



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MARCH 15, 2022

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

Attendance: Councilman Williams, Councilwoman White, Councilwoman Hagwood, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Stewart, Councilman Howard and Council President Anderson
Roll Call: 7 Present

Prayer: Councilwoman Dorise Hagwood

Minutes: March 1, 2022 Regular Meeting
Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Council President Anderson
Roll Call: 6 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' Requests and Comments:

Janice Rox, Ward 2 Resident wished everyone a good evening and stated she has one concern. She stated she knows group homes are mandated by the state but she has two in her neighborhood. The first one is very problematic; people are always walking away from the home. One woman walks around every day and begs for cigarettes, food, and liquor. She walks in the street, stopping traffic on Longbrook Rd. and Warrensville Ctr. Rd. Ms. Rox reported a men's group home has moved right next door and a sexual predator lives there. She stated she is already seeing empty liquor bottles strewn around and she is beginning to feel disheartened living in Warrensville. She doesn't want to encourage her grandchildren to live in Warrensville if they'll have to deal with this.

Building Commissioner Ben Brown stated it was his first time hearing about this issue with the group homes but they are regulated by the Ohio Department of Mental Health. They do have a license. If there's a nuisance issue, they have investigators that will come out. He stated he will speak with the department tomorrow.

Police Chief Wes Haynes stated he is unaware of what's been going on but he will keep an eye on it. The city does have a direct contact with the Ohio Department of Mental Health.

Francine Wahome, Ward 2 Resident asked what is going to be in the place of Eastwood School once it is torn down. She asked what is going to happen when the guys with the dirt bikes start coming and people are in the Eastwood parking lot. She commented that there are senior citizens where she resides. Also she asked if there will be search lights.

Superintendent Donald Jolly reported that nothing will be there, it will be an open field. There will be no parking lot, it will become a grass field. He stated there are no plans for lights but they'll cross that bridge once the building is completely down.

Order of the Day

- 1. Ord. 2022-031 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 APPOINTING ERIC SANDS TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER IN THE
 POLICE DEPARTMENT OF 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

Police Chief Haynes thanked Council for approving the legislation appointing Eric Sands. He shared that Mr. Sands has been an officer with the City of Cleveland since 2013. Prior to that, he was with the Village of Doylestown for 10 years and with the Village of Smithfield. A thorough background check was done on Mr. Sands and he “blew everything out of the water.” He remarked that Mr. Sands brings a lot of experience that can help the rest of the department.

SWEARING-IN OF OFFICER ERIC SANDS

<Applause>

Mr. Sands introduced his wife Melissa, daughter Kailee, mother Heidi and her fiancé Joe. He stated he is absolutely excited to be there and get started. He shared that everyone has been more than welcoming and are friendly in *The Friendly City*.

<Applause>

- 2. Ord. 2022-032 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 RESCINDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-019 (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 Councilman Williams,
 Seconded by Councilwoman White**
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 3. Ord. 2022-033 COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIR)**
 AMENDING SECTION 139.08 DOG WARDEN OF THE WARRENSVILLE
 HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO CORRECT THE NAME OF
 THE POSITION.

**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Council President Anderson,
Seconded by Councilman Williams
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 1 Nay; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

4. Ord. 2022-034

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, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll Call: 4 Ayes; 3 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried – FIRST READ

5. Ord. 2022-035

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2022 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

6. Ord. 2022-036

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SOLUTIONS AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$52,555.40 WITH ARCTIC WOLF NETWORKS, INC. TO PROVIDE SECURITY INFORMATION AND EVENT MANAGEMENT FOR THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING MAY 1, 2022 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2023 PURSUANT TO A NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PURCHASING ALLIANCE CONTRACT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

7. Ord. 2022-037

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GROUND PRO, LLC TO PROVIDE LANDSCAPING SERVICES AT THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CENTER DURING THE 2022 LANDSCAPE SEASON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 1 Nay; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

- 8. Ord. 2022-038** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATIONS IN ORDER TO INCLUDE THE 2021 ROLLOVER ENCUMBRANCES OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilman Howard
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 9. Ord. 2022-039** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE A DUMP BODY SNOW AND ICE CONTROL EQUIPMENT PACKAGE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$76,461.00 FROM CONCORD ROAD EQUIPMENT MFG., LLC PURSUANT TO A STATE TERM CONTRACT FOR USE IN THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Howard
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 10. Ord. 2022-040** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW A SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CLEVELAND CLINIC WELLNESS ENTERPRISE, LLC ON BEHALF OF ITS LIFESTYLE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SERVICES FOR \$3,510.00 FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Stewart
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 11. Res. 2022-016** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilman Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 12. Ord. 2022-041** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE A SINGLE AND TANDEM AXLE CAB AND CHASSIS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$89,777.00 FROM RUSH TRUCK CENTERS OF OHIO, INC. PURSUANT TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM FOR USE IN THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS SERVICE DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White,
Seconded by Councilman Stewart
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

- 13. Res. 2022-017 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO DONATE \$4,000.00 TO THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS RAINBOW BABIES AND CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL TO ASSIST WITH THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL RAINBOW INJURY PREVENTION CENTER'S SAFE SITTER COURSE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES SIX THROUGH EIGHT OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT.
**Motioned by Councilman Stewart, Passage by Councilwoman White,
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 14. Res. 2022-018 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO DONATE \$10,000.00 TO THE OHIO UNIVERSITY HERITAGE COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE (OUHCOM) TO CONTINUE ITS ASPIRING DOCTORS PROGRAM SERVING THE STUDENTS IN GRADES ELEVEN THROUGH TWELVE OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT.
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood,
Seconded by Councilman Stewart
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 15. Res. 2022-019 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO DONATE \$10,000.00 TO THE CLEVELAND CLINIC SOUTH POINTE HOSPITAL'S COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM TO ASSIST WITH PROVIDING CANCER AWARENESS, PREVENTION AND SCREENING AS WELL AS TREATMENT FOR PROSTATE, BREAST AND COLORECTAL CANCERS FOR RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS.
**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White,
Seconded by Councilman Stewart
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

OLD BUSINESS**16. Ord. 2022-014 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENGAGE IN A PUBLIC BIDDING PROCESS TO ADVERTISE FOR AND SOLICIT COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR LANDSCAPING SERVICES FOR THE 2023 LANDSCAPING SEASON IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

FIRST READ: 03/01/2022

SECOND READ: 03/15/2022

Motioned by Council President Anderson, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Williams

Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

Announcements from Directors:

Police Department – Chief Wes Haynes thanked Council for approving the appointment of Eric Sands. The four officers that have been sworn in ... *[inaudible]*...

Civic & Senior Center – Director Jennifer Lastery wished everyone a good evening. She announced on Thursday, March 24, 2022 from 5-7p.m., the Warrensville Heights Senior Club will be celebrating the Warrensville Heights High School Basketball Team’s accomplishment of going to the regionals. The event will be at the Civic & Senior Center and all are welcome; refreshments will be served. The majority of the senior classes are back in session so continue to come out and get involved. There are booklets and calendars available if they want to know exactly what is happening. She announced the annual senior luncheon is coming up on Monday, May 9, 2022 and will be held at the Harvard Park Marriott. Tickets will be available for distribution on April 18, 2022 at 9:00a.m. This event is specifically for seniors in Warrensville Heights only and space is limited.

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell wished everyone a good evening and thanked them for coming out. She congratulated the new officer appointed. She thanked the two residents for sharing their concerns and that she agreed with them. She stated you want a community with neighbors that want to help neighbors. They don’t want to see ... *[inaudible]*...strewn everywhere. It is disheartening to see ... *[inaudible]*... It is hard to see the junior high go down brick by brick and stone by stone on a daily basis. She stated it is a school that educated so many people. The memories and thoughts will not go anywhere.

Councilman Walter Stewart wished everyone and good evening and thanked attendees for coming out. He congratulated Officer Eric Sands on his appointment and welcomed him to the city.

Councilwoman Dorise Hagwood had nothing to report

Councilwoman Elona C. White thanked everyone for attending and stated it is always a pleasure to see everyone.

Councilman Johnny L. Williams Jr. congratulated Officer Eric Sands on his appointment and commended Police Chief Haynes, stating he has an eye for talent. He stated he loves to see participation from the community.

Councilman Matthew Howard stated the Clarkwood Estates Residents Association meeting will be monthly on the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:00p.m. via Zoom. He asked that residents who are not a part of the association but would like to join reach out to him or Vice President Phyllis Tullos. He thanked the Administration for Item No. 9 and 12 to replace the antiquated city equipment that the Service Department really needed. He recognized Michael Carter from the YMCA Warrensville Branch in attendance. He commented that Mr. Carter keeps a high standard of service and numerous programs are available. He shared there is a group home in his ward and told resident Janice Rox that having a paper trail is key. There are violations that can be issued as he has contacted the Building Department in the past.

Law Department

Law Director Teresa Metcalf Beasley had nothing to report.

Council President's Comments

Council President Stanley Anderson congratulated Office Eric Sands for his appointment to the Police Department.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Bradley D. Sellers thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He reported that the city is going to have its annual events again beginning with the Senior Luncheon. The plan ... *[inaudible]*... so he looks forward to getting back. He thanked ... *[inaudible]*... for doing a fine job. He acknowledged Janice Rox and Renee Strong from Planning Commission for being at the forefront... *[Inaudible]*... He recognized School Board President Traci Mitchell, Vice President Ray Freeman and Superintendent Donald Jolly in attendance. He asked Superintendent Jolly to speak about developments with the new schools.

Superintendent Donald Jolly stated that the construction for the new high school/middle school is scheduled to be completed March 2023. Between Memorial Day and Labor Day of 2023, the high school will be torn down and a parking lot will be put in. The middle school is now down and they have begun constructing the stadium and baseball field. Currently, Eastwood is coming down and there will be nothing there; it will be an open field until further notice. He reported that Westwood is slated to come down but there has been a lot of parameters to go along with that. He stated they are getting approved to purchase Mount Zion Church and their Early Childhood Center. So, they will hear what the School District plan to do with it over the next few weeks. He stated John Dewey will continue to serve as the middle school until the children move into the new building then it will be coming down. He explained the reason the buildings have to come down has to do with the state construction money. If they don't take advantage of it before the end of the project, they will lose the money. So, these buildings will be empty with no resilient territory and activity so they chose to demolish the building. He acknowledged the Girls Basketball Team being the first to make it to the

regionals. He stated he looks forward to continuing to build programs and make sure the students receive a quality education.

Councilwoman White asked how soon will they be closing Westwood and Superintendent Jolly replied that the lease is up in August 2022.

Councilman Williams commended Superintendent Jolly and Traci Mitchell, stating they are exceptional leaders and asked that they continuing doing what they do.

Mayor Sellers stated he shared the sentiment of Councilman Williams. ... *[Inaudible]*... He stated more people are coming back to the district than they ever anticipated. He acknowledged Mr. Michael Carter from the YMCA. Lastly, he commended the Girls Basketball Team for their accomplishment only playing with eight girls and reaching the regionals. He shared that at least three players will be going on to play college basketball.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilman Matthew Howard

Adjournment at 7:50p.m.

04-05-2022

APPROVED


Amber Joyner, Clerk of Council