

CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MAY 18, 2021

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

Attendance: Councilwoman Hagwood, Councilwoman White, Councilman Stewart,

Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Anderson and Council President Howard

Roll Call: 6 Present

Prayer: Councilwoman Dorise Hagwood

Motion to Excuse Councilwoman Kimberly Hodge Edwards by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman White

Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs - Motion Carried

Minutes: May 4, 2021 Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by

Councilwoman Hagwood

Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs - Motion Carried

<u>Departmental Reports</u>: 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.

Emailed and Live Resident Requests and Comments: One emailed comment read onto the record by Clerk of Council.

Kerano Tucker, Ward 3 Resident

I am attaching a picture of me and my neighbor's backyard. Last month I asked when the contractor will come back out to repair our yards.

Can the city please cut the weeds down? They are coming through the fence into my yard. They have been out cutting 3 times but they do not cut that part. Thank you.

Mayor Sellers stated the company that did the work was contacted by City Engineer Dan Gerson. It has been raining but now that the weather is changing they will be coming out soon. He explained that Ms. Tucker and her neighbor live on the side facing the service garage and the weeds are coming through the fence line.

Service Director Ted Sims stated he thinks he observed the weeds and the servicemen will be out tomorrow to cut the weeds down. He will definitely look at the area tomorrow and contact Council Clerk Joyner to reach the resident.

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Council President Howard stated he looked at the pictures and confirmed the location is the first two houses at the entrance of Cinema Park at the back side of the service garage.

Janice Rox, Ward 2 Resident

She stated that the marquee in front of the old City Hall building is very misleading because it says Warrensville Heights City Hall and needs to be changed to Warrensville Heights Fire Department. She stated that she went into the new Family Dollar at Warrensville Center Rd. and Harvard Rd. and she guessed that they don't know what trash receptacles are. She observed that they had cardboard boxes sitting outside with trash in them. She reported that people could not walk down the aisles because they had boxes of goods blocking customers from getting by. She added that she thinks the store is "appalling" and is a fire hazard inside.

Building Commissioner Brown responded that he is aware of the boxes used for trash and he will be sending out a notice. He has not been on the inside since he did the initial inspection but he will do a site visit tomorrow.

Councilwoman Hagwood reported that she was in the store at 3:55p.m. today and she did not see any boxes in the aisles so hopefully they cleaned it up or it happened after she left but she did see boxes outside with trash in them.

Mayor Sellers asked Building Commissioner Brown if they have trash receptacles like they have at the Municipal Center and Building Commissioner Brown responded yes. It is behind their fence but he will double check tomorrow that it hasn't been removed by the last tenant. Mayor Sellers asked that Building Commissioner Brown send out an email letting everyone know his findings.

Councilwoman White stated that she experienced the same situation with boxes blocking the aisles at the Family Dollar on Emery Rd. and she contacted Fire Chief Waugh because she knew it had to be a fire hazard. She asked Chief Waugh if he would explain.

Fire Chief Waugh reported that he sent an Inspection Chief over to the store on Emery Rd. and stepped up their inspections because that store has been non-compliant. The one on Emery Rd. was cited and they reported the information to Building Commissioner Brown. He stated they will be returning on Friday.

Clarence Davis, Ward 1 Resident

He stated that he lives on Wickfield Ave. and has a problem with a neighbor at 20112. He stated the guy living there is starting a junkyard and he thinks that Mayor Sellers is aware of this. Mr. Davis stated he has never seen anything like it and he has lived on the street since 1978.

Building Commissioner Brown stated that he is familiar with the property and it has been declared a public nuisance. He is scheduled to be in Housing Court with the owner on May 27, 2021 at 9:00a.m. He stated he has been to the home at least five times. The process is to go before the judge and he or she will issue an order for the property to be abated and the owner is given a deadline to come into compliance. Building Commissioner Brown stated that if the owner does not abate the city will at the owner's cost.

Ann Hughes and Pam Hughes Ward 1 Residents

Ann Hughes stated she also lives on Wickfield Ave. and she has never seen anything like what the gentleman is doing at 20112 before. She reported that the nuisance has been going on for a year and a half. It is time for something to be done and take him to court because nothing has happened and it is unacceptable.

Mayor Sellers responded that due to the pandemic a lot of cases haven't been heard but the city is well aware of what is going on. There are a number of cases that are being held in abeyance by Bedford Municipal Court.

Pam Hughes stated she noticed some of the trucks have been removed and are red or orange tagged. One has been sitting there and orange tagged for over a week now. Ms. Hughes asked what the process is for that. Does the truck just sit there until he moves it or can it be towed? Police Chief Haynes replied that his officers cited the vehicles as abandoned motor vehicles. He reported the vehicle tagged had expired plates on it and the resident got plates for it so the vehicle is legal to be there. The other vehicles are gone. Ms. Hughes responded that the trucks were holding trash. It is an eyesore so anything the city can do to help is appreciated.

Councilwoman Hagwood reported that there has been a drastic turnaround from what they've been seeing for a long time at 20112 Wickfield Ave. She commended the Building Commissioner Brown because he addressed the matter within an hour of her calling him and sending pictures.

Mayor Sellers stated he does not know what is going on with the gentleman that lives in that property but whatever it is cannot continue on Wickfield Ave.

Order of the Day:

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ord. 2021 - 081

COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)

ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF LEONARD WASHINGTON, REPRESENTING THE SAME, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A WOOD DECK LOCATED AT 4512 SPRINGVALE DRIVE, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-02-078.

Motioned by Council President Howard, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood

Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs - Motion Carried

2. Ord. 2021 - 082

COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)

ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF ANTHONY HODEL OF CLEVELAND USED CARS & GUARANTEED AUTO FINANCE, LLC, REPRESENTING SBP LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, FOR A CONDITIONAL USE APPROVAL TO OPERATE OF AN INDOOR AUTOMOBILE SHOWROOM LOCATED AT 4911 COMMERCE PARKWAY, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-41-010.

Motioned by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 1 Nay; 0 Abs – Motion Carried – FIRST READ

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3. Ord. 2021 - 083

COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)

ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO

APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF ISHMAEL MARTIN, REPRESENTING THE SAME,
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME LOCATED AT 22701 VERA

STREET, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-10-041.

Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Anderson

Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Anderson, Seconded by Councilman Stewart

Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs - Motion Carried

4. Ord. 2021 - 084

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LEXIPOL, LLC TO PROVIDE USE OF SUBSCRIPTION MATERIAL FOR AN ANNUAL FIRE POLICY MANUAL AND DAILY TRAINING BULLETINS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JANUARY 31, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman White Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

5. Ord. 2021 - 085

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO AMEND THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH MOMENTUM TELECOM, INC. TO PROVIDE VOICE CIRCUIT SERVICES TO THE CITY FOR A TERM OF THREE (3) YEARS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Anderson, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood

Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs - Motion Carried

6. Ord. 2021 - 086

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT WITH JACKSON, DIEKEN & ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, INCLUDING PROPERTY AND CASUALTY, AND RISK MANAGEMENT, FOR A PERIOD BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2021 THROUGH MAY 31, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motioned by Councilman Anderson, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood

Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs - Motion Carried

7. Ord. 2021 - 087

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

APPOINTING KALIN BERRY TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

8. Ord. 2021 - 088 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

APPOINTING TYLER DANKOVICH TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman White Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

9. Res. 2021 - 021 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENGAGE IN A PUBLIC BIDDING PROCESS TO ADVERTISE FOR AND SOLICIT COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR CLEANING SERVICES AT THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS.

Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Stewart,
Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood

10. Ord. 2021 - 089 COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATTHEW HOWARD

Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

AMENDING SECTION 121.02 RULE 2 OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO REVISE THE LIST OF STANDING COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND INCLUDE THE APPOINTMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT.

Councilwoman Hagwood called for Point of Discussion. She requested that Item No. 10 be referred to Committee of the Whole for further discussion.

Motioned by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman White Roll Call: 3 Ayes; 2 Nays; 1 Abs — Motion Carried- REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

11. Ord. 2021 - 090 COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATTHEW HOWARD

AMENDING SECTION 121.02 RULE 3 OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ALLOW ELECTRONIC SERVICE FOR NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Seconded by Council President Howard Roll Call: 3 Ayes; 3 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Denied

12. Ord. 2021 - 091 COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATTHEW HOWARD

AMENDING SECTION 121.02 RULE 6 OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO REVISE THE TIMELINE AND DELIVERY OF REQUESTS FOR LEGISLATION AND THE COUNCIL AGENDA.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Seconded by Council President Howard Roll Call: 3 Ayes; 3 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Denied

13. Ord. 2021 - 092 COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATTHEW HOWARD

AMENDING SECTION 121.03 MEETINGS OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO ADDRESS THE RECORDING AND STORAGE OF MEETINGS, AGENDAS AND MINUTES.

Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Seconded by Council President Howard Roll Call: 3 Ayes; 2 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried- FIRST READ

14. Ord. 2021 - 093 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO PURCHASE A 2021 FORD EXPLORER FOR \$33,333.00 FROM LEBANON FORD, INC., FOR USE IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman White

Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

15. Ord. 2021 - 094 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO PURCHASE A 2021 CHEVROLET TAHOE FOR \$38,722.00 AND A 2021 CHEVROLET SILVERADO FOR \$31,633.60 FROM TIM LALLY CHEVROLET, INC., FOR USE IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motioned by Councilman Anderson, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman White

Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs - Motion Carried

ADD ON

16. Ord. 2021 - 095 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MASTER LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BANK CAPITAL SERVICES LLC D/B/A F.N.B EQUIPMENT FINANCE, A SUBSIDIARY OF FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PA IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1.3 MILLION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING VEHICLES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENTS (POLICE AND FIRE) AND THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Motioned by Councilwoman Hagwood, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Council President Howard Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Abs – Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

17. 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 (with additional changes)

3RD READ: 05/18/2021

Motioned by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

Announcements from Directors:

Fire Department – Chief Herb Waugh thanked Council for the passage of the Lexipol legislation stating that every year they monitor any updates in the Code and makes sure they are up to date with all policies. He shared that the department met at Thistledown Racino with the North Randall and Bedford fire departments for a training to set up pre-plans if something major was to happen there. He reported that their Medical Director, Dr. Klein is retiring at the end of the year and a replacement has been selected.

Service Department – Director Ted Sims wished everyone a good evening and thanked Mayor Sellers, Council, and Finance Director Howse for the acquisition of the chipper and three snow plows for the Service Department. They were sorely needed.

Building Department - Commissioner Ben Brown had nothing to report.

Police Department – Chief Wesley Haynes thanked Council for passing the appointments of police officers Berry and Dankovich. He reported the department has brought on three new officers within the past month and their goal is to reach six. He also thanked Council for the passage of Item Nos. 14, 15 and 16 for the police vehicles that are well needed.

Finance Department – Director Karen Howse had nothing to report.

Community Development Manager – Raymon Turner wished everyone a good evening. He reported that he has gotten a lot of calls for the Exterior Maintenance Program which is up and running. He reminded everyone that the first Shred Day will be next month on June 26, 2021 from 11a.m.-2p.m. at the Municipal Center. Signage will be going up shortly.

Chief of Staff - Kelli Wilson had nothing to report.

Law Department – Assistant Law Director Keisha Hughes had nothing to report.

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

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

Announcements from Council:

Councilman Anderson had nothing to report.

Councilman Stewart thanked the Administration, residents and his colleagues for their cards, prayers and kind words due to the loss of his mother. He stated he has many times told people that have lost their mothers "sorry for your loss" but when it happens to you it's a real burden. He stated he appreciated the prayers and kind words and his family did too.

Councilwoman Mitchell wished everyone a good evening. She thanked the Cinema Park resident that sent an emailed comment as well as Mr. Davis and the Hughes family for sharing. She stated hearing from residents make all the difference and it troubled her that someone can have mattresses, cars and miscellaneous items sitting outside when other people try and maintain their yards. She stated she will speak to her colleagues to see what they can do about these nuisances. Councilwoman Mitchell welcomed police officers Berry and Dankovich to The Friendly City. She announced the "last roar" for the old middle school will be May 28th and May 29th.

Councilwoman Hagwood reported that the "nightmare on Ridgewood" is still happening. She shared on Saturday, May 15th at noon, Pastor Mike and his wife attempted to work in their yard. The police were called and Ms. Parker, the resident that is causing problems, came out with a cooking utensil to hit Pastor Mike over the head and he ducked. The police came out twice and charges were filed. Councilwoman Hagwood stated that one of the officers was a rookie cop and every officer should know about the house on Ridgewood Ave. She explained that when the police came the second time, Ms. Parker looked as if she was charging the pastor's wife so the pastor's wife pulled out pepper spray and the rookie cop jumped all over her when she is the victim. Councilwoman Hagwood reported Ms. Parker has caused havoc, is a nuisance and continually disturbs the peace with her harassment and menacing. Councilwoman Hagwood stated that Police Chief Haynes is working with her to resolve this problem. She shared she is planning a meeting for her residents to inform them that they have her support. She commended City Prosecutor Marlene Ridenour for taking the matter seriously.

Councilwoman White welcomed new police officers Berry and Dankovich to The Friendly City. She thanked Fire Chief Waugh, Operations Manager Jones and Service Director Sims for being diligent and stated that she appreciated them.

Council President's Comments:

Council President Howard wished everyone a good evening. He informed Councilman Stewart that their thoughts and prayers are with him for the passing of his mother. He commented that they are supposed to support each other during these times. He stated he heard nothing but good things about his mother and shared that State Rep Juanita Brent knew his mother but never realized until recently that she was his mother. Council President Howard informed Councilwoman Hagwood that he did not receive a call from her, as she stated during Caucus, but they can schedule a Committee of the Whole meeting and discuss all concerns moving forward.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Sellers thanked everyone for attending the meeting and those that expressed their concerns. He shared that the Governor has relaxed his mandates and emergency orders for masks and social distancing effective June 2nd. He reported that the staff has been alerted to the shifts that will occur after that day like the opening of the Civic & Senior Center. He welcomed the new police officers Berry and Dankovich and thanked Council for passing the legislation appointing them. He thanked Police Chief Haynes for his due diligence and the Civic Service Commission members Ed White, Phyllis Tullos and newly appointed Ed Hicks. He thanked Finance Director Howse for her effort in getting the vehicle purchases lined up. He announced they are moving in to summer session so the Regular Council Meeting will be held only the third Tuesday of the month in June, July and August. He stated as the court starts to ramp itself up, they will soon get answers for the cases on Wickfield Ave. and Ridgewood Ave. He wished everyone a good evening.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilwoman Hagwood Adjournment at 8:06p.m.

APPROVED

06-15-2021

Amber Joyner, Clerk of Council