



## CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 4, 2020**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Bradley D. Sellers at 7:00p.m. via Zoom Meetings Application

**Attendance:** Councilwoman Edwards, Councilwoman White, Councilman Stewart,  
Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Anderson and Council President Howard  
**Roll Call: 6 Present**

**Motion to Excuse Councilwoman Dorise Hagwood by Councilwoman  
White, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs - Motion Carried**

**Prayer:** Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell

**Minutes:** October 20, 2020 Regular Meeting  
**Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by  
Council President Howard  
Roll Call: 5 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 – 145    MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$415,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT AND EQUIPPING OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE EMERY WOODS DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Anderson,  
Seconded by Council President Howard  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

**2. Ord. 2020 – 146**

**MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN ELEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT, APPROVING AN ELEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL TRUST AGREEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION, DELIVERY AND APPROVAL OF RELATED DOCUMENTS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FOR THE PAYMENT OF ALL OR A PORTION OF THE BASE RENT PAYABLE UNDER THE LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT, AS AMENDED BY THE FIRST, SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH, FIFTH, SIXTH, SEVENTH, EIGHTH, NINTH AND TENTH SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT, APPROVING A RENEWAL TERM FOR SUCH LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND PROVIDING FOR AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF 2020-1 CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION, THE PROCEEDS OF WHICH WILL BE USED TO RETIRE THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF THE OUTSTANDING 2019-1 CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION AT MATURITY AND APPROVING OTHER RELATED MATTERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards,  
Seconded by Council President Howard  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

**3. Res. 2020 – 059**

**MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF A 1.00 MILL RENEWAL LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING STREET LIGHTING PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE CHAPTER 5705, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motioned by Councilwoman Edwards, Passage by Councilman Stewart,  
Seconded by Councilwoman White  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

### **ADD ONS**

**4. Res. 2020 – 060**

**MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO HAVE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 19700 MILES ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO 44128 PPN 762-13-008 AND OWNED BY THE BOARD OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPRAISED FOR VALUATION FOR MUNICIPAL, CIVIC AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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**Motioned by Council President Howard, Passage by Councilwoman White,  
Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

- 5. Res. 2020 – 061      MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO DONATE TEN (10) SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS UNITS, CONSISTING OF BOTTLES AND HARNESSSES, TO THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL FIRE ACADEMY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman Edwards, Passage by Councilwoman White,  
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 6. Ord. 2020 - 124      COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
09/15/20: 1<sup>st</sup> READ-TABLED      ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO  
11/04/20: 2<sup>nd</sup> READ      APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF RAYMON TURNER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, ON BEHALF OF MAYOR  
BRADLEY D. SELLERS, REPRESENTING THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, TO  
REPEAL AND REPLACE PART ELEVEN PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE  
CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman Edwards, Passage by Councilwoman White,  
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

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### **Announcements from Directors:**

**Fire Department – Captain Ellita Vedder** thanked Council for passing the legislation to donate the ten SCBAs to the high school because it will really benefit students with their vocational program.

**Community Development Manager - Raymon Turner** wished everyone a good evening. He reported the Clean Ohio representatives will be out on Friday to do a site visit on the parcels behind the library and the YMCA. He announced there will be a community meeting on November 9, 2020 regarding the Community Development Block Grant that the City applies for every year then the legislation will come before City Council.

**Finance Department - Director Karen Howse** reported that the City has now gone live with the new financial software system. She stated the Department Heads and end users are actively engaged in it and the new Chart of Accounts will be presented at the next Finance Committee meeting. She commented that although this process took a long time, it was well worth the time and the effort. She remarked that the customer service that they have received from BS&A has been stellar because they

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believe that our success is their success. She reported that the City of Warrensville was awarded \$108,000 in grant funding by NOPEC for the traffic signalization to be put on Richmond Road in front of the Municipal Center.

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

**Police Department – Chief Wesley Haynes** had nothing to report.

**Law Department – Assistant Director Keisha Hughes** wished everyone a good evening and thanked Council for passing the Zoning Code revisions. She stated she knows a lot of individuals were involved in the process, public meetings and Council had meetings to make sure they understood it so thanked them for their time.

**Announcements from Council:**

**Councilman Stewart** thanked everyone for coming out and had nothing to report.

**Councilwoman Mitchell** wished everyone a good evening. She gave kudos on the new financial software and echoed the Finance Director in stating it may have been long but definitely worth it! She commented that it is a wonderful thing to donate the SCBAs to the students in the firefighter academy to get a feel for what is involved and is exemplary. She remarked the fact that we are members of NOPEC always comes up and that she received a call today from a resident asking if the City was a member. She commented it is awesome to hear they have received a NOPEC grant that will come to the City. Lastly, she stated the residents are amazing by passing all of their issues that were on the ballot yesterday and it is wonderful to be in The Friendly City.

**Councilman Anderson** had nothing to report.

**Councilwoman White** asked everyone to stay safe and had nothing to report.

**Councilwoman Edwards** had nothing to report.

**Law Department**

**Director Teresa Metcalf Beasley** thanked Assistant Law Director Keisha Hughes and Community Development Manager Raymon Turner for taking the lead on revising the Zoning Code.

**Council President's Comments**

**Council President Howard** reported that the YMCA Food Bank will be held on Thursday but they have been having some issues with delivery. He shared that for the last two Food Banks "a certain President" felt that it was necessary to stick letters in the boxes stating they came from him. He disclosed that he votes Democrat but leads bipartisan and it does not matter to him what one's political party is. He stated there has been a lot of nonsense and foolishness and hopes there will be change in direction tonight. He remarked it is one thing that this individual became President one time

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but it says a lot about this country that so many people are okay with the foolishness that is going on. He stated he hopes to see the Democrats prevail tonight.

### **Mayor's Comments**

**Mayor Sellers** thanked everyone for joining the meeting this evening. He thanked everyone that participated in the voting process yesterday and commented that they are seeing democracy at work and are still seeing it today. He commented that this country is not immune from tough decisions and circumstances and we have to figure out how we will battle back together. He commented it is clear how split this country is and in order to be successful, we have to figure out how to find some common ground. He stated that hopefully tonight we can make some progress in that direction. He thanked the residents for voting for the local Charter amendments and the School Tax Levy. He remarked it was good to be out at the polls and see the number of young people present. He recognized School Board President Traci Mitchell in the Zoom meeting and he congratulated her on the passing of the levy. School Board President Mitchell thanked Mayor Sellers and shared that the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Pre-K-5 Elementary School is tentatively scheduled for November 21, 2020 at 10:00a.m. but it has not been finalized due to COVID. Mayor Sellers reported that the second half of Clarkwood Parkway should be poured soon as it has been dug out and the underground work is being completed. He reported they plan on applying for more grant funding to complete the second phase of the roadwork.

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### **Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn by Councilwoman Mitchell

**Adjournment at 7:30p.m.**

*11-17-2020*

APPROVED

  
Amber Joyner, Clerk of Council

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