



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 7, 2021

Call to Order: Mayor Bradley D. Sellers at 7:00p.m.

Attendance: Councilwoman Hagwood, Councilwoman White, Councilwoman Mitchell,
Councilman Anderson and Council President Howard

Roll Call: 6 Present

**Motion to Excuse Councilman Walter Stewart by Councilwoman White,
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**

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

Prayer: Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell

Minutes: November 16, 2021 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 if Council has 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:

Mayor Sellers stated he was made aware that someone wanted to show a video but for time's sake it would not be shown.

Avery Woods, Ward 5 Resident stated that he and his wife have been residents of Warrensville for nine years. He shared that they have been active members in the community participating in school district events and helping their neighbors who are sick and elderly. He reported that he has had issues with some of his neighbors not liking the aesthetic of his driveway with his parked vehicles that he uses for work. Mr. Woods stated they are a young viable family with a business and they shouldn't have to come out of pocket an additional \$3000 a month just to store equipment when they have a home they're paying for.

Mayor Sellers stated that Mr. Woods's service and dedication to the community is appreciated. He explained that a commercial vehicle is one that has commercial plates on it. An F150 with a plow on it does not make it a commercial vehicle. The intent of the law is to make sure the community stays residential in nature and it does not become an eyesore to people. The job of

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the city is to balance the two making sure he is compliant with the law but not trying to obscure that Mr. Woods is trying to run a business.

Building Commissioner Brown stated the city does have an ordinance that you cannot store trailers in the driveway. It has to be in the garage or another permanent place. He notified his inspectors and they did go around contacting people and making courtesy calls that the trailers need to be removed.

Mayor Sellers stated that from time to time people have contacted him about storing their stuff in the Municipal Center lot. He asked that Building Commissioner Brown set up a meeting with Mr. Woods so he can get a better understanding of what is going on.

Councilwoman Hagwood asked Mr. Woods what kind of vehicles he has and he replied a Chevy Silverado 2500, a Ford Ram and a Ford Transit. He stated he has two trailers and was unaware of the ordinance. He shared that one vehicle does have commercial plates on it.

Councilman Anderson commented that there are going to be rules and regulations in whatever community he lives in. He stated that Mr. Woods must understand that “his rights end where his neighbor’s begin.”

Claudia Owens, Ward 5 Resident stated that she and fellow residents are concerned about maintaining the standards and characters of Clarkwood Estates. They are concerned about two or more vehicles in the driveway with their trailers and equipment. Also, Ms. Owens stated that there is an absence of the tree lawn service. The chipper service has ended yet there are still tree branches on the lawn.

Mayor Sellers replied that in most communities chipper service ends in October. The city cannot provide the chipper service and the leave removal at the same time because they are both ran by the same thing.

Service Director Ted Sims stated that they have a schedule starting on the north end of the city on Wickfield Ave. and it takes the department a week to work through the city with two trucks. Chipper service ends in October and signs are put out notifying residents the service is ending.

Ms. Owens stated that she is concerned about the city’s lack of maintenance with the cul de sacs, curbs and sidewalks. Lastly, she reported there was a lack of police patrol for enforcement of speeders and the reckless drivers not stopping at the stop signs.

Police Chief Haynes responded that when he hears about a lot of activity in one area, he tries to focus patrol to that area and keep moving throughout the city. He shared that he has five units patrolling at one time and he tries to maneuver them throughout the city. If there’s an issue in Ward 5, he’ll have his officers over there. He reported the department is currently down seven officers.

Patricia Young, Ward 3 Resident stated she is representing Cinema Park Homeowners Association. She voiced concerns about the speeding through the community, loud music, loud mufflers, people playing in the streets and no striping nor crosswalks in the community. Ms. Young stated that she spoke to City Engineer Dan Gerson about the need for a traffic study and he replied that they may be able to do a traffic survey instead. She reported that it has been difficult getting on to Miles Rd. from Cinema Park. The last traffic study was done in 2015 and it is 2021. Also, Ms. Young suggested having a sign that

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prohibits drivers from blocking the entrance into Dandridge Dr. and a *No Passing* sign. She reported there is overnight parking on the street in the development. Lastly, she questioned a *No Litter* sign on Miles Rd.

Mayor Sellers responded that they have done two studies in that area already. There cannot be a traffic light put up at Cinema Park because there is one at Cranwood Pkwy. 300 feet away. Miles is a county road and they completed the striping to ensure Miles is used as a two-lane road. He will speak to Engineer Gerson about the traffic survey and see if one can be done in 2022. He stated that officers do patrol that area; warnings are given first then residents are ticketed if they continue to park on the street. He stated he does not think the *Do Not Litter* sign belongs to Warrensville but will consider adding one.

Councilwoman White stated she has spoken to Police Chief Haynes about putting up a *Do Not Block Driveway* sign in Cinema Park.

Jackie Jones, Ward 5 Resident stated that homeownership is not just about buying a home but taking the responsibility of maintaining it and buying into the city and community. Curb appeal makes a big difference and people are not buying into just a street. She wants to make sure her investment is solid. She commented that some of the streets look bad when there are toys in the yard and trash containers left on the tree lawns. She made reference to a conversation that she had with Council President Howard and alleged he said that there is a “better caliber of people” that live in Emery Woods than in Clarkwood Estates. She questioned what he meant by that. She stated it wasn’t professional and should not have been said.

Council President Howard stated he would never say that. During their conversation, he said there is a “different caliber of people” in Emery Woods but no one is better or worse.

Mayor Sellers stated if that was said in the way Ms. Jones claims, he is sure Council President Howard did not mean it in that way. Mayor Sellers stated he lives in Emery Woods and values every area in the city. They are going to keep all the wards wholesome.

James Jones, Ward 5 Resident stated that he appreciated the Directors and Council because they listen. He knows the issues they are having will be addressed.

Mayor Sellers stated their priority is to serve the community.

Betsy Coffield, Ward 7 Resident commended Mayor Sellers for keeping the community up and stated as a resident you should have a sense of pride for your hard work.

Order of the Day

City Council requested to suspend the rules by unanimous consent which was read onto the record by Attorney Beasley.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood

Seconded by Council President Howard

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

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- 1. Ord. 2021-192** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER IN AN AGREEMENT FOR CONVEYANCE WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY LAND BANK TO ACCEPT THE TRANSFER OF VACANT LAND LOCATED AT 19912 SUNSET DRIVE, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO 44122, PPN 761-06-092.
- 2. Ord. 2021-193** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER IN AN AGREEMENT FOR CONVEYANCE WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY LAND BANK TO ACCEPT THE TRANSFER OF VACANT LAND LOCATED AT 4744 GREEN ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO 44128, PPN 763-10-078.
- 3. Ord. 2021-194** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TERESA METCALF BEASLEY OF MCDONALD HOPKINS LLP AS LAW DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 4. Ord. 2021-195** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL H. WILDERMUTH TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS A PLAN EXAMINER FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 5. Ord. 2021-196** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GLORYA D. FLOWERS TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS A PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL, HVAC AND BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 6. Ord. 2021-197** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GEORGE SMERIGAN OF TACTICAL PLANNING, LLC TO PROVIDE MUNICIPAL PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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- 7. Ord. 2021-198** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CHARLES HALL TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 8. Ord. 2021-199** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CALVIN SINGLETON TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS A PLAN EXAMINER FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 9. Ord. 2021-200** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH G. GIFFORD DYER TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS A PLAN EXAMINER FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 10. Ord. 2021-201** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAM GRISWOLD TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS A CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 11. Ord. 2021-202** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH WILLIAM GRISWOLD TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS AN ELECTRICAL, HVAC AND BUILDING INSPECTOR FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 12. Ord. 2021-203** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
ACCEPTING A CERTAIN BID FROM ENVIROSCIENCE, INC. FOR THE RIPARIAN RESTORATION ALONG BEAR CREEK IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$41,878.00.

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- 13. Ord. 2021-204** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LEXIPOL, LLC TO UPDATE AND MAINTAIN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY MANUAL FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,637.30 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 14. Res. 2021-047** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 ACCEPTING THE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT, ISSUED BY THE FACTFINDER, WILLIAM J. MILLER, JR., ON DECEMBER 2, 2021 IN THE MATTER OF FACT-FINDING PROCEEDINGS BETWEEN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS AND THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS, LOCAL UNION 436 STATE EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD CASE NUMBER 2020-MED-09-1006, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 15. Ord. 2021-205** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 TO AMEND THE GENERAL FUND AND VARIOUS SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 16. Res. 2021-048** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO RECEIVE REAL PROPERTY TAX ADVANCES FOR TAX YEAR 2021 AND COLLECTION YEAR 2022 FROM THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

OLD BUSINESS

- 18. Ord. 2021-180** **COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
 ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF GREYDON PETZNICK OF CLEVELAND DRAW, REPRESENTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME LOCATED AT 19317 LONGBROOK ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 761-15-023.
 1ST READ: 11/16/2021
 2ND READ: 12/7/2021

**MOTION TO PASS AND ADOPT ITEMS 1-16, 18 AND ITEM 17 WILL BE A FIRST READ
 by Council President Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood
 Seconded by Councilwoman White
 Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

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17. Ord. 2021-206**MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNER OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS, AND RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried – FIRST READ**

Announcements from Directors:

Civic & Senior Center – Director Jennifer Lastery announced that there will be a cornhole class on Monday and Wednesday evenings. It is an 8-week session and the cost is \$14.00 for residents, \$15 for non-residents. She stated that they will be taking a break for the winter for a few classes due to the cold weather. Director Lastery announced that AARP is coming back and they will be assisting residents with their taxes.

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell stated Seasons Greetings to everyone. She stated the comments this evening were amplified because residents see things they don't. She personally thanked all the speakers. She congratulated the nine reappointed contractors that were on the agenda. She advised attendees of the omicron variant and that boosters are available. She shared that on Sundays *Textures*, an exhibit at the Kent State University museum about African-American hair is being shown. Admission and parking is free. There is ice skating at University Circle along the Cuyahoga River and Public Square. She quoted the late Mr. Rogers, asking "Won't you be my neighbor?" Great neighbors make great neighborhoods. Great neighborhoods make great communities and that's what they want.

Councilwoman Dorise Hagwood thanked everyone for coming out and stated Council and Administration are here for residents and are listening. She stated she is a warrior and will fight for her residents; that is her passion. She thanked the residents that came out to the community meeting on December 6th.

Councilwoman Elona C. White thanked everyone for attending and stated their concerns will be addressed. She asked Police Chief Haynes how long it will take to get the *Do Not Block Driveway* sign in Cinema Park and he replied that he will speak to Service Director Sims about getting it up ASAP.

Councilman Stanley Anderson thanked Police Chief Haynes and Fire Chief Waugh for volunteering to be a part of 1000 Ties. He remarked young men need to know more of the police than being arrested.

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Councilwoman Kimberly Edwards wished everyone a good evening and thanked those who shared their concerns at the meeting because Council and Administration are listening.

Law Department

Law Director Teresa Metcalf Beasley had nothing to report.

Council President's Comments

Council President Matthew Howard thanked Trayvon Smith from 1000 Ties for presenting during Caucus. He recognized Avery Woods who had on a shirt acknowledging 1000 Ties. He thanked residents of Ward 5 for attending and voicing their concerns on behalf of the Clarkwood Homeowners Association. He acknowledged all the speakers who shared their concerns during public comment. He stated in defense of his character, his reputation speaks for itself.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Bradley D. Sellers thanked everyone that shared their concerns during public comment. He thanked Council for doing the due diligence that is required while Administration is working trying to make things happen. He wished everyone happy holidays and a happy new year if they don't make it to the December 21st meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilwoman Elona White and Councilman Stanley Anderson
Adjournment at 8:20p.m.

12-21-2021
 APPROVED


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