



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS

Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 15, 2022

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

Attendance: Councilwoman Dorise Thompson-Hagwood, Councilman Johnny L. Williams Jr.
Councilwoman Elona C. White and Councilman Walter Stewart
Roll Call: 4 Present

Motion to Excuse Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell, Councilman Matthew Howard and Council President Stanley Anderson by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood
Roll Call: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

Prayer: Councilwoman Dorise Thompson-Hagwood

Minutes: November 1, 2022 Regular Meeting
Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Williams
Roll Call: 4 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:

Danté Jones, Ward 1 Resident greeting everyone stating it is a pleasure to be with them all and address the esteemed Council that evening. He stated in addition to being a resident of Warrensville Heights, he is a Warrensville alumnus, as was his father and his son is currently a student at the elementary school. He found his way home to Warrensville after a short stint away training to be a union carpenter. He shared that he decided to be that but is now a full-time student. He shared he is a senator at-large at Tri-C and a Mandel Scholar and found his love for civic engagement serving as a Democracy Fellow. He reported that he was part of a voting initiative that got over 1000 people registered to vote in collaboration with a gospel rap artist Cory Bapes. He stated that deserves a round of applause, doesn't it?

<Applause>

He reported that the Democracy Fellows and Cory Bapes created a song called "Rock the Polls" and did a TikTok around it and different voting initiatives. He asked that people go to YouTube and search "Rock the Polls," because the video quality is high and they'll love it. He thanked Mayor Sellers for his

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kindness after the untimely death of his mother at 58 years old. He recalled running into the Mayor, who graduated with his father, and Mayor Sellers's kindness at that moment made him want to be in the position to show that same kindness. It was a moment of vulnerability at his weakest time. He stated he wants to make himself available to serve his community and learn to engage further.

Mayor Sellers thanked Mr. Jones for attending and stated they can all share how they got pulled in to public service and the things that triggered them to follow it a little deeper. He stated first you have to care and want to push forward. He stated he is glad to have Mr. Jones in the city.

Mr. Jones thanked Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood for putting together the 1367 Event and that it was wonderful. It was pleasure to serve the community drinks behind the bar and take pictures.

Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood commented that he could not have found a better place to offer his civil service. She shared that Mr. Jones will be shadowing her. She will have an awesome opportunity to show him the good things and the things to get ready for in public service. She thanked him for reaching out to her. She shared that Mr. Jones is William Merritt's nephew and had told his nephew "You better find Dorise." and he did.

Order of the Day

1. Ord. 2022-116

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AMENDING SECTION 545.21 REMOVAL AND ABANDONMENT OF SHOPPING CARTS OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE RECOVERY FEE FOR IMPOUNDED SHOPPING CARTS AND ALLOW ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR THE CITY TO DISPOSE OF UNCLAIMED SHOPPING CARTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motioned by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Williams

Roll Call: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED – FIRST READ

2. Ord. 2022-117

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AMENDING SECTION 1377.08 REQUIRED DWELLING UNIT FACILITIES OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF COMPLETE KITCHENS OR KITCHENETTES IN A DWELLING UNIT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motioned by Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman White

Roll Call: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED – FIRST READ

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- 3. Ord. 2022-118** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ESTABLISH A SIX(6) MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE AND PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR ZONING, OCCUPANCY AND/OR BUILDING PERMIT APPROVALS FOR SMALL BOX DISCOUNT STORES AND THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH APPROVALS IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Williams
Roll Call: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED – FIRST READ
- 4. Res. 2022-042** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SHELLI LEWIS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Williams
Roll Call: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED – FIRST READ

Announcements from Directors:

Civic & Senior Center – Director Jennifer Lastery reminded everyone the gospel concert will be on Thursday and she is looking forward to everyone coming and bringing anyone they love too. She stated the doors will open at 6p.m. All are welcome so come out to begin the holiday season.

Announcements from Council:

Councilman Walter Stewart thanked everyone for coming out and asked that they have a very safe evening.

Councilwoman Dorise Thompson-Hagwood thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Councilwoman Elona C. White thanked everyone for coming out.

Councilman Johnny L. Williams Jr. sent prayers to Tom Paige and his family due to a huge tree falling on their home. He thanked young voters who he thinks prevented the “big red wave” from happening. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Law Department

Law Director Teresa Metcalf Beasley had nothing to report.

Mayor’s Comments

Mayor Bradley D. Sellers thanked everyone for taking the time to come out. He concurred with Councilman Williams about people going to vote and that it wasn’t as bleak as some people thought it was going to be; it turned out pretty well. He shared that Item No. is about passing a six month

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moratorium on small box stores like the dollar stores and beauty stores. They want to do a study because they are starting to populate all throughout the city. He stated it would best serve the community to take their time to see what they are working with first. It is a good time to issue a study since the city currently has nothing on the table. He stated Warrensville is a fine place to do business and they want to have some understanding of what the body could be looking at going forward.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilwoman White

Adjournment at 7:17p.m.

12-06-2022

APPROVED


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