



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES APRIL 19, 2022

Call to Order: Mayor Bradley D. Sellers at 7:04p.m.

Attendance: Councilwoman Hagwood, Councilman Williams, Councilwoman White, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Howard and Council President Anderson
Roll Call: 6 Present

**Motion to Excuse Councilman Walter Stewart by Councilman Howard,
Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

Prayer: Councilman Matthew Howard

Minutes: April 5, 2022 Regular Meeting
**Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by
Council President Anderson
Roll Call: 6 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.

Mayor Sellers shared that when he left Warrensville Heights High School and went to the University of Wisconsin in 1981, he happened to play for William Cofield, the first African-American coach in the Big Ten. They are currently honoring him for the pioneer that he was which is why the camera crew was there from the Big Ten Network. Mayor Sellers asked that the camera crew be given a *Warrensville welcome*.

<<Applause>>

Residents' Requests and Comments:

Shermiah Williams, Ward 5 Resident stated he lives on Donover Rd. and is concerned about the noise disturbance with a property on the street. He stated he has seen the police go to the property but no one answered the door. He reported hearing traffic going down the street day in and day out and car doors slamming where he can barely sleep at night. He stated someone knows whose property that is and he is hoping something can be done. He reported that someone shot a pistol on the street and it is dangerous for the kids playing outside.

Police Chief Haynes replied that the Department is aware of this resident and they are keeping an eye on the property. They have spoken with the homeowner regarding this issue and should be resolving it shortly. He explained in these instances, they have to get credible evidence. He

reported that the homeowner is in the hospital and it is her son and grandson living in the home.

Beverly Lee, Ward 5 Resident reported that the curbstone was damaged in front of his home during the winter by the snow plow. He reported that there was a sign on the street indicated what side people should park on but it had been removed due to deterioration. He reported that landscapers that are cutting grass have been parking on the wrong side so cars parked on both sides are making it hard for people to get down the street. He reported that the sign that prohibits parking at night was also removed due to its deterioration

Mayor Sellers replied that the City Engineer is going through the city now to determine curbs that need to be replaced due to deterioration over time. He asked Service Director Ted Sims to address the *No Parking on This Side of the Street* sign and the *No Parking 3am-6am* sign.

Service Director Sims stated he will get with Police Chief Haynes about having the signs put up where they see fit on the street.

Councilman Howard thanked his two residents for attending the meeting and being engaged in the community. He stated that he received a call about the gun and sitting on the tree lawn. He reported there is a lady three doors up running a daycare out of the home and they walk up and down the street. He stated he spoke to Police Chief Haynes about the safety concerns in the ward.

Order of the Day

1. Ord. 2022-048

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

APPOINTING KEVIN PRICE 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: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

Police Chief Haynes thanked everyone for giving Kevin Price the opportunity to serve this fine city. He stated that Mr. Price comes to the city with a lot experience in law enforcement and corrections so he will be a good asset to the Department.

SWEARING-IN OF OFFICER KEVIN J. PRICE

<Applause>

Mr. Price introduced his wife Allison, son Caleb, mom, sister, niece, grandparents and other extended family and former colleagues. He thanked God for the opportunity and the ability to be here to serve this community. He thanked his wife for her ongoing support. He thanked Mayor Sellers, City Council and Civil Service Commission for the opportunity to serve the community.

<Applause>

Police Chief Haynes recognized Sergeant Johnson, Office Ward, Sergeant Scherrer and Officer Williams in attendance for the swearing-in.

Mayor Sellers acknowledged Civil Service Commission members Phyllis Tullos, Edward Hicks and Kenneth White for their hard work.

<Applause>

- 2. Ord. 2022-049** **COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (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 (LAND BANK) CORPORATION, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SINGLE FAMILY MODULAR HOME LOCATED AT 19313 LONGBROOK ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 761-15-022.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilman Williams
Roll Call: 4 Ayes; 2 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried – FIRST READ
- 3. Ord. 2022-050** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
RESCINDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-020 (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 Council President Anderson, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 4. Ord. 2022-051** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
APPROVING A CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$54,972.50 TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS AND TRIMOR CORPORATION (AUTHORIZED BY ORDINANCE NUMBER 2021-150) TO PERFORM EMERGENCY AND NECESSARY CEMENT STABILIZATION ON THE SUBGRADE TO CORRECT THE SUBGRADE CONDITION IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman Hagwood, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Howard
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 5. Ord. 2022-052** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-041 (AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022) IN ORDER TO CORRECT THE ORDINANCE NUMBER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Council President Anderson, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Howard
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

- 6. Ord. 2022-053** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY COST SHARE AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT FOR THE SOUTH MILES EMERGENCY CULVERT REPAIR PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Council President Anderson, Seconded by Councilman Williams
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 7. Ord. 2022-054** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (PATROL UNIT) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilman Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 8. Ord. 2022-055** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN’S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (SERGEANTS UNIT) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 9. Ord. 2022-056** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, AND OTHER OFFICIALS AS APPROPRIATE, OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO PROVIDE A ONE-TIME, LUMP SUM PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750.00 TO ALL FULL-TIME GENERAL ADMINISTRATION EMPLOYEES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilman Williams
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 10. Ord. 2022-057** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMPENSATION AGREEMENT WITH ORANGE VILLAGE, OHIO, THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AND ORANGE PLACE DEVELOPMENT, LLC IN CONNECTION WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A RESTORATION HARDWARE “MANSION” RETAIL FACILITY TO

BE LOCATED AT 4009 ORANGE PLACE, ORANGE VILLAGE, OHIO, 44122 PPN 901-42-003, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

11. Ord. 2022-058

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE THREE (3) 2022 F-550 CHASSIS FORD CREW CABS FOR \$279,117.00 PURSUANT TO A STATE TERM CONTRACT FOR USE IN THE WARRENSVILLEHEIGHTS SERVICE DEPARTMENT, 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

OLD BUSINESS

12. 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.

FIRST READ: 03/15/2022

SECOND READ: 04/05/2022

THIRD READ: 04/19/2022

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

Roll Call: 4 Ayes; 2 Nays; 0 Abs - Motion Carried – THIRD READ

Announcements from Directors:

Civic & Senior Center – Director Jennifer Lastery reminded everyone that Senior Club is meeting in-person twice a month now on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 1:00p.m. She announced that tickets for the Senior Luncheon on May 9, 2022 are now being distributed. The doors will open at 11:00a.m. at the Marriot East Hotel in Harvard Park. She stated tickets will be distributed tomorrow from 1-3p.m. and Thursday from 9-11a.m. She stated there are a limited number of tickets and the requirements for attendees are: resident of Warrensville Heights, 60 years or older; photo ID; and proof of residency.

Service Department – Director Ted Sims thanked City Council and Mayor Sellers for passing the legislation for the trucks. They are needed in the Department and everyone will be happy that they are getting them.

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She acknowledged Mr. Williams and Mr. Lee for voicing their concerns and observations. She congratulated and welcomed Officer Price to *The Friendly City*. She commented it has been a blessing to grow up in the city and serve the community. She shared that a group of women that she attended grade school with meet regularly like an extended family and one of them has passed away. Rhonda Smith Ferguson was dedicated to the city and her service to the city as the Assistant Law Director will never be forgotten. She shared the last time she saw her was for an episode of *Tiger Talks*.

Councilwoman Dorise Hagwood thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, especially the “old faithfuls” that are always in attendance.

Councilwoman Elona C. White congratulated and welcomed new Officer Kevin Price. She acknowledged Mayor Sellers and the relationship he had the Coach William Cofield.

Councilman Johnny L. Williams Jr. shared that Rhonda Smith Ferguson was a good friend of his. She was the most intelligent, kind, humble and fun of a human being that he has ever known. He stated like Councilwoman Mitchell, the *Tiger Talk* was the last time he saw her because she had relocated to Chicago to be Chief Council for Allstate. He stated he was disappointed that there weren’t more people on the call because they would have been able to tap in to all she had to give. He stated she was a phenomenal black woman and his shero.

Councilman Matthew Howard thanked Councilman Williams for his words because he did not know much about Rhonda Smith Ferguson. He acknowledged Service Director Sims for the work he’s done in Ward 5 with removing the dead trees. He commented that the police negotiations worked out well and he was glad they reached a resolution. He announced next Thursday is the Clarkwood Estates Residents Association meeting at 7:00p.m. in-person at the Civic & Senior Center.

Law Department

Law Director Teresa Metcalf Beasley had nothing to report.

Council President’s Comments

Council President Stanley Anderson welcomed Officer Price to *The Friendly City*, thanked everyone for attending the meeting and his colleagues for their cooperation in scheduling the Council photo session.

Mayor’s Comments

Mayor Bradley D. Sellers thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He welcomed Officer Price to the Police Department. He recognized Phyllis Tullos and Edwards Hick in attendance from Civil Service Commission and Janice Rox and Renee Strong from Planning Commission. He shared that he and Rhonda Smith Ferguson go way back and the Smith Family is outstanding. He remembered she was working at BakerHostetler and called him stating she needed a “side hustle” having children in private school. He spoke to Mayor Fudge and Rhonda did the rest because that’s who she was, smart as a whip. Mayor Sellers stated she never forgot where she came from; she’d done a lot in her lifetime and

left a significant impact behind. It is a devastating loss and she will be missed. He asked everyone that her family be kept in their prayers.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilwoman Elona C. White

Adjournment at 7:47p.m.

05-13-2022

APPROVED


Amber Joyner, Clerk of Council