



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS

Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 20, 2022

Call to Order: Council President Stanley Anderson at 7:00p.m.
Absent: Mayor Bradley D. Sellers

Attendance: Councilwoman Dorise Hagwood, Councilman Johnny L. Williams Jr., Councilwoman Elona C. White, Councilman Walter Stewart, Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell, Councilman Matthew Howard and Council President Stanly Anderson
Roll Call: 7 Present

Prayer: Councilman Matthew Howard

Minutes: December 6, 2022 Regular Meeting
Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Howard
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Abs – Motion Carried

Departmental Reports: Council President Anderson 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:

Deborah Hill, Ward 2 Resident wished everyone a good evening. She commended the city on an outstanding employee recognition celebration last Friday evening. She stated it spoke well to the integrity of the city when it recognizes the years of service of all of their employees. Ms. Hill congratulated Councilman Stewart on the award he received from the Northeastern Ohio City Council Association (NOCCA) and felt he was doing an outstanding job for his constituency. She asked a question in regard to Item No. 17 on the agenda as the matter will go on the ballot in May 2023. She stated she does not feel like residents are given information regarding renewal levies, particularly that they are *not* tax increases. Ms. Hill stated they should do a better job of sending out flyers to residents explaining what the renewal levies are because the community needs to know. She commented there are a lot of seniors that vote in this community and they don't use social media. Again, she would appreciate it if the city would consider sending out mailers when a matter goes on the ballot explaining what it is for and that it is *not* a tax increase.

John Slagter, Attorney with Tucker Ellis stated he is in attendance with his client Rob Risman with BCN Richmond Highland LLC, the property at 4832 Richmond Rd. He reported there was an application that was submitted for the Head Start program that Council previously heard and a second application that

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was denied. He stated that was supposed to be on the agenda this evening and he does not know if the application was pulled or withdrawn. He stated either way, he wanted Council to know that it is an important issue to his client. He commented that he hoped they'd be informed if anything were to change because they have come to all the meetings and have provided expert testimony. He wished everyone Happy Holidays!

Rob Risman, BCN Richmond Highland LLC added since he purchased the building in 2009, they have been committed to Warrensville Heights in having their corporate office here. He stated they feel very strongly about the building being a corporate office park and that is why they moved here. He commented that the Mayor's intent was for the area to be an "economic driver" for the city. He shared that his company Burton Carroll Management is there along with Special Metals. As of 2019, they have 60 employees and 7 million dollars of payroll. He stated if a Head Start daycare facility is in front of their building with an outdoor playground, there will be safety, noise and traffic issues. He stated he feels strongly that Head Start is a wonderful organization and he has spoken to both Councilman Williams and Councilman Howard about looking for another location in the city that is more suited for the use. He stated he would like to help in the process and wished everyone Happy Holidays!

Janice Rox, Ward 2 wished everyone a good evening. She congratulated Councilman Stewart on his recognition by the Northeastern Ohio City Council Association (NOCCA). She thanked the city for planning and hosting a wonderful employee party. She stated the big white house on Warrensville Center Rd. is having problems with broken down cars and trash in the backyard. It is horrible over there. She hoped that something can be done about the house. She also hoped that Council will stand by the decision of the Planning Commission regarding Item No. 3 on the agenda to deny Ms. Henderson's Conditional Use Permit. She shared that after the matter was first tabled, Ms. Henderson decided to throw a party without an Occupancy Permit and the police were called. She stated Ms. Henderson put the police officers in danger and she doesn't think they want this type of person in their midst. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Order of the Day

**Motion to Suspend the Rules for Every Item with the EXCEPTION of Item No. 6 by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Williams, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

Legislation read onto the record by Law Director Teresa Metcalf Beasley

- 1. Ord. 2022-132 COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO
APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF MICHAEL STEIDEL OF CASTLE HEATING & AIR,
INC., REPRESENTING CVP4944 COMMERCE, LLC, FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A**

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SIGN PANEL LOCATED AT 4944 COMMERCE PARKWAY, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-41-014.

- 2. Ord. 2022-133** **COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF DON BAKER OF D & J CONTRACTORS REALTY LLC, REPRESENTING MILLARD THOMAS, III, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SIX (6) FOOT HIGH WOOD PANEL PRIVACY FENCE LOCATED AT 15107 RUBY LANE, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 762-08-064.
- 3. Ord. 2022-134** **COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO DENY THE APPLICATION OF LESLIE HENDERSON OF POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT LLC, REPRESENTING CHIAROSCURO MOTIONS, LLC, FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A LOUNGE AND INSTALL A WALL SIGN AND AWNING LOCATED AT 20017 HARVARD AVENUE, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44122, PPN 761-09-013.
- 4. Ord. 2022-135** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW THE AMENDED AND RESTATED ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GLAUS, PYLE, SCHOMER, BURNS AND DEHAVEN, INC. (DBA GPD GROUP) FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 5. Ord. 2022-136** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-040 TO CORRECT THE FEE AMOUNT FOR THE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CLEVELAND CLINIC WELLNESS ENTERPRISE, LLC ON BEHALF OF ITS LIFESTYLE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 6. Ord. 2022-137** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
ADDING CHAPTER 1360 FOOD TRUCKS TO PART THIRTEEN BUILDING CODE OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 2 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED – SENT TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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- 7. Ord. 2022-138** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AMENDING CHAPTER 733 PUBLIC DANCES AND DANCE HALLS OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO REGULATE RENTAL HALLS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 8. Res. 2022-049** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENGAGE IN A PUBLIC BIDDING PROCESS TO ADVERTISE FOR AND SOLICIT COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR THE REPAIR AND/OR REPLACEMENT OF HEATING VENTILATION AND AIR CONDITIONING (HVAC) UNITS, FURNACES AND ROOFING FOR THE SENIOR AND CIVIC CENTER OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 9. Res. 2022-050** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENGAGE IN A PUBLIC BIDDING PROCESS TO ADVERTISE FOR AND SOLICIT COMPETITIVE BIDS TO PURCHASE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT FOR GREEN ROAD PARK LOCATED AT 4567 GREEN ROAD IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 10. Res. 2022-051** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE HOUSING OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION OF JOHN HORTON, JR. AND MONIQUE HORTON FOR 4444 SAINT GERMAIN BOULEVARD, LOCATED IN THE CHATEAUX OF EMERY WOODS, PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 763-08-044, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3735 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.
- 11. Res. 2022-052** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE HOUSING OFFICER FOR THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION OF CLIFFORD AND KELLIE BROWN FOR 4505 SAINT GERMAIN BOULEVARD, LOCATED IN THE CHATEAUX OF EMERY WOODS, PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 763-08-044, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3735 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.
- 12. Ord. 2022-139** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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- 13. Ord. 2022-140** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ESTABLISH A NEW SPECIAL REVENUE FUND WITH THE ASSIGNED NUMBER 700 AND TITLED "EMPLOYEE PAYOUT RESERVE FUND" TO ESTABLISH A RESERVE FOR THE ACCRUAL PAYOUTS OF THE CITY'S EMPLOYEES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 14. Ord. 2022-141** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ESTABLISH A NEW SPECIAL REVENUE FUND WITH THE ASSIGNED NUMBER 286 AND TITLED "COUNTY GRANT FUND" FOR ALL GRANTS RECEIVED FROM CUYAHOGA COUNTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 15. Ord. 2022-142** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A RETENTION AGREEMENT WITH ZASHIN & RICH CO., L.P.A. (JON M. DILENO, LEAD ATTORNEY) FOR EMPLOYMENT LAW SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 16. Res. 2022-053** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
RESCINDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 2022-037 (REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF A 2.9 MILL RENEWAL LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR CURRENT EXPENSES), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ADD ON:

- 17. Res. 2022-054** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF A 2.9 MILL RENEWAL LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR CURRENT EXPENSES PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5705.03 AND 5705.19, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Announcements from Directors:

Finance Department – Director Karen Howse wished everyone Happy Holidays!

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell stated Season's Greetings to everyone! She congratulated Councilman Stewart on his award from the Northeastern Ohio City Council Association (NOCCA). She congratulated Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood and Councilwoman White on their 20 years of service to the city. She commented that the employee holiday party was put together wonderfully. She congratulated Ms.

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Rox and Ms. Strong for their reappointments to Planning Commission and stated they do a wonderful job and are diligent. She stated that she agreed with Councilwoman Hill's passionate comments. She suggested spelling out in the Spring newsletter the renewals to the residents. Councilwoman Mitchell stated the Eastwood house is the oldest one in the city and they cannot have it look like that. She commented that 41 years ago today, Dreamgirls debuted and it is still one of her favorites. She wished everyone Happy Holidays and asked that attendees not leave right after because there will be refreshments.

Councilman Walter Stewart stated he is thankful for the award from the Northeastern Ohio City Council Association (NOCCA) and all the wonderful comments he received. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting and wished them a very, very, safe and blessed holiday.

Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood congratulated Councilman Stewart and commented that he is the hardest working councilperson in the city. She stated that Councilman Stewart needs to make sure he takes care of himself because he will send emails out at 2a.m. because a resident is having a serious problem. She stated she appreciated how he stands up for his residents but he needs to get some rest! She shared that the first time she ran for City Council, Janice Rox was her treasurer and she knew she could trust her. She shared that she gave Ms. Rox her raffle ticket before leaving the employee holiday party and when Ms. Rox won she insisted on still giving her the gift. She shared that the award at the holiday party is the first one she's ever gotten in her 20 years of public service. She remarked she has the three P's: Prayer, Preparation and People. She recognized her friend Barbara who she met in 1991 and remains helpful to her today. She acknowledged Mykol Gardiner who was recently recognized as Cleveland's Post's Trooper of the Year. She explained that he went to Westwood School and has been an Ohio State Trooper since 2017. She stated he is her bonus son. Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood was told by staff that he was at the last council meeting to recruit for the Ohio State Highway Patrol. She stated he should come back because he has a story to tell. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilwoman Elona C. White wished everyone a Merry Christmas and congratulated Councilwoman Mitchell for her 10 years of service with the city and Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood for her 20 years of service for the city.

Councilman Johnny L. Williams Jr. congratulated Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood, Councilwoman White and Councilwoman Mitchell for being recognized for their years of service. He stated this is the end of his first year on Council and it has been rewarding and eye-opening. He stated he looks forward to attending meetings and more importantly, he applauds those that are sitting here committed and engaged. He stated they are all what *Warrensville Strong* is all about. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

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Councilman Matthew Howard wished everyone a good evening. He thanked all of the people who spoke during public comment. He stated that Ms. Rox made some very good comments as a member of the Planning Commission. He appreciated her comments regarding the Eastwood House and hoped in the future there will be plans to better preserve the home. He commended the staff that planned the employee holiday party and made it such a wonderful event. He said it was great event that was well-attended but the Police Department was a little rowdy! Go figure! He commented they were the life of the party and everyone had a good time. He commended the Police Department and Fire Department for their hard work. He shared that the Ward 5 Holiday Party was a hit this year despite the numbers being a little low. He stated they gave away a lot of gifts due to receiving a donation from one of the local stores that were going to throw away a lot of their inventory from last year. The company reached out him and he worked it out so that many items were able to be given away. He congratulated Councilman Williams for moving from a freshman to a sophomore. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting and commented that he loves the residents very much and looked forward to serving them. He asked that attendees stick around for light refreshments after the meeting.

Law Department

Law Director Teresa Metcalf Beasley stated Happy Holidays!


Council President's Comments

Council President Stanley Anderson thanked everyone for attending the meeting in this type of weather. He thanked his colleagues for giving him the honor of serving as Council President and for their support in keeping him on track. He stated there is food in the back so everyone enjoy themselves.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilwoman White
Adjournment at 7:38p.m.

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 APPROVED


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