gentlemen.

I wanted to talk a little bit. I wanted to thank a couple of people. I wanted to thank Armand Budish, our County Executive, Parnell Jones, our County Council Representative and Eddie Krause, the Council Executive Assistant on the Turney Road project from Maple Heights from Hathaway to the Maple Heights line. We received a call on Wednesday a couple weeks ago that even though we were promised that part of Turney Road would be done for sure because the other part of Turney Road had been delayed for a year, we received a call from the construction developer that they would not be finished until spring. I thought that was totally unacceptable. So did our Engineers. I made a couple of calls. I probably wasn't as nice as I normally am, but I told them it was unacceptable. It was on a Wednesday. Thursday the paving began. I want to thank these two gentlemen because those are some extreme efforts to go out and do that when the developers say they are not going to do it and the next day they are out paving. So I thank those gentlemen from the County. I appreciate it very much.

Next Police Non-Emergency Number. Please take this down. Council, I think you have it. The non-emergency number is (216) 475-6607. If it's a non-emergency number, please call this. What's been happening at the dispatch center is people are calling there asking what day the rubbish is due out, there's a dog that barked across the street, what day is my rubbish being picked up on and these calls are just jamming up the calls. So if you got a non-emergency number, please again, the non-emergency number is (216) 475-6607.

Moving on, 2017 will bring a lot of orange barrels to our city. If you are in the market for buying stocks, stocks in orange barrels might be a good thing this year. Some of the projects that are scheduled for next year:

- Turney Road- the main part from Cleveland to Hathaway;
- Hathaway Road;
- Six to ten side streets are being done;
- The Transportation Boulevard Bridge is being widened;
- The widening of Transportation Boulevard itself. Transportation Boulevard will be widened by one lane north of the bridge;
- The Granger Road Hill clearing and rock scaling will also be done next year.

So we are going to have quite a bit of things going on next year and it's going to cause definite traffic jams and traffic tie-ups. Please call the non-emergency number- not the Mayor's number.

Sometimes progress comes with a little bit of pain. Believe me we've been waiting a long time to get these streets done. This is a great thing.

You know what? As hard as it may be to believe, in the last four years we have done, considering what we're going to be doing this year, over \$30 million worth of road construction projects. \$30 million in the city of Garfield Heights. We got a long way to go, but I tell you what, we've come a long way with that. If we can get some more, another big group of side streets done the end of next year, Dave Krock can keep working on that funding, we are going to be doing all right. So that's a good thing.

Next, on a financial note, I want to thank all of Council, all of my staff, all our employees and most of all the residents for all the efforts. We will finish this year 2016 between \$1.5 million to \$2 million in the black. That's coming from a few years back when we were about \$3.5 million in the red if you all remember that? And it even grew once the Governor decided to put his budget in place.

Although as good as that sounds, don't be too eager to run out and spend that \$1.5 million because 2017 will be a bit more of a challenge. We normally bring in approximately \$8.1 million in property taxes. Next year our projection is about \$7.5 million. That's a \$600,000.00 loss to property values. Because of property value going down, some other issues, Average Pay Fund and stuff. \$600,000.00 out of next year's budget. The only way we can overcome that is by bringing in the new business. We believe that this new business is going to start in the Bridgeview area and hopefully the City View area this spring of 2017. Those tax dollars will bring in the needed money that we need to cover this loss and even more money to provide for some new services that we can have for the residents. So that's what we're looking at for next year. I believe it's going to be a good year. We certainly will look forward to that.

Next, I want to get into tonight's legislation. Ordinance 60. We are adjusting our pay ordinances to allow for a one percent pay increase to all non-union employees. Union employees will get raises as follows. Just to give you an example and I know you already know this, Council, but for the record, these people have not had a raise for about three years. A few years back they were asked to give concessions because the city was in fiscal emergency. They gave them. There was no problem. They gave them eagerly to help the city. They again went through all these years without a raise. Even a one percent isn't going to do a whole lot but buy them a pack of cigarettes or so. At least it shows we're doing something in the right direction. I urge Council to pass this. They are certainly deserving of it. Ordinance 61. An ordinance to apply for Community Development Block Grant funds for the purpose of resurfacing city streets. Any questions? You could talk to Dave Krock. I think he has a list of some of the streets. Ordinance 62 allows us to apply for grants to refurbish the old Ceo's on Warner Road. We had Ceo's partially torn down - the bad parts of it. That is a historic piece of Garfield Heights history and we are looking for funds to try to rehab it and use it for some pretty unique ideas. Ordinance 63 is an ordinance to enter the agreement with LEXIPOL. This is for the training of our police in the new State standards. I think Chief can get into this if anybody has a question. Ordinance 64 and 65 are in regards to appropriations for the end of 2016 and again in 2017. Barb Biro can certainly answer your questions there. Ordinance 66. An emergency ordinance cancelling the Council Meeting currently scheduled for December 27th. That of course is due to the holidays.

Resolution 24 has already been completed.

With that, Council, residents, staff, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year. We will see you after the New Year. Thank you very much, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Does anybody have any questions of the Mayor on his report? Anybody have any questions of the Mayor on his report? There being none, we will call on Law Director, Tim Riley. Tim, do you have a report for us this evening?

LAW DIRECTOR TIM RILEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, no report tonight.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Police Chief Bob Byrne, do you have a report for us this evening?

POLICE CHIEF ROBERT BYRNE: Yes, I do, Mr. Chairman. Thank you. This past Saturday we once again participated in Shop with a Cop. We were able to send 34 young people here in Garfield Heights with \$150.00 gift cards to Wal-Mart in Macedonia with a police officer, an auxiliary police officer or a volunteer from the community. So I want to thank all of them. Once again, it went off without a hitch. I want to especially thank Officer John Marks who kind of organizes that for our department. He's always very nervous. He never thinks it's going to work out and it usually works out with no problem. He does a great job.

As the Mayor mentioned, there is a new non-emergency number. I guess we brought it back. I just want to be clear about something. If you need a police response, you have to call 475-1234. If you think you have a non-emergency (juveniles in the street, etc.) if you call that 6607 number you may not get an answer. You might have to leave a message. You have to go through the Dispatch Center for police or fire response. I think what we want to get away from is people calling the Dispatch Center to get information. Like the Mayor said, you know rubbish pickup, etc. where are the fireworks in Cuyahoga Heights. Those are the types of calls that they get and we are trying to avoid. It's strictly, I should not say just for emergencies, but if you need police or fire response, call 9-1-1 or (216) 475-1234. The 6607 number will not always be manned. I think that applies to all departments- not just the police. If you leave a message, we will be able to get back to you and help you out with whatever you need.

I'd also like to ask for Council's support for legislation number 63-2016. LEXIPOL is a company that provides customizable State-specific Web-based policy manuals for police, fire and corrections. We're obviously interested in the law enforcement aspect of that. They provide comprehensive, defensible policies written by legal and public safety officials. They work off of obviously legal standards and laws benefiting best practices. I think it would be very beneficial to the Police Department as well as the city as a whole. So I would ask Council's support for that.

Other than that, Merry Christmas. That completes my report.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Does anybody have any questions of Chief Byrne on his report? Does anybody have any questions of Chief Byrne on his report? There being none, we will move on to Service Director, Tim McLaughlin. Tim, do you have a report for us this evening?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. President. The leaf program was completed last Friday. We went through the city three times. Any leaves that are left out now will have to be bagged or put in your large rubbish container for rubbish pickup. I saw many areas where people never even raked so they are going to have to rake and put them in the cans because we cleaned up the trailers and put them away and those trucks are not going to be used for snow removal.

Speaking of snow removal, the private snowplow permits are available for the trucks that are working in the cities for the residents, etc. The reason that we do that is that it's not a moneymaker for the city. It's \$18.00 for a permit. It gives the people a way of knowing that you have to have \$250,000.00 insurance for bodily injury, \$500,000.00 for each occurrence, \$100,000.00 for property damage. One of the biggest things that we get on the Complaint Line calls is snowplows that have damaged their property or the neighbor's property across the street or they put the snow on the wrong property. By going through this, we know who everybody is. We have a copy of their driver's license, etc. and we will be putting that list out for those that have it already. The Police Department they usually when they get time they check and see when these guys are out during the night and other times on the weekends they check and see if they have the proper permit. If not, they send them in.

The last thing. Resolution 24. Turney Auto Parts. Ed Wigdalski has been fantastic for the last 20 some years servicing the Service Department. He carries parts that we need. His guys deliver them within five or 10 minutes of calling. It saves us time of an employee or a mechanic having to jump in the car and ride to get the part. Ed's always run a great business. I want to thank him. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Are there any questions of Mr. McLaughlin on his report?

SERVICE DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR TIM McLAUGHLIN: I'm sorry, Mr. President. One last thing. I wanted to thank everybody for all these goodies. I want to let you know that my sugar doctors.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of Mr. McLaughlin on his report? There being none, we will move on to Parks and Recreation Director, Bob Dobies. Do you have a report for us this evening, Bob?

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR BOB DOBIES: Mr. President and Council Members, good evening. My report this evening is I have one thing to say. Merry Christmas. I have no report this evening. Thank you. Thank you for the goodies.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Moving on, we will move on to our Finance Director, Barb Biro. Do you have a report for us this evening, Barb?

FINANCE DIRECTOR BARBARA BIRO: Yes, thank you, Mr. President. On the agenda this evening, we have Ordinance 64 asking Council to pass the final appropriations for the year 2016. As the Mayor stated, we will be in the positive. Hopefully we are looking for \$1.5 million to \$2 million in our General Fund. It's another strong finish as we did last year, but cautiously, as I caution the Mayor every day, that can be gone with low collections on real estate taxes and also a dip in the city income tax. Those are our two main revenue sources and those are what we rely on to pay our staff, our personnel expenses, our benefits and the services for the residents in Garfield Heights.

Ordinance 65-2016 is the appropriation ordinance for the year 2017. It will allow us to open the doors on January 3rd when we come back to work in 2017. So we are asking that Council pass that legislation this evening also. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Does anybody have any questions of Barb on her report? Does anybody have any questions of Barb on her report? There being none wed move on to our City Engineer Dave Krock. Dave, do you have a report for us this evening?

CITY ENGINEER DAVE KROCK: I do. Thank you, Mr. President. I just wanted to report that before the snow came we did finish the East 135th Street sewer project and got the street paved. It looks really nice. If you get a chance, go take a look at it.

I also just like to say thank you for all the gifts. Very much appreciated.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Are there any questions of Dave on Dave's report?

CLMN DUDLEY: Dave, it was a great job that was done. I know it wasn't just you, but everybody that was involved in the process from Finance to Council approving that to the Mayor and those who also had to do with any type of grant. It never looked better. We know we got a lot of calls but once the job was done the calls just came in and said how great it looked. It was a great job and we appreciate it. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any other questions of Dave on his report? There being none wed go to Social Services Director, Kathy Rush-Parssons. Kathy, do you have a report for us this evening?

SOCIAL SERVICES DIRECTOR KATHY RUSH-PARSSONS: Yes, I do. Thank you, Mr. Suster. I just wanted to take a moment to extend my gratitude to the numerous businesses and organizations as well as individuals who again this year donated food, turkeys, money and gift cards to our monthly Food Pantry Program for the Thanksgiving holiday. We received more than 5,000 pounds of food and cash donations totaling a little more than \$5,000.00 so that was very, very generous from the organizations here in Garfield Heights. A list of those who donated includes Tomlinson's Industries, Overdrive, 1-888-OHIOCOMP, the Cuyahoga Heights High School Key Club, Marymount Child Care, System Seals, Maple Leaf Middle School, Johnson Dance and Gymnastics, the Garfield Heights United Methodist Church, and the family of Katherine Van Bolt who was a very good volunteer at the Senior Center for several years.

I also want to extend a thank you to the students of T2 Honors Academy, which is in Warrensville Heights, for volunteering to help with the Thanksgiving distribution. They came the day of the distribution and helped many of our residents carry all the food to their cars. That was a big help. And also to Vince Liotta and the staff of the County's Court Community Service Program who assisted with unloading all 5,000 pounds of food with our Service Department and they also helped organize the donated food items.

So I just wanted to mention all those groups and organizations. Every year I am humbled by the generosity of the businesses in the city and I think it really speaks to how the businesses in this community and the organizations really care about the residents of the community. So I just wanted to take a moment on behalf of the city to thank those organizations.

That's all I have. Merry Christmas.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Are there any questions of Kathy on her report? Are there any questions of Kathy on her report? There being none wed move on to Building Commissioner, Bill Wervey. Bill, do you have a report for us this evening?

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR NOREEN KUBAN: Absent.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: Good evening, Mr. President. The only thing I wanted to mention is we're down to the last few houses on the demolitions. As I believe was mentioned, Ceo's is down, the bar is down. They are working on waterproofing the foundation and then they will regrade the property. We have a commercial building on Broadway that we need to get down and a couple houses left. Then we're going to look at condemning some more houses. We talked to the Land Bank last week and the way it's arranged it's kind of informal, but there's more money for us to take some more houses down and we're going to be taking a look at that over the next couple months. That's all I have.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you. Are there any questions for Mr. Wervey on his report? Are there any questions for Mr. Wervey on his report?

COMMENTS BY CITIZENS ON THE AGENDA:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none, we'll move on to Comments by Citizens on tonight's agenda. Would the Clerk please read the rules.

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 SUSTER: Is there anyone that would like to speak tonight on tonight's agenda? Do we have anybody that would like to speak on tonight's agenda?

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Next, we'll go on to Ordinances and Resolutions, beginning with Ordinance 60-2016. Would the Clerk please read the title?

ORDINANCE NO. 60-2016

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE 12-2015 THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS' PLAN OF CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION OF NON-UNION PAY POSITIONS

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 SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Councilman Nenadovich.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 60-2016 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 61-2016

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 RESURFACING CITY STREETS

Moved by BURKE to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Councilman Burke.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 61 -2016 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 62-2016

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 REFURBISHING THE WARNER FAMILY HOMESTEAD

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 SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Councilman Nenadovich.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 62-2016 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 63-2016

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LEXIPOL, LLC FOR UPDATING AND MAINTAINING A LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY MANUAL WITH SPS IDENTIFIED AS EXHIBIT A

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

Motion to WAIVE RULE 24:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Councilman Vaughn.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 63-2016 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 64-2016

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

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 SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Councilman Nenadovich.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 64-2016 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 65-2016

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF GARFIELD HEIGHTS, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

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 SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Councilman Nenadovich.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 65-2016 passes with 7 Yes votes.

ORDINANCE NO. 66-2016

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE CANCELLING THE COUNCIL MEETING CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 27, 2016

Moved by VAUGHN to CONSIDER BY TITLE:

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

Motion to SUSPEND THREE READING RULE:

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On its adoption, beginning with Councilman Vaughn.

VOTE ON ADOPTION:

CLMN DUDLEY: Before I vote, one thing. Just because that meeting is cancelled it don't mean that if something come up that Council won't get together and meet so I don't want people to have a misconception and say hey, they not going to work that day. Possible that they may meet two times instead of that one day that is given. With that, I vote Yes.

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

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Ordinance 66-2016 passes with 7 Yes votes.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS BY CITIZENS

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. We will now 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 SUSTER: Is there anyone that would like to speak this evening?

James Feeney, 5355 East 124th Street. First I'd like to take the time to say I apologize for our group at Garfield. If there was any misunderstanding about the time and place and cancellation of meetings, I apologize to the Mayor and anyone from City Council who might have shown up that fire station at 3 o'clock and the meeting was cancelled and they were not notified. We're sorry about that.

Our last meeting we had this past Saturday we come up with an idea that we'd like to present to City Council on a way we thought would help save money. One of the ideas we come up with Code Enforcement Outsourcing for city housing. I printed out some information and I would like to hand it out at this time to give you guys a better understanding of what our meeting was about. *(Mr. Feeney distributed his information at this time.)*

MR. FEENEY: On the bottom of the letter is the gentleman's name and phone number. He was not able to make it tonight because he's out in Pennsylvania. Any questions with regard to this you can contact him directly. Thank you.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Mr. Feeney, a question. We spoke slightly on the phone. Is this in regards to a company? Do you know the name of the company? Does somebody have it there?

CLMN NENADOVICH: Pella Consulting?

MR. FEENEY: I don't see it on here.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Is it a company called Safebill? Does that ring a bell?

MR. FEENEY: No, it don't ring a bell at all.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: Just to give you a heads up. I have been meeting for about the last three months, myself and Mr. Wervey, with a company called Safebill that does this outsourcing billing departments not at our city but in our general area, our County. They have a few cities in our area plus quite a few throughout the country that does this. I have had four separate meetings with them. There is some positive to this. There is a lot of negative to this. The positive comes where they can save money. The negative comes that you got to sacrifice services for saving money. This company I don't know about, yours, I will research it, but this company that I've been meeting with is more towards commercial inspections than house inspections although they do it, but you'd pay for it. In Garfield Heights, we're just the opposite. We're more geared for house inspections than commercial. That's some of the negatives. The other part of the negative is when you bring a company like this on, they do the entire billing department so you have to layoff your entire billing department- all the people that work there. That is also a negative because you have people that have been working for many, many years for the City of Garfield Heights and this could take away their retirement, their pensions. These are the same people I talked about earlier that sacrificed the raises, gave back concessions and I would hate to have to thank them by sending them a pink slip out the door.

We also checked into the positives. There are other things we could do. Mr. Wervey has not announced this, but I will certainly be glad to. Mr. Wervey has reached his retirement. He will be leaving us in the very near future so we are looking at somebody to replace him. I brought this company in to see what would happen if we just replaced the Building official and kept everyone else and he would run the department. That cost to us would be just for the Building official and I have it right here. Just for basic just to walk in the door and do what Bill does--\$235,000/year. That's just basic. When he does inspections it's \$85.00/hour. So like I say, if you wipe out the whole department and bring him in I believe you could save money, but you are sacrificing services so I have not completely ruled it out and I'm more than happy to look at this because it may be something different. Something that they are not offering here. We have really been researching this for the last few months because of Mr. Wervey leaving and we don't have anybody to replace him at his time. You know, it's not all what it's made up to be. We will look into this.

MR. FEENEY: Like I was saying our group is just concerned citizens trying to get together and come up with different views and concerns that we have and try to come up with ideas to present to City Council and the Mayor.

MAYOR VIC COLLOVA: James, as I told you, it's a great idea. Most of the ideas that we get is from residents coming up to us. One of the meetings you and I attended was about the garbage. Somebody taking pictures of the garbage cans. It's a great idea. We're going to run that through the Law Department. Those are where we get the ideas so I applaud you people for coming up with the ideas. I would be more than happy to sit down with your group. If you want to come into the office; if you want to get a room here, let's sit down and talk so you could see what we have going and you could see where you could take off so you're not just spinning your wheels. Stuff like this is good. We will certainly look into it.

MR. FEENEY: Thank you very much. Merry Christmas, everybody.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Thank you.

MR. FEENEY: It is Pella Consulting.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: OK. Is there anybody else that has anything to say this evening?

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

PRESIDENT SUSTER: There being none, we'd start with Miscellaneous Business beginning with Clmn Dudley.

CLMN DUDLEY: First of all, like I said, they done a great job on 135th and I think to complete a project really outweighs a lot of the complaints that I received. I received quite a few because I was texting a lot in the day because you got the text messages from me but it was a great job that was done.

Once more like I tell people you know, Christmas is upon us. When you go shopping for your gifts, a lot of them bad elements out there are just seeing what they can shop for out of your homes. I always suggest and I do this myself, when I get big items with big boxes I cut the box in four pieces and I fold it inside out and I tape it. Because the moment you put the big TV box outside you just advertised exactly what is new in your home. It's almost like an invitation. So you know you got to think safe. Safety begins with you in your own household. So give that a little thought.

Also, I want to mention this and get it out of the way. We had a problem with a home on Cranwood Park Boulevard for quite a long time. I didn't really want a bandage to the problem home that was over there. I wanted something that was going to be long lasting that would alleviate the issue. I believe Bill has given to me the Building Commission and if people can be patient for about six more weeks or so?

BUILDING COMMISSIONER BILL WERVEY: About three weeks to a month.

CLMN DUDLEY: About three weeks to a month, I believe we will have a permanent solution to that home and I mean this was disrespectful for the garbage. He just had no respect for his neighbors and even in his comments. I talked to this individual myself and even you probably would have locked him up in jail, when he got out it would have done no good. He didn't have nowhere to go and he wasn't caring whether he was incarcerated or free. I don't think it would have made a big difference in his life. I believe in the next couple weeks are going to be our permanent problem resolved for us and I think everybody going to be happy with the results. Give us a little more time on that. We want a finished product- not a band-aid to the problem because they're not going to care.

Last and least, I'd like to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and like I say the best gift you can give is the gift of love to each other and as you go into a New Year. I'm going to tell you a Happy New Year. You know you got to leave all your problems in 2016. Leave them in 2016. Don't take them to the 2017 year with you, you know? The only person that suffers when you take that anger over to the following year is you, because the person who makes you mad, they not thinking about it at all. So Merry Christmas. Happy New Year and be safe. Please don't drink and drive during the holiday because I'd be on the road and I don't want to get hit by nobody. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. LaMalfa.

CLMN LAMALFA: I don't have anything tonight, Mr. Chairman.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Clmn Nenadovich.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Seeing that Mr. Dobies used the time. Kidding. I will be brief. I'd also like to recognize Mr. Glenn. It takes a lot of guts to do what he did. Go some place nobody ever went before. Not knowing if you are going to come back. Up in space. Mr. John Glenn.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Oh, John Glenn.

CLMN NENADOVICH: I'd like to thank the residents that came to the meeting tonight. This is what we need. We need participation. How long do you think it will be before the new Building Commissioner hates me?

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Let's stick with the rules of Miscellaneous Business.

CLMN NENADOVICH: Miscellaneous Business. I'd like to thank everybody for the goodies. I want to wish everybody a Happy New Year and Merry Christmas. You got it.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Glenn.

CLMN GLENN: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to start off by thanking the Mayor. Merry Christmas. Happy New Year. His wife, Jeannie. All the Administrators of the city of Garfield Heights. The residents of Ward 4. There's going to be a lot of construction this year. A lot of positive things as far as construction of new roads. I'm looking forward to it. There's going to be a lot of traffic jams. So Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everybody here. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: I'd like to wish the Mayor, his wife Jeannie, the Mayor's staff and all Members of Council to have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you are going anywhere and you are traveling, just take your time and come back to us safe. Thank you. Clmn Burke.

CLMN BURKE: Thank you, Mr. President. I'd like to say that I had a nice conversation with Mr. Wigdalski, the former owner of the Turney Auto Parts. You know, it's tough to be a smaller business in a world where you got all kinds of giants out there. In my line of work, it's basically Home Depot and some of the big box stores. But one of the things that sticks out about Mr. Wigdalski that really made an impression on me was his number one concern was his employees. You just don't find people like that anymore. I was very, very humbled to have met him and got to speak to him and I'd never forget him.

I, too, would also like to thank the Mayor and Mrs. Collova and wish them a Merry Christmas. I'd like to thank all the Directors, all the employees of the City of Garfield Heights for their hard work this year. I'd like to say Merry Christmas to each and everybody out there, especially all those in Ward 6. Thank you.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: Mr. Vaughn.

CLMN VAUGHN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mayor, people of Ward 7 would like to thank you for what you did to get Turney Road done in Ward 7. It is wonderful. I invite everybody to drive

down to that end. You can experience it and you'll know exactly what it's going to be like next year when the rest of the road gets done. Dave Krock, thank you. Truly, it's beautiful. It is and I got to say Mr. Nero didn't complain at all, so I'm pleased.

Barb, I want to thank you for getting everything together. I know we put you on a timeline with us getting rid of the meeting at the end of the month, but I think we all would like a little break and thank you for getting everything to us in a timely fashion.

Block Watch will be Thursday night at St. Monica's in the school building. Please come down at 7 o'clock. Everybody's invited. It's going to be our Christmas party. We're going to have anybody from the Police Department there? We're working on it. I invite your group to come. Mr. Feeney, I'd like to thank you and your group for bringing new ideas and I hope you guys continue to bring ideas to us.

I want to say thank you for all the great gifts tonight. My endocrinologist appreciates it as I do. I guess I'll be back on my insulin starting next week so that's OK. Everybody have a Merry Christmas. Be safe. Enjoy the New Year and be good to one another.

Mr. Chairman, I would recommend that we adjourn from this meeting.

PRESIDENT SUSTER: On the motion made by Mr. Vaughn to adjourn the meeting, all those in favor signify by saying Yea. All opposed?

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 p.m.

APPROVED:

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Joseph Suster
President of Council

Barbara Molin
Clerk of Council