



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS

Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MAY 4, 2021

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

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

Prayer: Council President Matthew Howard

Motion to Excuse by Councilwoman Mitchell, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

Minutes: April 20, 2021 Regular Meeting
Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Council President Howard
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 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.

Motion for an Executive Session pursuant to ORC.121.22 (G)(2)
To consider the purchase, sale, lease, or other disposition of real property
Motioned by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Council President Howard
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs - Motion Carried

Council adjourned from Regular Meeting Agenda to Executive Session at 7:08p.m.

Motion to Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene to Regular Meeting Agenda
by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 7:33p.m.

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Order of the Day:**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Res. 2021 - 020** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD HICKS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 2. Ord. 2021 - 079** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AMENDING THE 2021 APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 3. Ord. 2021 - 080** **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, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Council President Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

- 4. 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.
 1ST READ: 04/06/2021
 2ND READ: 05/04/2021
Motioned by Councilwoman Hagwood, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

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- 5. 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.
 1ST READ: 04/06/2021
 2ND READ: 05/04/2021
Motioned by Councilwoman Edwards, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 6. 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 DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY.
 1ST READ: 04/06/2021
 2ND READ: 05/04/2021
Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 7. 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.
 1ST READ: 04/06/2021
 2ND READ: 05/04/2021
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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- 8. 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.
 1ST READ: 04/06/2021
 2ND READ: 05/04/2021
Motioned by Councilwoman Edwards, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 9. 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.
 1ST READ: 04/06/2021
 2ND READ: 05/04/2021
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried – THIRD READ
- 10. Ord. 2021 - 069 COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
 ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF TH, LLC DBA TWISTED HEADZ SMOKESHOP, REPRESENTING EMERY GREEN ENTERPRISE LLC, FOR SIGNAGE LOCATED AT 23081 EMERY ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-01-026.
 1ST READ: 04/20/2021
 2ND READ: 05/04/2021
Motioned by Council President Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 1 Nay; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

Announcements from Directors:

Fire Department – Captain Ellita Vedder said thank you for the continued work on the Civil Service Rule changes because it was a long-involved process of the Civil Service Commission with Council and the Mayor’s support.

Service Department – Director Ted Sims wished everyone a good evening and announced the Department opened up on Saturday although it is very wet up there. He reported they are cleaning up and cutting the grass as best as they can. He stated when it dries out they will get the grass where it should be and it will be pretty nice.

Human Resources Department – Director Nicole Johnson wished everyone a good evening. She thanked the Mayor, Council and Kelli Wilson as her last day working with the City was announced. She

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stated it has truly been a pleasure working for the City of Warrensville Heights. She stated some may know she owns property and has plenty of friends and family in Warrensville so she will not be a stranger.

Finance Department – Director Karen Howse wished everyone a good evening and thanked Council for passing the permanent appropriation amendment.

Chief of Staff – Kelli Wilson had nothing to report.

Police Department – Chief Wesley Haynes welcomed Edward Hicks to the Civil Service Commission stating he is looking forward to working with him. He thanked Council for passing Items 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. He stated that Assistant Law Director Keisha Hughes, Fire Chief Waugh and Civil Service Commissioners Edward White and Phyllis Tullos put in a lot of hard work preparing those items.

Building Department – Commissioner Ben Brown reported the High Grass Nuisance Abatement Program started last week and they have begun issuing citations to residents who are not in compliance. He stated it will take them a while to get caught up with all the rain they've had so asked that they be patient.

Building Department - Operations Manager Sterlie Jones had nothing to report.

Community Development Manager – Raymon Turner welcomed Edward Hicks to the Civil Service Commission and wished Director Nicole Johnson well in her future endeavors. He reported the first Shred Day is Saturday, June 26, 2021 from 11a.m.-2p.m. and the second on Saturday, August 28, 2021 from 11a.m.-2p.m., both at the Municipal Center.

Law Department-Director Teresa Metcalf Beasley wished Director Nicole Johnson the best.

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Mitchell wished everyone a good evening. She stated it is wonderful to see the Fire Department, Director Sims and Captain Vedder. She welcomed Edward Hick to Civil Service Commission. She told Director Nicole Johnson she will miss her and has appreciated her professionalism and service to the community. She gave her condolences to Councilman Stewart for the passing of his mother Gertrude Stewart, stating that she gained her wings. She reported that William Price, the Defense Coordinator and In-School Suspension person at the high school who she referred to as "The Czar" gained his wings as well. She reported the voting process was wonderful and although the City only had one item, it was nice and safe. She wished all the mothers as well as those that "mother others" a Happy Mother's Day.

Councilwoman White welcomed Edward Hicks to the Civil Service Commission. She stated it was nice to see the Fire Department at the meeting. She thanked Fire Chief Waugh and the rest of the Department because she went into the Family Dollar on Green Rd. and it was "an absolute wreck" and

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she was sure it was a fire hazard. She stated she called Chief Waugh at around 4:30p.m.-4:45p.m. and by 5:30p.m., he has already issued a citation so he appreciates the quick attention. She told Director Nicole Johnson that it was great working with her and wished her luck in whatever she decided to do.

Councilman Anderson had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Hagwood reported that the mother of the former Civic & Senior Center Director Linda Gay earned her wings as well. She stated everyone needs to be more careful with their kindness and consideration with each other because tomorrow is not promised. She told Director Nicole Johnson she is going to miss her professional, kind and considerate face. She stated it has been a pleasure reconnecting with her and watching her since high school and that she has always been a beautiful person. She stated she believes and prays that her next journey will be a blessed one.

Councilwoman Edwards gave her condolences to the family of Councilman Stewart as well as Linda Gay's family. She commented there has been a lot of loss over the past few month across the United States so we have to love each other while we can. She welcomed Edward Hicks to the Civil Service Commission and stated that he will be a good addition to the Commission. She congratulated Director Nicole Johnson on whatever lies ahead and wished her much success in all her future endeavors.

Council President's Comments:

Council President Howard wished everyone a good evening. He announced that the Clarkwood HOA has started up again with monthly meetings under the leadership of President Joannie Cooper. They will be meeting on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 7p.m. He commented that usually they have a speaker come and they have reached out to Superintendent Jolly to speak and provide updates on the schools particularly John Dewey in Ward 5. He thanked Service Director Sims and the Department for the excellent job they were doing and it is much appreciated. He congratulated Edwards Hicks on joining the Civil Service Commission and stated they all look forward to working with him. He told Director Nicole Johnson her time with the City was short-lived but she did a lot of excellent work in that time and he's sure wherever she goes she will add value there. He told her she will be missed and if she ever needs anything to reach out and they'll do what they can for her. He encouraged people to still wear their masks and be safe. He stated the Governor's Office reached out to him again because they are looking to host a pop-up vaccination site in the City of Warrensville Heights so they are in discussion to make that happen and he will provide updates. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Sellers thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He welcomed Edward Hicks to the Civil Service Commission and stated he knows he will work well with Edward White and Phyllis Tullos. He thanked Mr. White and Ms. Tullos for being at the Municipal Center all last week accepting applications for the Police Department. He recognized School Board Vice President Ray Freeman and thanked him for keeping the City informed about positive things that are going on with the School District as they bring children back to live classes from being virtual. He sent his condolences to Councilman Stewart and his family for the loss of his mother and to Linda Gay for the loss of her

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mother. He reported that Mr. Horvath, a longtime Ward 6 resident on McCann St. passed away and his viewing is tomorrow and the funeral is on Thursday. He thanked Council for passing Items 2 and 3. He also thanked Council for passing the revisions to the Civil Service Rules because the Commission has spent a lot of time trying to get that cleaned up. Lastly, he said he is sorry to see Director Nicole Johnson go and he wished her the best. He stated he has appreciated her service to the community and her commitment has never wavered. He commented that her professionalism is untouched at the City and she will be sorely missed as an integral part of the team.

Councilwoman Mitchell announced that the “last roar” for the middle school as other generations knew it will be Friday, May 28, 2021 and Saturday, May 29, 2021, when they will unearth the time capsule. She stated it will be there way of saying goodbye to a building that has a lot of memories in it.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Council President Howard

Adjournment at 8:02p.m.

05-18-2021

APPROVED


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