



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 5, 2021

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 Elona C. White

Minutes: September 21, 2021 Regular Meeting
Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Council President Howard
Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 2 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.

Residents' Emailed Requests and Comments:

Francine Wahome, Ward 2 Resident stated she is still concerned about Eastwood School because the alarm went off the other day and the children are still hanging out by the door. She asked if there is a man staying in there because yesterday she saw a man go in.

Mayor Sellers responded that he does not think anyone is staying in there. He asked **School Board Vice President Ray Freeman** to speak and he reported that the school is scheduled to be demoed in November and they are currently cleaning it out. He stated cameras were put on the property so there shouldn't be anyone back there. Mayor Sellers asked if there is still staff in the building and Mr. Freeman responded there is one person, a custodian. Ms. Wahome stated it is a concern for her because she is a senior citizen. **Council President Howard** asked if she sees this person during the day or the evening and she replied about 5:00p.m.

Eldon Hill, Ward 3 Resident stated that he lives in Cinema Park and that there is heavy traffic on Miles Rd. due to construction and that creates difficulty getting out of the development.

Mayor Sellers responded it is a county road and the county has laid out a new striping plan changing Miles Rd. from a four-lane to two-lane road. He knew it would be difficult during rush

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hour but the traffic study completed did not warrant a light there. He stated they will see how it all plays out.

Ray Freeman, School Board Vice President shared that tomorrow the Warrensville Heights School District has a case before the Ohio Supreme Court in Columbus, OH against the Beachwood School District from 1995. He asked for the attendees' prayers.

Mayor Sellers asked if the whole case will be heard tomorrow and Mr. Freeman replied no.

The following comment was emailed to Council Clerk Joyner:

Valerie Houser, Ward 7 Resident

I recently noticed that the City Council meetings were no longer being televised. I would think with the present situation of COVID 19 Delta variant that this would still be a concern. I am pretty sure the tech is available with this nice new building and I also have seen the school meeting on YouTube. If possible, I would like to be able to see our city council meetings again.

Mayor Sellers responded that the School Board has been broadcasting for years but the city has not been doing that. The reason meetings were held via Zoom was because the state law changed allowing municipalities to meet virtually during the pandemic but that order ceased on July 1, 2021. For anything additional, this body will have to decide what way they'd like to go.

Councilwoman Edwards asked if the meeting can still be seen on Zoom, despite Council and Administration having to meet in-person so residents can view the meeting virtually. Mayor Sellers responded that they cannot broadcast the meeting unless they do what the School Board is doing.

Councilwoman Mitchell asked how difficult would it be since they have moved into a new building and Mayor Sellers responded the building has nothing to do with it. Everyone has to decide if that is what they want to do. He stated this issue has come up before and every time it is voted down.

Council President Howard stated that he would like to entertain a discussion about it because some residents don't want to come to the meetings in person. He said he will reach out to IT Manager Eric Posa. Mayor Sellers said okay because he should not be leading this.

Order of the Day

1. Res. 2021-040

COUNCILWOMAN DORISE HAGWOOD

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER OF 2021 AS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED

2. Ord. 2021-152

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AMENDING SECTION 1374.05 FEES OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE FEES FOR POINT OF SALE INSPECTIONS.

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**Motioned by Councilwoman Edwards, Passage by Councilwoman White,
Seconded by Council President Howard
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

- 3. Ord. 2021-153** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AMENDING SECTION 1375.06 FEES OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE FEES FOR OCCUPANCY PERMIT INSPECTIONS.
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards,
Seconded by Council President Howard
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 4. Ord. 2021-154** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
ADDING CHAPTER 730 PERSONAL PROPERTY SALES (GARAGE, YARD, ESTATE) TO PART SEVEN BUSINESS REGULATION CODE OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES.
**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White,
Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 5. Ord. 2021-155** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AMENDING SECTION 1333.04 BUILDING AND LANDSCAPING DEPOSITS; LICENSING AND PERMIT FEES OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO CLARIFY CERTAIN FEES.
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards,
Seconded by Council President Howard
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 6. Ord. 2021-156** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT (BOARD OF HEALTH) TO PROVIDE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023.
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Anderson,
Seconded by Council President Howard
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 7. Ord. 2021-157** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO AMEND THE 2021 APPROPRIATION TO THE GENERAL FUND UNDER THE CIVIC AND SENIOR CENTER FURNITURE AND FIXTURE ACCOUNT LINE ITEM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Edwards,
Seconded by Councilman Stewart
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

ADD-ON

- 8. Ord. 2021-158 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-124 (AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE VACANT LAND BETWEEN THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM AND JOHN O. HORTON, JR. AND MONIQUE HORTON FOR THE SALE OF PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 763-08-044 (LOT 36) LOCATED AT THE CHATEAUX OF EMERY WOODS DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS) IN ORDER TO REPLACE THE EXHIBIT A, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Anderson,
Seconded by Council President Howard
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

Announcements from Directors:

Building Department- Commissioner Benjamin Brown thanked Council for the passage of items 2, 3, 4 and 5 and thanked the Law Department for their assistance.

Civic & Senior Center- Director Jennifer Lastery announced that the center will be sponsoring a tailgate party on Sunday, October 31, 2021 for Browns v. Steelers game at 12:30p.m. The event will be \$10 per person and refreshments will be provided. She shared that the Warrensville YMCA will be having a mammogram clinic for those who need financial assistance on October 13, 2021 from 9:30a.m.-2:30p.m. She thanked Council, the Mayor and Finance for the passage of item 7.

Service Department- Director Ted Sims reported that leaf collection will start Monday, October 11, 2021 and leaves should be gathered at the tree lawn. Do not put leaves in the street and do not mix them with rocks or tree branches because it will damage the machine. They will start at the north end of Wickfield Ave. He announced that chipper service ends on Friday until next spring. It will only be out again if there is a storm or emergency. He reported there is a delay on paint drop-off and they cannot do anything until after October 15, 2021. After that point, they will start bringing the paint to the service garage which is open Monday through Friday from 8a.m.-3p.m. for the drop-off.

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell thanked the residents that spoke during public comment. She told Council President Howard that she is for whatever transparency they can provide. She asked if all Ward 2 residents would Cc her so that she knows what's going on in the community.

Councilman Walter Stewart thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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Councilwoman Dorise Hagwood wished everyone a good evening and thanked attendees for their support.

Councilwoman Elona C. White thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated she is in favor of the new striping on Miles. Rd.

Councilman Stanley Anderson stated he has received a lot of calls about trash collection. He recalled that when the city moved from city services to a private company, certain parameters were made to allow the truck's mechanical arms to grab the cans. He stated often rubbish is not placed in the cans properly by residents with the lid shut. He stated residents should do their part because they cannot expect the driver to get out of the truck to correct every can that is not positioned back properly.

Mayor Sellers asked that Director Sims send out the flyer more often of the proper way to prepare the rubbish cans and recyclables for pick up.

Councilwoman Kimberly Edwards asked that everyone continue to stay safe and reminded attendees that early voting has started.

Law Department

Director Teresa Metcalf Beasley had nothing to report.

Council President's Comments

Council President Matthew Howard thanked the residents who spoke. He stated he appreciated the patience of the Ward 3 residents with the striping on Miles Rd.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Sellers thanked everyone for attending. He recognized Civil Service Commission members Edward White, Phyllis Tullos and Edward Hicks in attendance. He reported that the city has six or seven Police Officer positions to fill and two Firefighter positions. He announced that Trunk or Treat will be held on October 28, 2021 from 6-8p.m. and the candy will be pre-packaged and there will be a more fluid line. He commented that the new high school is starting to take shape. The Eastwood and Middle School will be structurally coming down in November. He stated that no one is against the broadcasting but they have to decide as a body that it's what they want to do. He stated the School Board invested in the cameras to set up their meetings and have done it for four years. In addition, they would need to find someone to operate the equipment.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilman Anderson

Adjournment at 7:32p.m.

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APPROVED



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