



# CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS

## Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JUNE 21, 2022

**Call to Order:** Mayor Bradley D. Sellers at 7:02p.m.

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

**Prayer:** Councilman Matthew Howard

**Minutes:** May 17, 2022 Regular Meeting  
**Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Howard**  
**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.

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### **Residents' Requests and Comments:**

**Sam Wainer, Horizons Incorporated** inquired about the South Miles construction that has been going on for several months.

**Mayor Sellers** replied that he gave their CFO an update about the road closure last week. There are currently discussions between the City Engineer and the Sewer District about what they want to see done. They want something better than what was there before and more money has to go into it. He stated what is being offered is a third more than what it should cost them. The project is going to take some time.

**Janice Rox, Ward 2 Resident** inquired if Warrensville Heights is going to make efforts to get any extra money that Governor DeWine has said is due to many cities in the state. She hoped that the city will obtain extra money for projects. Also, she stated she was looking at the maps for the Juneteenth celebrations and noticed that the State of Ohio has not declared Juneteenth as a national holiday and requested that City Council and Mayor Sellers contact their state representatives to get the holiday on the books.

**Dr. Michael Rock, School Board Treasurer** passed out copies of the School District's 5 Year Forecast. He shared that all five years are funded and state and local taxes continue to be the major sources of revenue. This is the 12<sup>th</sup> year that the School District is spending within its resources so their budget is balanced naturally. He reported that they have gotten some very favorable quotes from Moody's

Investor Services and their latest quote was that they have a strong history of voter approval for new tax levies; very healthy fund balances and liquidity supported by prudent financial policies; and a deficit spending policy that the Board follows so they can keep track of when deficit spending occurs. He reported their bond financial plan is in full effect and the last payment for their old bonds will be in December 2024 and then the new bonds will fully come on. The last financial fact he shared was they only have one emergency levy due every five years. It has been passed every year since 1990.

**Councilman Howard** stated that Dr. Rock is doing a fantastic job and has been a great addition to the School Board. He thanked him for all he's done.

**Councilman Williams** asked if Moody's gave a grade rating and Dr. Rock replied the rating was A1. Councilman Williams congratulated him.

**Councilwoman Mitchell** asked what the grade rating was before because it has to have grown. Dr. Rock replied that it has been favorable the whole time. Councilwoman Mitchell told him he *does rock!*

<Applause>

**Robert Tiffs, Ward 3** stated there are residents in his area that don't really know what the rules in the city are. He stated he has neighbors that come to him about problems and he contacts Councilwoman White or Chief Haynes. He reported people speed, run the stop signs and do not repair their homes.

**Mayor Sellers** replied that he is glad Mr. Tiffs lets the city know when he sees something.

**Mr. Tiffs** reported there is a home on his street that has been problematic and Building Commissioner Brown stated he was familiar with the property.

**Building Commissioner Brown** stated violations have been written for the property and he will follow up. It is a rental property that's been cited for grass a couple of times. He explained when someone purchases a property, they have to go through a point of sale inspection and they have to submit an occupancy and rental registration. So, they do have recourse to reach out to the person or LLC to get them into compliance.

**Mr. Tiffs** reported there have been dogs running around without a leash.

**Police Chief Haynes** replied they have a new leash ordinance and if the Animal Warden catches it, he will take it and the owner will get cited. If the house is being rented, the citation will be sent to the renter and the owner. Also, the city has a Vicious Dog ordinance that addresses certain breeds. He stated that he has special attention on Marvin Rd. particularly the speeders and people parking on the grass.

**Mr. Tiffs** reported that a BB gun was shot into his neighbor's window and he wanted Police Chief Haynes to be aware.

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### **Order of the Day**

#### **1. Ord. 2022-074**

**COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF EARL DIMALANTA OF FASTSIGNS OF BEDFORD HEIGHTS, REPRESENTING CIPRIANI PROPERTY COMPANY LTD., FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE FOR THE SHOE CLOSET LLC LOCATED AT 23018 EMERY ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-15-024.

**Motioned Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Howard  
Seconded by Councilman Williams  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

- 2. Ord. 2022-075**      **COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF DAMIANE HANDA OF EXPEDITE THE DIEHL, REPRESENTING JLP-HARVARD PARK LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A WALL SIGN FOR FAMOUS FOOTWEAR LOCATED AT 4073 RICHMOND ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44122, PPN 763-33-002.  
**Motioned Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Howard  
Seconded by Councilman Williams  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 3. Ord. 2022-076**      **COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF CAPRICE MUNDY OF KINGDOM LOUNGE, REPRESENTING SHORE REALTY GROUP LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A WALL SIGN LOCATED AT 4610 GREEN ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-15-068.  
**Motioned Council President Anderson, Passage by Councilman Howard  
Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 4. Ord. 2022-077**      **COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF ANDREA SHEPPARD, REPRESENTING THE SAME, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A DECK LOCATED AT 23512 FELCH STREET, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-12-053.  
**Motioned Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilman Howard  
Seconded by Councilwoman White  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 5. Ord. 2022-078**      **COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF TARA SIMPSON AND ROBIN MCALPINE OF BE OUR GUEST, REPRESENTING OVERLOOK SQUARE LLC, FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO OPERATE AN EVENT CENTER LOCATED AT 4640 RICHMOND ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-27-013.  
**Motioned Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood  
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

- 6. Ord. 2022-079**      **COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF MATTHEW SUPLER OF NEW VISTA ENTERPRISES, REPRESENTING 4947 COMMERCE LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A GREENHOUSE LOCATED AT 4947 COMMERCE PARKWAY, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-41-007.  
**Motioned Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilman Howard**  
**Seconded by Councilwoman White**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 7. Ord. 2022-080**      **COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIR)**  
ADDING SECTION 529.09 BOTTLE CLUBS TO CHAPTER 529 LIQUOR CONTROL OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO PROHIBIT BOTTLE CLUBS IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS.  
**Motioned Councilman Howard, Passage by Council President Anderson**  
**Seconded by Councilman Williams**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 8. Ord. 2022-081**      **COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (SAFETY COMMITTEE CHAIR)**  
AMENDING SECTION 549.10 FIREWORKS SALE OR DISCHARGE AND SECTION 549.11 FIREWORKS DISPLAY PERMITS OF CHAPTER 549 WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE USE AND SALE OF FIREWORKS IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS.  
**Motioned Councilman Howard, Passage by Councilman Williams**  
**Seconded by Councilwoman White**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 9. Ord. 2022-082**      **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXTEND THE CONTRACT WITH JACKSON, DIEKEN & ASSOCIATES, INCORPORATED TO PROVIDE CERTAIN INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, INCLUDING PROPERTY AND CASUALTY, AND RISK MANAGEMENT, FOR A PERIOD BEGINNING JUNE 1, 2022 THROUGH MAY 31, 2023 AND AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$280,000.00 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood**  
**Seconded by Councilman Howard**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 10. Res. 2022-026**      **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AS APPROPRIATE, TO SELL OR DISCARD CERTAIN

VEHICLES FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS THAT ARE NO LONGER IN USE.

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

**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

**11. Res. 2022-027**

**MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO APPLY FOR, AND ACCEPT IF AWARDED, THE 2022 AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FIRST RESPONDER WELLNESS, RECRUITMENT, RETENTION AND RESILIENCY GRANT THROUGH THE OHIO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

**12. Ord. 2022-083**

**MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

ACCEPTING A CERTAIN BID FROM CATTS CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR PHASE THREE OF THE CLARKWOOD PARKWAY RECONSTRUCTION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$487,322.18, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

**13. Ord. 2022-084**

**MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND EXEMPT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION, REQUIRING THE OWNERS OF THE IMPROVEMENTS THEREON TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL URBAN RENEWAL TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND (MARCUS THOMAS PROJECT) FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS AND RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.41 TO 5709.43, APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING RELATED MATTERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

**Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood left meeting after completion of the Order of the Day.**

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**Announcements from Directors:**

There were no announcements.

**Announcements from Council:**

**Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell** stated he appreciated everyone attending the meeting especially Mr. Tiffs, Dr. Rock and Mrs. Rox. She stated this has been our second year celebrating Juneteenth as a federal holiday and so many states do not embrace that. She remarked she will be sending information and encouraging others to get Ohio aboard. She shared there was a wonderful celebration in Woodmere, several in downtown Cleveland and hopefully there will be ones next year to celebrate not only Juneteenth but Freedom Day.

**Councilman Walter Stewart** thanked Building Commissioner Brown because there were complaints on a lot of broken doors locks at Granada Gardens. He stated it is a scary feeling when a person can just walk into any building 24 hours a day. Building Commissioner Brown walked through each building checking doors and didn't leave a stone unturned; he took action. He shared at the previous meeting there was a conversation that came up concerning human trafficking with an exchange between he and Police Chief Haynes. He stated he does not want people to think he was trying to put him on the spot and he apologized. He shared he had a private conversation with Chief Haynes and has the greatest level of respect for him. He stated he does not apologize for asking the question "Is there human trafficking in the community?" but there was a way to ask it. He stated he should have left out "Someone said..." He reported that a lot of things were going on in his ward that day and apologized again. He commented this is the only city he's lived in where there's very little to no criticism about the Police Chief. Chief Haynes is well-respected in Ward 4 and he's sure all over the city. He commented on Saturday at Aldersgate Church, Reverend Bass had a Black Lives Matter Memorial and a Juneteenth recognition. The Juneteenth holiday was a long-time coming and they need it. He remarked that Abraham Lincoln did not pass the Emancipation Proclamation for humanitarian reasons but it was to save the union. He commented they still have a long way to go. He commented that January 6 was not a riot but a terrorist insurrection and he is glad the hearings are taking place.

**Councilwoman Elona C. White** welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Mr. Tiffs for his participation. She shared that the Heroes Luncheon last Friday was very well-attended and acknowledged Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood and the volunteers for their efforts.

**Councilman Johnny L. Williams Jr.** saluted the directors for their participation in the Heroes Luncheon. He commended the School Board and Superintendent Jolly and commented the trajectory is on a beautiful course. He recommended that people watch live, DVR, or MSNBC programming regarding the January 6 hearings. He said the answer is not to put their heads in the sand because they then become naïve and gullible to so many things. He commented that it brought tears to his eyes how the lives of Ruby Freeman and Shaye Moss have been turned upside down. UPSIDE DOWN! Due to lies. He recommended the book *Our Unfinished March* by former Attorney General Eric Holder and *A Way Out of No Way* by Raphael G. Warnock. He said they must be voting influencers because he is scared to death of 2022 and if GOP takes over the House, revisionist history will begin.

**Councilman Matthew Howard** commented that he loved Councilman Williams's passion and echoes everything he said. He thanked his colleagues for the passage of all the Planning Commission items and congratulated all the applicants. He congratulated Dr. Morse for being in the city for 50 years and acknowledged how much he cares about the progress. He commented that responsible dog ownership

is key and people have to be educated. He recalled when he was younger chow chows were considered vicious dogs and he does not see many of them around today. He advised everyone to be careful.

**Law Department**

**Law Director Teresa Metcalf Beasley** had nothing to report.

**Council President's Comments**

**Council President Stanley Anderson** wished everyone a good evening. He stated he was shocked on January 6, 2021 and could not believe what he was seeing. The only way to make progress is to stay engaged and he plans to do his part. He remarked they can stand by and not do anything if they want to but will go to sleep a free person and wake up in a dictatorship. He encouraged people to get out and vote.

**Mayor's Comments**

**Mayor Bradley D. Sellers** thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He thanked Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood and Councilwoman White for leading the charge on the Heroes Luncheon and his staff for volunteering. He reported they received 110 veterans RSVPs. He congratulated Warrensville Heights City School District for running a tight ship and to School Board Member Ray Freeman for posting pictures online. He stated he concurred with Councilman Williams and Council President Anderson regarding the January 6 hearings. He commented that there are only a few people driving this thing and they're in front of us every day. He announced that for the first time in two years, Summer Fest will return in August. He shared that the rides will be unavailable due to the company not having enough workers so they will find an alternative and still have a good time.

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**Adjournment**

**Motion to Adjourn by Councilwoman Elona C. White**

**Adjournment at 8:01p.m.**

*07/17/2023*

APPROVED

  
Amber Joyner, Clerk of Council