



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS

Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES APRIL 6, 2021

Call to Order: Mayor Bradley D. Sellers at 7:03p.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: March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting
Motion to Approve by Council President Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards
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.

Live and Emailed Resident Requests and Comments: No emailed comments submitted. No live comments.

Order of the Day:

Motion made to group items 1-6 together and refer to Safety Committee by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried – FIRST READ, ITEMS 1-6 REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Items read onto the record by Law Director Beasley

- 1. Ord. 2021 - 047 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AMENDING VARIOUS RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CONCERNING CERTAIN GRAMMATICAL ERRORS.

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- 2. Ord. 2021 - 048** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AMENDING RULE 9.02 ORIGINAL APPOINTMENT PROCEDURE/NUMBER OF NAMES CERTIFIED OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 141.03 OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES CONCERNING SELECTION OF CANDIDATES FROM THE CERTIFIED LIST.
- 3. Ord. 2021 - 049** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AMENDING RULE 11.02 PROMOTIONS IN CLASS AND RULE 11.05 CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBLE LIST OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CONCERNING PROMOTIONS IN THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARMTNETS OF THE CITY.
- 4. Ord. 2021 - 050** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AMENDING SECTION 141.04 APPOINTMENT OF SERGEANTS AND LIEUTENANTS OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO REQUIRE POLICE OFFICERS TO HAVE CONTINUOUSLY SERVED FOUR (4) YEARS IN THE CITY'S POLICE DEPARTMENT BEFORE BEING PROMOTED TO SERGEANT AND TO HAVE CONTINUOUSLY SERVED ONE (1) YEAR AS SERGEANT BEFORE BEING PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANT IN SAID DEPARTMENT.
- 5. Ord. 2021 - 051** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AMENDING RULE 6.07 NOTICES AND SITES FOR COMPETITIVE EXAMINATIONS OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO INCREASE THE NOTICE PERIOD FOR ENTRY EXAMINATIONS.
- 6. Ord. 2021 - 052** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AMENDING RULE 5.03 RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO COMPLY WITH OHIO LAW CONCERNING RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS.
- 7. Ord. 2021 - 053** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-065 (APPOINTING NICHOLAS A. GOLDTHWAIT TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS) IN ORDER TO SPECIFY THE APPOINTMENT IS WITHOUT COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Council President Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

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- 8. Ord. 2021 - 054** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-066 (APPOINTING ROBERT D. STETKA TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS) IN ORDER TO SPECIFY THE APPOINTMENT IS WITHOUT COMPETITIVE EXAMINATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 9. Ord. 2021 - 055** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BTE ENTERPRISES COMPANY, LLC TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES TO SUPPLEMENT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY BEGINNING MARCH 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021.
Motioned by Council President Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried – FIRST READ
- 10. Ord. 2021 - 056** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A CLEANING AGREEMENT WITH JAN-PRO INTERNATIONAL TO PROVIDE CLEANING SERVICES AT THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CENTER DURING THE PERIOD OF AUGUST 26, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Council President Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Abs – Motion Carried
- 11. Ord. 2021 - 057** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
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Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Abs – Motion Carried
- 12. Ord. 2021 - 058** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO PAY THE WORK ORDER INVOICE FROM FALLSWAY EQUIPMENT CO., INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,797.49 FOR THE REPAIR OF A SIGNIFICANT HYDRAULIC LEAK

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ON A LADDER TRUCK IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Council President Howard,
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**

Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

- 13. Ord. 2021 - 059 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO PAY THE INVOICE FROM BEST COMMERCIAL ENERGY SERVICES, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,136.32 FOR THE REPAIR OF HEATING ELEMENTS ON THE HEATER MOTORS SERVICING BAYS AT STATION ONE AND STATION TWO IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
**Motioned by Councilman Anderson, Passage by Councilwoman White,
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 14. Ord. 2021 - 060 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-104 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA FOR THE RESURFACING OF GREEN ROAD IN ORDER TO CORRECT THE LOCATION OF THE RESURFACING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
**Motioned by Councilman Anderson, Passage by Councilwoman White,
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 15. Res. 2021 - 018 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-016 (AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION OF RODNEY AND CINDY MITCHELL) IN ORDER TO MAKE CERTAIN CORRECTIONS TO SECTION 2 OF SAID RESOLUTION.
**Motioned by Councilman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards,
Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood**
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 16. Res. 2021 - 019 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM CHLORIDE (ROCK SALT) THROUGH THE 2021 ODOT WINTER ROAD SALT CONTRACT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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**Motioned by Councilman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards,
Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

- 17. Ord. 2021 - 061 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GROUND PRO, LLC TO PROVIDE LANDSCAPING SERVICES AT THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CENTER DURING THE 2021 LANDSCAPE SEASON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
**Motioned by Councilman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards,
Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 1 Nay; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 18. Ord. 2021 - 062 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
ADOPTING A DONATION OF TIME POLICY TO BE INCLUDED IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND ADDED TO THE CITY'S SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION WITH THE CITY'S CURRENT STOP LOSS INSURANCE CARRIER.
**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards,
Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 19. Ord. 2021 - 063 COUNCILMAN WALTER STEWART (BUILDING COMMITTEE CHAIR)**
AMENDING SECTION 917.02 PLACEMENT AND TIME FOR COLLECTION OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE LOCATION OF THE STORAGE OF TRASH, RUBBISH, GARBAGE, REFUSE AND RECYCLABLES.
**Motioned by Council President Howard, Passage by Councilwoman White,
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 20. Ord. 2021 - 064 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS TO REJECT THE APPLICATION OF JASON CARROLL OF DAUGHERTY CONSTRUCTION, INC., REPRESENTING BRIAN AND SHARON MCQUEEN, TO ENCLOSE THE FRONT PORCH WITH KNEE WALLS, STORM WINDOWS AND A STORM DOOR LOCATED AT 19313 CHERRYWOOD LANE, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 761-15-063.
**Motioned by [inaudible], Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

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21. Ord. 2021 - 065 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

ACCEPTING A CERTAIN BID FROM MATRIX FITNESS TO PROVIDE DESIGN BUILD SERVICES FOR THE FITNESS CENTER AT THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CENTER AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$59,500.00.

**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Anderson,
Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 1 Nay; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

Announcements from Directors:

Human Resources Department – Nicole Johnson wished everyone a good evening. She thanked Council for passing item 18 and gave a special thank you to Attorney Beasley and Chief of Staff Wilson for assisting with the verbiage.

Fire Department – Chief Herb Waugh had nothing to report.

Community Development Manager – Raymon Turner announced the Exterior Maintenance Program will be moving forward this year and he is excited. He advised Council that if any of their residents need more information they can look on the website or call his office directly. He reported that there will be two shred days, June 26, 2021 from 11a.m.-2p.m. and August 28, 2021 from 11a.m.-2p.m., both held at the Municipal Center.

Councilwoman Hagwood requested that he send the dates out in an email.

Police Department – Chief Wes Haynes thanked Council for passing items 7 and 8 regarding Officers Nicholas Goldthwait and Robert Stetka. He commented they are good officers that have been with the Department for less than a year and deserve to be here. Chief Haynes reported that Floods Urban Seafood Lounge is currently under their second suspension as they did not pay their fines so they cannot serve any alcoholic beverages. He reported that beginning April 16, 2021, they are to serve a 120 day suspension, ending in August. Chief Haynes shared they have more cases that will be coming up soon and he has been gathering information for the Ohio Investigative Unit today so they can present to the panel. He remarked it is an uphill battle but the Department is going to continue to work towards rectifying what's going on over there.

Finance Department – Director Karen Howse wished everyone a good evening. She reported that she received an email confirmation from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) that the City received an award for good financing, auditing and reporting. She remarked that is the City's 13th or 14th year in a row receiving the award.

Building Department – Commissioner Ben Brown wished everyone a good evening. He reported that his Department will be starting the Exterior Property Maintenance Inspection Program on April 12, 2021 that will run in conjunction with the Exterior Maintenance Program coordinated by Community Development Manager Turner. He read the following streets that his Department will be inspecting

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this year: Glenview, Lee Heights, Cricket, Hickory, Larkspur, Preston, Cinema Park, Lanbury, Gladstone, Shakerwood, Balfour, Felch, Jennings, McCann, Holiday, Shadywood, Brookton, Montville, Glenmere, Hillcroft, Donover, Longman, Stone's Throw and Emery Woods.

Councilwoman Hagwood requested that he send the street list to Council in an email.

Law Department – Assistant Director Keisha Hughes wished everyone a good evening. She stated she has already updated the Civil Service Commission Policy to make sure in the future if there are additional rule revisions, they will be sent to Committee before being placed on the Regular Council Meeting Agenda. She stated she looks forward to further discussion in the Safety Committee meeting regarding items 1-6.

Chief of Staff – Kelli Wilson had nothing to report.

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Mitchell wished everyone a good evening and joked that it was too bad she didn't bet on the Baylor game. She thanked Building Commissioner Brown for taking her many emails and calls to answer her questions about resident concerns and doing it in a timely fashion. She told him she appreciated that and him. Councilwoman Mitchell asked if Police Chief Haynes could "beef up" the community nuisance because people are feeling "ready to party" and she is getting a lot of noise complaints. She remarked that she advises her residents to call the police and they will complain to her that no one came out. She asked if people can be cited or given a warning as much as possible especially after hearing about the "Disco Party Fiasco" at 3999 Warrentville. She commented that it "hurt her heart that people have to wake up with chicken bones in their yard and they know they didn't even have a change to eat the chicken! That's not acceptable!" She stated that people have parties in their backyard and the neighbors cannot shut off that noise. She asked again that Police Chief Haynes begin to ticket or give warnings for "peace in the hood."

Councilman Anderson had nothing to report.

Councilman Stewart stated he wanted to address the complaints he is receiving in Ward 4 to Police Chief Haynes and Mayor Sellers. He reported there is a lot of crime and he does not receive a lot of information. He remarked there is no real transparency coming from the Mayor's Administration. Councilman Stewart shared that there was "terrible gunfire" in his ward last Wednesday and another incident was reported on April 4, 2021 at 2:32a.m. He stated there is all kinds of activity going on along the strip on Northfield Road and his residents constantly call him asking why they never hear anything. He shared he will be having a meeting with Ms. Nelson, Mr. Brownlowe and other key residents because he is getting all kind of complaints about drug activity, prostitution, human trafficking and rape. He reported a lot of times when he speaks to someone, primarily Chief Haynes, no feedback is given. Councilman Stewart stated that what goes on in his ward affects all of the other wards and vice versa. He stated he hopes that the Administration is not communicating with some council members and not others. He remarked that a new school has been "erected in the midst of all that trash and it is a real problem." He commented that people can go on the Northfield Road strip and get "whatever

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they want, whenever they want it and wherever they want it.” He reported there are “weird looking people” of all races that come into the community all times of the day and night. Councilman Stewart recalled that he reported to Chief Haynes about two guys trying to kidnap a young lady out of the 4400 Building and Chief Haynes never followed up with him. He explained Chief Haynes had told him he couldn’t find anything regarding the incident on his computer but residents told him there were four or five police officers at the scene and the new female officer was identified. He shared that people are putting rugs in the apartment building doors and AIY won’t respond when the locks are busted on the doors. He reported the cameras have also been knocked out which coincided with the stimulus checks and tax refunds being dispersed. He stated there are a lot of seniors and single moms in the apartment buildings and the culprits focus on their victims. He reported that the trash compactor rooms in the 4400 Building have been shut down and this is troubling for the seniors and no one told him when they were initially shut down. He stated when he pulls up to his apartment he often sees carloads of “shady looking individuals” and takes a drive to Garfield and comes back to avoid them. He reiterated that the strip on Northfield has to go because it is “a cesspool.” He questioned if there is an escape route at the Warrensville Library Branch because he has heard reports of four of five incidents of gunfire in the area in the past year. He stated he has to get some help. He appealed to his colleagues to help him because it affects their wards as well.

Councilwoman White thanked Building Commissioner Brown stating that he always returns call and is helpful. She commented “he’s the best!” She shared that Community Development Manager Turner and Building Commissioner Brown put their information they discussed in their Departmental Reports. She thanked the Department Heads who submitted reports.

Councilwoman Hagwood stated that Councilwoman White can print out the report and bring it to her because her printer doesn’t work. She asked that Community Development Manager Turner send the email to her. She wished everyone a good evening.

Councilwoman Edwards wished everyone a good evening. She commented that there is a lot going on in our community, throughout the state of Ohio and throughout the entire country. She stated we want our community to be a safe place where we live, work and play. Councilwoman Edwards thanked Councilman Stewart for sharing the issues going on in his ward to their attention. She stated she is sure people are doing their best to deal with the situation so we have to keep pressing forward. She thanked the staff that continues to show the City that it is worth their time and effort and she appreciated it. Lastly, Councilwoman Edwards shared that her daughter Imani will be the Executive Assistant to Madam Secretary Fudge.

Councilwoman White remarked that Councilman Stewart shouldn’t think he is the only one being ignored because it will all work out and that the matters he shared are “universal problems.”

Law Department-Director Teresa Metcalf Beasley had nothing to report.

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Council President's Comments:

Council President Howard commented that they had a “healthy dialogue” during Caucus and he is proud and glad that Council and Administration found a middle ground in some of the issues addressed. He announced that the Economic Development meeting will be tentatively held the fourth Thursday of every month at 3:00p.m. He stated they will further discuss the time to make sure it works for everyone. The Service Committee meeting will be tomorrow, April 7, 2021 at 2p.m. He asked that Councilman Anderson, as Chair, schedule a Safety Committee Meeting as requested during Caucus. He stated a Building Committee Meeting needs to be called to discuss the exterior lighting ordinance and the Family Dollar signage at the request of Building Commissioner Brown. He asked if Building Commissioner Brown can look at the sidewalk in front of his home for the Exterior Property Maintenance Inspection. Building Commissioner Brown responded that Service Director Ted Sims has his staff marking the sidewalks. Council President Howard commented to Councilman Stewart that he understands what he is saying; as Councilman, he is the liaison between the City and the residents. He stated Councilman Stewart has every right to bring up his concerns and every right to get answers. He agreed that the area with the hotels is terrible and it is embarrassing that the City can allow places like that to operate. Council President Howard stated there are certain laws that prohibit them from getting rid of the hotels so he understands Administration’s standpoint. He commented that he wants to ride with Councilman Stewart one day to look at the area. He reported that there are future plans for that area because he and Mayor Sellers want that area cleaned up. He reported that he had a meeting with State Representative Juanita Brent and will invite her to speak at Caucus as there are new bills and mandates coming. Lastly, he shared that for the month of April the Warrensville YMCA is open on every Friday and to send the information out to constituents.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Sellers thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He shared that there are a multitude of things going on in this City and not just Ward 4. He stated the key is to push forward and make a collective effort to revise and revamp some things and it doesn’t happen at a “snap of the fingers.” He stated it takes years of effort for things to blossom. He remarked the upcoming months are going to be very important so they should continue to work together. He thanked everyone for their time.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilwoman Mitchell

Adjournment at 8:02p.m.

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APPROVED


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