



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS

Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 15, 2022

Call to Order: Mayor Bradley D. Sellers at 7:03p.m.

Attendance: Councilwoman Hagwood, Councilwoman White, Councilwoman Mitchell
Councilman Howard and Council President Anderson
Roll Call: 5 Present

Motion to Excuse Councilman Walter Stewart by Councilman Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

Prayer: Councilman Matthew Howard

Minutes: February 1, 2022 Regular Meeting
Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 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' Requests and Comments:
There were no requests and comments.

Order of the Day

1. Res. 2022-008

CITY COUNCIL

AUTHORIZING CITY COUNCIL TO APPOINT JOHNNY WILLIAMS, JR. AS A MEMBER TO THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IV, SECTION 6 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Sellers explained there was a vacancy in Ward 7 when former longtime Councilwoman Kimberly Hodge Edwards resigned. Per the Charter of the City of Warrensville Heights, Council sought applicants

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for the vacancy through interviews and Mr. Johnny L. Williams Jr. was selected. As you heard, he has just been voted in as a member of Council and now will take the oath of office. He asked Mr. Williams to introduce the people who are with him this evening.

Mr. Williams introduced his wife of almost 30 years, 26 year old son Spencer, mother-in-law and her “man-friend.” He remarked that none of them were born and raised in Warrensville Heights but it is where he, his wife, mother-in-law and her man-friend have chosen to come here and die so that’s their commitment. He introduced his longtime friend Ernie Mitchell and wife Desiree; Richard “Zoom” Scott from Fox 8 News and his wife April; Charlotte and Rex Harrison; Eric and Karen Anderson; Beth Ziegler; and his brother-in-law and sister Pam.

Swearing-in of Councilman Johnny L. Williams Jr.

<Applause>

Councilman Williams thanked his family and friends for attending his swearing-in. He acknowledged his former co-members of the Planning Commission Renee Strong and Janice Rox in attendance. He informed Council and Mayor Sellers that he will uphold the oath. He stated he will do right by the city and his number one goal is to move the city forward, upward and onward.

<Applause>

[Councilman Williams took his seat at the dais]

2. Res. 2022-009 COUNCILWOMAN DORISE THOMPSON-HAGWOOD
CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CAROL PERRY TO THE LOCAL BOARD OF TAX REVIEW FOR THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilman Howard
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED

3. Res. 2022-010 COUNCIL PRESIDENT STANLEY ANDERSON
CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIE WILSON TO THE LOCAL BOARD OF TAX REVIEW FOR THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Council President Anderson Seconded by Councilman Howard
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED

4. Ord. 2022-016 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH TO

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PROVIDE STORMWATER REGULATION SUPPORT SERVICES IN 2022 THROUGH 2025, 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. 2022-017

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO REMOVE AND DISPOSE OF FURNITURE IN THE CIVIC AND SENIOR CENTER OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SPACE FOR NEW FURNITURE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Council President Anderson
Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood**

Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED

6. Ord. 2022-018

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-123 (AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE VACANT LAND BETWEEN THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM AND CLIFFORD J. AND KELLIE M. BROWN FOR THE SALE OF PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 763-08-015 (LOT 8) LOCATED AT THE CHATEAUX OF EMERY WOODS DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS) BY REPLACING THE EXHIBIT A IN ORDER TO CORRECT THE SALE PRICE LISTED IN THE AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood
Seconded by Council President Anderson**

Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED

7. Ord. 2022-019

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE VACANT LAND BETWEEN THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM AND PHILLIP BARNES FOR THE SALE OF PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 763-08-025 (LOT 18) LOCATED AT THE CHATEAUX OF EMERY WOODS DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motioned by Councilwoman Hagwood, Passage by Councilwoman White
Seconded by Councilman Williams**

Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED

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- 8. Ord. 2022-020** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE THREE (3) 2020 F-350 CREW CAB TRUCKS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00 FROM VALLEY FORD TRUCK, INC. 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 White
Seconded by Councilman Howard
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

- 9. Ord. 2022-013** **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 JANUARY 1, 2022 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
FIRST READ: 02/01/2022
SECOND READ: 02/15/2022
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood
Seconded by Councilman Williams
Roll Call: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 2 Abs – MOTION CARRIED – THIRD READ

Announcements from Directors:

Service Department-Director Ted Sims thanked Council for passing Item No. 8 for the purchase of the three trucks. They are sorely needed over there and he is sure it will improve morale in the department.

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell wished everyone a good evening. She remarked that it was Tyrone Davidson in the 70s that had the song “What Goes Up, Must Come Down” and in Ward 2 a lot of things are coming down. She stated that Eastwood Elementary School has been in existence since 1957 and it is coming down. The junior high/middle school is already down but we do see what’s coming up. She stated a new middle school and high school is being built that will be the envy of everyone in Cuyahoga County. We see a community that will stay strong although one of the anchors will be gone in Eastwood. She shared there will also be homes coming up on Longbrook this year. Everything old is new again and things are happening in the city and it is a wonderful time to be in the City of Warrensville Heights.

Councilwoman Dorise Hagwood wished everyone a good evening. She welcomed Councilman Williams and said she is glad to have him aboard. She is sure he will add a lot because he is a team player. She

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thanked Carol Perry for accepting the responsibility of serving on the Tax Review Board. She referred to her as an “unsung hero.”

Councilwoman Elona C. White wished everyone a good evening and welcomed Councilman Williams.

Councilman Johnny L. Williams Jr. stated his commitment and promise is to not let Council down or disappoint them and be forthright. They may not always agree but rest assured his heart is in it for the right reasons and that’s to serve the people of this city

Councilman Matthew Howard thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He thanked “one of his strongest supporters” Carol Perry for her appointment to the Tax Review Board. He congratulated Councilman Williams on his appointment. He commented that he has done a great job serving on Planning Commission and knows he will do well on Council. He shared that the 1000 Ties organization is an opportunity to groom future leaders so thanked those who attended the event on February 12th.

Law Department

Law Director Teresa Metcalf Beasley had nothing to report.

Council President’s Comments

Council President Stanley Anderson he welcomed Councilman Williams and stated he looks forward to working with him. He congratulated Carol Perry and his good friend Willie Wilson to the Tax Review Board. He reminded his colleagues that the financial disclosure statements for the Ohio Ethics Commission are due in May and it is important to get that done.

Mayor’s Comments

Mayor Bradley D. Sellers thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He welcomed Councilman Williams to The Friendly City organization and he knows he’ll do an outstanding job. He thanked Ms. Perry and Mr. Wilson for agreeing to be on the Tax Review Board and acknowledged Renee Strong and Janice Rox from Planning Commission in attendance. He recognized Phyllis Tullos, Edward White and Edward Hicks from Civil Service Commission; Superintendent Jolly and School Board Vice President Ray Freeman; and YMCA Executive Director Michael Carter in attendance. He commented that the new middle school and high school are starting to take shape and will do a lot for the children in this community. He announced that the Senior Luncheon will take place this year at the Marriott as well as the Memorial Day Parade in May and Home Days in August.

Councilwoman Hagwood added the Veterans Cook-Out is anticipated for late spring. He thanked her for the reminder and stated the city is trying to get back in the swing of things but in a safe manner.

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Adjournment

**Motion to Adjourn by Councilman Matthew Howard
Adjournment at 7:35p.m.**

02-01-2022

APPROVED



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