



## CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JULY 19, 2022

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

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

**Motion to Excuse Councilman Johnny L. Williams Jr. by Councilwoman White,  
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

**Prayer:** Councilwoman Dorise Hagwood

**Minutes:** June 21, 2022 Regular Meeting  
**Motion to Approve by Council President Anderson, Seconded by  
Councilwoman White  
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.

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

**Reginald Childs, Ward 5** stated he lives on Wolverton Dr. and wants to address the recent demolition of the old parking garage at Clarkwood Greens Apartments on Monday because there was no notice given about the wall coming down. He commended Councilman Howard for stepping in and reaching out to the building inspector to stop the demolition from happening. He commented that he is happy to see the building go but they weren't friendly in *The Friendly City* to let resident know they were being impacted.

**Mayor Sellers** reported that the city did not find out about the demolition until yesterday. **Jacqueline Miller, Ward 5** stated that she also lives on Wolverton Dr. and contacted Councilman Howard when she heard the wall coming down. She stated her tree got damaged and all the stuff is coming into her backyard. She shared that she bought her home in 1961 and there was an agreement in 1972 that was passed to put the wall up for the garages. She reported that per county records, there was an agreement that the Homeowners Association made to have a safety wall. Ms. Miller stated that a six foot fence is not going to help with the riff raff coming in because they are already jumping the fence and coming through the backyard.

**Mayor Sellers** asked Building Commissioner Brown to come and explain what he did yesterday.

**Building Commissioner Brown** reported that he received a call from Ms. Miller yesterday morning so he immediately went out to the site. He knew the garage was in bad shape and they had been cited but he did not know when demolition was going to start. He explained that he stopped the job because they mailed in the permit and just started the work without giving the city an opportunity to go through the process. There should have been a seven day notification prior to starting the job. He stated that property management's intention is to install some sort of barricade between the property lines. He stated that he and Ms. Miller spoke about the agreement with the Homeowner's Association this afternoon so as soon as he gets the agreement, he'll review it.

**Councilman Howard** commended his residents for speaking out about this. He advised residents to call the city first if they aren't sure what they can or cannot do in the community.

**Francine Wahome, Ward 3** stated she has a problem with the vacant lot near her property. She reported that there is a man sleeping in a van. She was told she should have called the police first but she instead told the guy he cannot sleep there.

**Police Chief Haynes** stated he would prefer her to contact the Police Department so he can send units out, identify the individual and advise him so they have record of it.

**Councilwoman Hagwood** advised that Ms. Wahome not interact with those people, just call the police.

**Eugene Taylor, Ward 3** expressed his appreciation that the recreation center pool is back open because he has to swim to stay alive. He does it for his health and he's been driving to Twinsburg so he can swim in the pool. He also thanked the Police Department for addressing the drivers running their semis all night long behind the Heinen's Distribution Center when there is no parking overnight. He stated he wished they would turn their engines off at night because it's a noise issue. He reported it can be three of four nights in a row.

**Police Chief Haynes** reported that the issue came up a couple years ago and they went out to speak with them. Also, the drivers were parking their semis on South Miles so they stopped that as well.

**Robert Tift, Ward 3** commented that the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday was like a warzone. He reported firecrackers were being shot off in the middle of the street and children were running through yards. He stated the parents were in the backyard playing loud music. He reported that the house at 19408 Marvin Rd. is still problematic. He suggested having more patrolling near the home and that someone at the home drives a white Durango with loud pipes. He stated the grass at the home is still not cut and there is trash in the yard.

**Mayor Sellers** advised to always call the Police Department to avoid anything escalating.

**Police Chief Haynes** commended his officers that ran every minute from one side of the city to the other with reports of fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

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**Order of the Day****1. Ord. 2022-085****MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

APPOINTING PARRIS JOHNSON TO THE POSITION OF LIEUTENANT IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motioned Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood**

**Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**

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

**Police Chief Haynes** shared that soon-to-be Lieutenant Johnson started his career with the city February 5, 2001 and at that time was a D.A.R.E. officer in the schools. He worked in the Detectives Bureau and on April 19, 2016, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Police Chief Haynes stated he has worked alongside Sergeant Johnson for a long time and he can definitely say that he is a gentleman with character and is well-respected by his fellow officers who came to support him during this promotion ceremony.

**Sergeant Johnson** introduced his wife Valerie, daughter Tyasha, Alicia and Nyeshia and two of his grandchildren. He stated he has one daughter missing who lives in California.

**Swearing-In of Lieutenant Parris Johnson**

*<Applause>*

**Lieutenant Johnson** thanked Chief Haynes, Mayor Sellers and City Council for promoting him to the position. He stated he has been with the city 21 years and sometimes it gets rough but he doesn't regret becoming a police officer. He thanked his family because their support makes it easier to do this job.

*<Applause>*

**2. Ord. 2022-086****COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**

ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF CIONE BELKNAP OF AGILE SIGN & LIGHTING MAINTENANCE INC., REPRESENTING HEMINGWAY AT RICHMOND LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE FOR THINK MEDIA STUDIOS LLC LOCATED AT 4781 RICHMOND ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-41-019.

**Motioned Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Howard**

**Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**

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

**3. Ord. 2022-087****COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**

ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF MATTHEW FOLEY OF SBG SERVICES, LLC, REPRESENTING CHICK-FIL-A, INC., FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE LOCATED AT 4001 RICHMOND ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44122, PPN 763-34-005.

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

- 4. Ord. 2022-088**      **COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF GENEVA MCKINLEY OF AWNING AND SIGN CONTRACTORS, REPRESENTING FRANKLIN HARVARD PROPERTIES LLC, FOR AN EXTERIOR UPGRADE AND THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE FOR BUFFALO WILD WINGS BAR & GRILL LOCATED AT 26200 HARVARD ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44122, PPN 763-34-004.  
**Motioned Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White  
Seconded by Council President Anderson  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 5. Ord. 2022-089**      **COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF MATTHEW TAYLOR OF MATCHSET, INC., REPRESENTING JLP-HARVARD PARK LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A WALL SIGN LOCATED AT 4065 RICHMOND ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44122, PPN 763-33-002.  
**Motioned Council President Anderson, Passage by Councilman Howard  
Seconded by Councilwoman White  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 6. Ord. 2022-090**      **COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF TIMOTHY TYRITY OF BOOM AUTO SALES LLC, REPRESENTING EMRICH DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO OPERATE AN INDOOR, INTERNET AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIP LOCATED AT 25975 EMERY ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-07-002.  
**Motioned Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Howard  
Seconded by Council President Anderson  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 7. Ord. 2022-091**      **COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF MARK BAILIN OF DIAMOND SIGNS & GRAPHICS, REPRESENTING 4517 E.I.P., LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE FOR PIPELINE TO GOD COMMUNICATIONS INC. LOCATED AT 4517 RENAISSANCE PARKWAY, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-08-008.

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

**8. Ord. 2022-092**      **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AMENDING SECTION 141.20 MUNICIPAL TOWING CONTRACTS AND RATES OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO REVISE THE TOWING RATES AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR TOW SERVICES IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood  
Seconded by Councilman Howard  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

**9. Res. 2022-028**      **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 SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS THAT ARE NO LONGER IN USE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood  
Seconded by Councilwoman White  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

**10. Res. 2022-029**      **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO APPLY FOR, AND ACCEPT IF AWARDED, THE 2022 CUYAHOGA COUNTY AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood  
Seconded by Council President Anderson  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

Add-on:

**11. Ord 2022-093**      **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 (DISPATCHERS AND CORRECTIONS OFFICERS) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned Councilwoman White, Passage by Council President Anderson  
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

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Announcements from Directors:

There were no announcements.

### **Announcements from Council:**

**Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell** greeted everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting. She thanked all residents who provided a public comment so that they know what is happening and that they are indeed *The Friendly City*. She shared 101 years ago today, there was a riot on the Capital to suppress the votes of African-Americans so history has a tendency to repeat itself. It is important that we have a place to go so we know how to prevent this thing by voting with our voices. Let's vote for those who represent us and allow us to do our job.

**Councilman Walter Stewart** wished everyone a good evening and thanked them for coming out. He congratulated Lieutenant Johnson.

**Councilwoman Dorise Thompson-Hagwood** wished everyone a good evening and thanked them for their support because it is encouraging.

**Councilwoman Elona C. White** thanked everyone for coming out and stated she appreciated hearing all the comments and concerns because they cannot be everywhere all the time. She thanked Mr. Tift.

**Councilman Matthew Howard** wished everyone a good evening. He commended Building Commissioner Brown for handling the demolition situation because they were out of line. He commented that Building Commissioner Brown answers the phone when he calls and provides solid advice on working with his residents. Building Commissioner Brown's work is appreciated.

*<Applause>*

### **Law Department**

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

### **Council President's Comments**

**Council President Stanley Anderson** congratulated Lieutenant Johnson and thanked the neighbors for coming to speak out. If you see something, say something. He stated he would not advise any resident to approach someone because there are people that don't care what they do to you.

### **Mayor's Comments**

**Mayor Bradley D. Sellers** thanked everyone for taking the time to come out. He congratulated Lieutenant Johnson that has worked his way through the ranks. He recognized two of the Civil Service Commission members in attendance, Kenneth White and Edward Hicks for their service. He asked that residents call the Police Department and don't take matters in their own hands even though they may be frustrated. He stated that the fireworks situation was better than it was last year depending where they were in the city. He thanked Council for the passage of legislation. He commented that Attorney Beasley is the best Law Director in the county and he gets crazy ideas and she has to walk him off the ledge. He stated it troubles him when he sees certain things going on and the two hotels on Northfield Rd. have his full attention. He stated they are not going to have murders in this town and the killing at the restaurant on Northfield Rd. has his total attention. He commented that the folks involved did not live here but came from East Cleveland. He added that Miles Pkwy. also has his full attention. He stated he lives here and the people that live here don't want this. He reported he will look into the records

that Ms. Miller discussed and commented how the garages were not cleaned out prior to the demolition. He reported that South Miles just opened up and it will cost a 1.5 million to fix the road. The construction will likely not be complete until January.

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**Adjournment**

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

**Adjournment at 8:00p.m.**

*08-16-2020*

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APPROVED

  
Amber Joyner, Clerk of Council