



## CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 20, 2020**

- Call to Order:** Mayor Bradley D. Sellers at 7:00p.m. via Zoom Meetings Application
- Attendance:** Councilwoman Hagwood, Councilwoman Edwards, Councilwoman White, Councilman Stewart, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Anderson and Council President Howard  
**Roll Call: 7 Present**
- Prayer:** Councilwoman Kimberly Hodge Edwards
- Minutes:** October 6, 2020 Regular Meeting  
**Motion to Approve by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Abs – Motion Carried**

**Departmental Reports:** Mayor Sellers stated that Council should have a copy of the Departmental Reports in their possession. He stated that if they have any questions to please reach out to the individual Director. He stated that if they have additional questions, they can contact the Office of the Mayor as well for further discussion.

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**Residents' Emailed Requests and Comments:** None submitted to Clerk of Council.

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### **Order of the Day**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Ord. 2020 - 138      MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
ACCEPTING A CERTAIN BID FROM SIGNAL SERVICE COMPANY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION NEAR THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$288,035.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman White**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 1 Nay; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

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- 2. Ord. 2020 - 139**      **COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF MARIE CIPOLLETTA OF SIGNARAMA, REPRESENTING DIMITRI HIONIS OF 23098 EMERY ROAD LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE FOR METRO T-MOBILE LOCATED AT 23124 EMERY ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-15-025.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman Edwards, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 3. Ord. 2020-140**      **COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF DMITRY BELKIN OF 5422 E. 96 LLC, REPRESENTING THE SAME, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE FOR DIGITAL FORENSICS CORPORATION LLC LOCATED AT 4400 RENAISSANCE PARKWAY, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-05-003.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman White**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 4. Ord. 2020 - 141**      **COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF JOHN BRUYERE OF SOUTH POINTE HOSPITAL, REPRESENTING THE CLEVELAND CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF 20 TEMPORARY BANNER SIGNS ON 10 UTILITY POLES LOCATED ALONG HARVARD AND WARRENSVILLE CENTER ROADS NEAR 20000 HARVARD ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128.  
**Motioned by Council President Howard, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 5. Ord. 2020 - 142**      **COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF DIANE BIJA OF NEW CREATION BUILDERS LLC, REPRESENTING HARRY COLSON, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A DECK LOCATED AT 20110 GLADSTONE ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44122, PPN 761-06-033.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

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- 6. Ord. 2020 - 143** **COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF ZANE BELYEA OF JEWISH FUNERALS USA, LLC, REPRESENTING INTERSTATE EAST LTD, FOR THE OPERATION OF CLEVELAND JEWISH FUNERALS LOCATED AT 26801 MILES ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-42-005.  
**Motioned by Councilman Anderson, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 7. Ord. 2020 – 144** **COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF ALBERT HADDAD OF ELLET SIGN COMPANY, REPRESENTING INTERSTATE EAST LTD, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE FOR CLEVELAND JEWISH FUNERALS LOCATED AT 26801 MILES ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-42-005.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Council President Howard**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 8. Res. 2020-054** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION OF JEROME AND MARY WILEY FOR 11179 DANDRIDGE DRIVE LOCATED IN CINEMA PARK, PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 762-08-025, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3735 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 9. Res. 2020-055** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
RESCINDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 2020-051 (AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO DONATE \$1,500.00 TO THE OHIO UNIVERSITY HERITAGE COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE – CLEVELAND TO ASSIST WITH THE ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT).  
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

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- 10. Res. 2020-056 COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATTHEW HOWARD**  
 CANCELLING THE 2020 ANNUAL HALLOWEEN HANDOUT ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilman Stewart**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

**ADD-ONS**

- 11. Res. 2020-057 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO APPLY FOR, AND ACCEPT IF AWARDED, THE 2021 MULTI-AGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM (MARCS) GRANT THROUGH THE DIVISION OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Stewart**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

- 12. Res. 2020-058 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO APPLY FOR THE CLEAN OHIO GREEN SPACE CONSERVATION PROGRAM GRANT THROUGH THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION AND STREAM CORRIDORS OF THE BEAR CREEK RIPARIAN AND SUPPORTING SAID PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Council President Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 13. Ord. 2020 – 126 COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
 09/15/20: 1<sup>ST</sup> READ  
 10/06/20: 2<sup>ND</sup> READ  
 10/20/20: 3<sup>RD</sup> READ  
 ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF LEO BELKIN OF CLEVELAND AUTO STORE, LLC, REPRESENTING DMITRY BELKIN OF 5422 E. 96<sup>TH</sup> LLC, FOR THE OPERATION OF AN INDOOR AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIP LOCATED AT 4400 RENAISSANCE PARKWAY, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-05-003.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Council President Howard**  
**Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 2 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

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**Announcements from Directors:**

**Fire Department - Chief Herb Waugh** wished everyone a good evening. He thanked Council for passing the legislation for the MARCS Radio Grant and explained that it is to enhance the radios in the Department. He shared that the Department received a grant from Firehouse and will be purchasing thermal imaging cameras and accessories. Chief Waugh stated that there are a lot of decisions Superintendent Jolly, Mayor Sellers and Council have made during the pandemic and how many decision have to “come from the hip” sometimes so he applauds all they have done. He commented that we do not want to fear this pandemic but we do want to respect it and take the necessary precautions.

**Community Development Manager - Raymon Turner** wished everyone a good evening. He commented that he had the opportunity to speak with Anne Spadaro with the Cleveland Clinic yesterday and the Eastwood Wellness and Fitness Park is getting good reviews. He stated that as a physical therapist, she has done some work in the park and thanks everyone for their contribution.

**Police Department - Chief Wes Haynes** had nothing to report.

**Chief of Staff - Kelli Wilson** had nothing to report.

**Building Department - Commissioner Ben Brown** had nothing to report.

**Finance Department - Director Karen Howse** had nothing to report.

**Announcements from Council:**

**Councilwoman Mitchell** wished everyone a good evening. She stated we are living in history because 60 years ago on October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Warrensville Heights was chartered as a municipality and became a city and there was an amazing celebration on the football field. She shared that this past Saturday, ground was broken to create a new high school and new grounds for our school so in a way we have come full circle. She remarked if there is anyone you know that can take a mammogram it is important to be ever vigilant. She commented that there is a lot going on in the world today but one thing we know is that early detection can help and today is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. She added Vote, Vote, Vote!

**Councilman Anderson** had nothing to report.

**Councilwoman Hagwood** wished everyone a good evening and asked that they stay safe and be well.

**Councilwoman Edwards** had nothing to report.

**Councilman Stewart** had nothing to report.

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**Councilwoman White** sent out her deepest sympathy and condolences for the passing of retired Lieutenant, Fred Kerling in the Police Department.

### **Council President's Comments**

**Council President Howard** wished everyone a good evening. He thanked everyone that took the time out to join the meeting. He commented that Council had four meetings today and thanked everyone for their participation in accomplishing a lot. Council President thanked Superintendent Donald Jolly for providing an update during Caucus. He remarked that the School District is tasked with some unique obstacles this year and they have moved forward the best way they can. He reminded everyone that due to Election Day on Tuesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the next Council meeting will be held the following day on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Law Department**

**Director Teresa Metcalf Beasley** had nothing to report.

### **Mayor's Comments**

**Mayor Sellers** thanked everyone for joining the meeting this evening. He stated there was legislation that passed to cancel all Halloween events in the City this year due to the pandemic. He remarked that he and Police Chief Haynes are still prepared to see children walking around the City.

**Chief Haynes** stated he is bringing in night shift two hours early so there will be overlap with an additional 5-6 officers on the streets surveying and protecting the children that shouldn't be out and keep the community safe.

Mayor Sellers announced that the Municipal Center Open House scheduled for October 26<sup>th</sup> will be postponed due to Cuyahoga County moving into the red category for COVID cases. He stated they are working on virtual tours and once things are clear, they will move forward with the event. He reported that on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6p.m. in Council Chambers, the City will be entertaining some residents that contacted the City about flooding issues. He stated a plan will be released to look at areas in the City and work with the Village of Highland Hills and City of Cleveland. He reported that the Board of Zoning & Appeals meeting this month will be in-person. Mayor Sellers acknowledged the passing of a longtime member of the Police force, Lieutenant Fred Kerling that lost his battle with cancer and sent condolences to his family. He announced that an officer of 29 years with the Police force, Sergeant Darren Senft put in his letter of resignation which has been accepted. He shared that he had a very engaging meeting with Sherwin-Williams yesterday about their property, timeline, plans and goals. He recognized Superintendent Jolly, School Board President Traci Mitchell, Vice President Ray Freeman and the rest of the School Board members for advancing the school agenda in the midst of the pandemic. He commended them for guiding the District in a positive way. He recognized Chief of Staff Kelli Wilson, Police Chief Wes Haynes and Finance Director Karen Howse for their efforts with the new Municipal Center. Mayor Sellers encouraged everyone to vote and get people they know to vote.

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Lastly, he stated that the County is looking to dispose of the Service Department building and will have more details as he dialogues with them further.

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**Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn by Councilwoman White

**Adjournment at 7:41p.m.**

*11-04-2020*

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APPROVED



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