



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES APRIL 5, 2022

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

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

Prayer: Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell

Minutes: March 15, 2022 Regular Meeting
Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Williams
Roll Call: 7 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:

Francine Wahome, Ward 2 Resident stated she had a question for the School District, City Council and Police Chief Haynes. She stated with Eastwood School torn down, she is concerned the field is going to be black at night. She asked if there will be security cameras and police that will patrol the area because her backyard is where the field is.

Mayor Sellers replied that the property is owned by the School District so they will need to speak to what their long-term plans are. He advised that she attend the School Board meetings with her questions regarding the property.

Police Chief Haynes stated he has spoken to Superintendent Jolly who voiced his concerns about the department keeping an eye on the property. There is lighting over there but they will patrol the area more frequently.

Apostle Chari Thomas, Maple Heights Resident reported on May 8, 2021, two young men who were Warrensville residents were murdered in front of her home. They were killed by a 13, 14 and a 15 year old that lived down the next street. She reported that October 31, 2021, a young man from Maple Heights was murdered in front of a bar in Garfield Heights. She has viewed a 20 minute video of fights from a Garfield Heights student on social media and recently Bedford Heights had to close schools because of the amount of fights in the district. She commented that there are a lot of mental health crises going on in the southeast suburbs; community trauma is real. She stated in 2018, there were 36 murders in the area, in 2021 the number increased to 71. Apostle Thomas shared she has created The

Southeast Community Coalition with the goal to invite elected officials, business owners, residents, activists and clergy to come together to solve the mental health and crime problems. She stated she emailed Council about the coalition but received no response. She announced April 14, 2022 at 6:30p.m. at the Garfield Heights Library, the Coalition will have a meeting. She provided a flyer for distribution to Council, Mayor Sellers and Attorney Beasley.

Councilman Stewart stated he responded to her email sent to Council and he will be at the Coalition meeting.

Apostle Thomas replied she got his email and thanked him.

Councilman Howard commended Apostle Thomas on her efforts and stated he will attend.

Order of the Day

- 1. Ord. 2022-041** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilman Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilman Stewart
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

- 2. Ord. 2022-042** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO PURCHASE A 2022 CHEVROLET TAHOE FROM TIM LALLY CHEVROLET, INC. FOR \$38,383.00, 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 Council President Anderson, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

- 3. Ord. 2022-043** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO DISPOSE OF A 2014 DODGE RAM 1500 FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, 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

- 4. Ord. 2022-044** **COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
 ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF MILES NORTH RANDALL LLC, REPRESENTING JEFFREY CLARK OF EASY SIGN HOLDINGS LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN ILLUMINATED WALL SIGN FOR PIPELINE PACKAGING CORPORATION LOCATED AT 21201 MILES ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 762-25-018.

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

- 5. Ord. 2022-045** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
ACCEPTING A CERTAIN BID FROM NORTHCOAST LAWNSCAPES FOR THE 2022 HIGH GRASS AND RELATED NUISANCE ABATEMENT SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT, 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**
- 6. Ord. 2022-046** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
ACCEPTING A CERTAIN BID FROM BONNER MANAGEMENT GROUP LLC FOR THE 2022 HIGH GRASS AND RELATED NUISANCE ABATEMENT SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
**Motioned by Councilwoman Hagwood, Passage by Councilman Howard,
Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 7. Ord. 2022-047** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LEXIS NEXIS TO PROVIDE COMPUTER ASSISTED LEGAL RESEARCH FOR THE LAW DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 1, 2022 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Council President Anderson,
Seconded by Councilman Williams
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 8. Res. 2022-020** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM CHLORIDE (ROCK SALT) THROUGH THE 2022 ODOT WINTER ROAD SALT CONTRACT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood,
Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

- 9. Res. 2022-021** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO RE-ENERGIZE THE MAYOR'S EDUCATIONAL AWARDS TO BE ADMINISTERED THROUGH THE OFFICE OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS IN ORDER TO OFFER \$2,000.00 SCHOLARSHIPS TO WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS THAT MEET ALL QUALIFYING CRITERIA.
Motioned by Council President Anderson, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilman Stewart
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

- 10. Ord. 2022-014** **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.
 FIRST READ: 03/15/2022
 SECOND READ: 04/05/2022
Motioned by Council President Anderson, Passage by Councilman Williams, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 4 Ayes; 3 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried – SECOND READ

Announcements from Directors:

Communications Department – Director Jeffrey Gates reported that Green Rd. will be under construction starting May 2, 2022 until mid-September 2022. He stated the construction will only be between Emery Rd. and Miles Rd. from 7:30a.m.-4:30p.m. He reported that traffic will be maintained in a southbound direction. The work consists of replacing the asphalt and fixing the concrete underneath the asphalt.

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell stated this is the first day for people to vote if they'd like to go to the Board of Elections. She shared that she sat on the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority National Redistricting Commission for about three months last year and just couldn't do it anymore. She stated she was advocating for the state to get their act together but they kept submitting things that had not been approved by the State Supreme Court and wanting to sue the Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court. She stated that their voice is in their vote and they need to find a way to vote. She congratulated Fire Chief Waugh and the city because the new fire truck looks amazing.

Councilman Walter Stewart thanked everyone for coming out and had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Dorise Hagwood had nothing to report

Councilwoman Elona C. White had nothing to report.

Councilman Johnny L. Williams Jr. commented that the Ohio Redistricting Commission keeps him up at night and gets his blood pressure going. He stated he thinks too many people don't have their eyes open as they should be. He is hopeful that they vote and get as many people as they can to vote. He stated the Commission's gerrymandering is unacceptable and has been going against what the people have wanted in 2015 and 2018. He encouraged people to open their eyes and get as many people as they can to do the right thing and vote.

Councilman Matthew Howard wished everyone a good evening and thanked everyone for attending. He shared that April is Minority Health Month and the Northeast Ohio Black Coalition has numerous events coming up throughout the month. To learn more the organization can be contacted at neoblackhealthcoalition.org. He stated the lady hosting most of the events is Yvonka Hall, a Ward 1 resident of Cleveland and the majority of events are held at the Harvard Community Center. He announced the Clarkwood Estates Residents Association will have an in-person meeting April 28, 2022 at 7:00p.m. at the Civic & Senior Center. He stated he is excited to see all of his senior residents.

Law Department

Law Director Teresa Metcalf Beasley had nothing to report.

Council President's Comments

Council President Stanley Anderson commented that the new gun law that the Governor has passed is scary. He stated that was all he had to share.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Bradley D. Sellers thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He acknowledged Civil Service Commission members Kenneth White, Phyllis Tullos and Edward Hicks in attendance. He recognized Planning Commission members Renee Strong and Janice Rox in attendance. He shared that the Senior Luncheon is coming up on May 9, 2022.

Civic & Senior Center Director Jennifer Lastery announced tickets for the luncheon will be available April 18-21, 2022. She is looking forward to all the seniors coming out and they will be asking for picture identification and proof of residency when disbursing tickets.

Mayor Sellers added that the new requirement is due to tickets being in high demand.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilwoman Elona C. White

Adjournment at 7:31p.m.

04-19-2022

APPROVED


Amber Joyner, Clerk of Council