



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS

Office of the Council

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES JUNE 2, 2023

Call to Order: Mayor Bradley D. Sellers at 10:01a.m.

Attendance: Councilman Johnny L. Williams Jr., Councilwoman Elona C. White, Councilman Walter Stewart, Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell and Council President Stanley Anderson

Roll Call: 6 Present

Motion to Excuse Councilwoman Dorise Thompson-Hagwood by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Council President Anderson

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

Order of the Day

1. Res. 2023-017

COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

TO FLY JUNETEENTH FLAGS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JUNE AT THE MUNICIPAL CENTER, CIVIC AND SENIOR CENTER AND THE FORMER CITY HALL BUILDING OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS IN CELEBRATION OF JUNETEENTH AND DISTRIBUTE EDUCATIONAL LITERATURE ABOUT JUNETEENTH IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motioned Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Howard, Seconded by Council President Anderson

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

2. Res. 2023-018

COUNCIL PRESIDENT STANLEY ANDERSON AND MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS ADOPTING AND AUTHORIZING THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO SIGN CONCLUSIONS OF FACT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Attorney Beasley explained that Step Forward and the property owner filed an appeal under Chapter 2506. In the city's response, she stated they want Council to adopt these Conclusions of Fact outlining the process like the two applications, two denials etc. She stated it is a two-page document that Council President Anderson will sign.

Mayor Sellers added that the court date is coming forth and this is one of the steps to make sure the city is prepared for it. The document explains how the city got to the denials. He asked Council if they had questions and there were none.

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

3. Res. 2023-019

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TAKE STEPS NECESSARY TO ACQUIRE THE VACANT LAND LOCATED ON EMERY ROAD IN WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO (PPN 761-22-002) THROUGH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY SHERIFF'S FORECLOSURE AND PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Attorney Hughes explained that the original legislation had an additional property included but the county pulled it from the Sheriff's Sale. The legislation will be revised and re-submitted.

Mayor Sellers added that the vacant land is between Frederick's and Oinky's. The city has already acquired two parcels of the land and this parcel has come up for sale on Monday and for tax foreclosure. He stated there is potentially another coming up in the near future.

Councilwoman Mitchell asked what the purposed purchase price is.

Economic Development Director Harris responded \$11,000.

Councilman Howard asked if it was immediately next to Georgio's Pizza.

Mayor Sellers responded that the city already owns that parcel about 75 ft. wide. This legislation is addressing the purchase of the 75 ft. next to it.

Councilwoman Mitchell inquired how many more parcels are remaining.

Director Harris responded four and it was discussed at great length during the Economic Development Committee Meeting so they knew this was coming.

Mayor Sellers added that you have to stay on the county website because they don't let you know when there is land available, you have to look for it.

**Motioned Councilman Howard, Passage by Councilman Williams,
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

4. Ord. 2023-059

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING EMPLOYEES IN THE FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS THAT ARE EMPLOYED SUBJECT TO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT AND LATER PROMOTED TO AN ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION TO RECEIVE CERTAIN BENEFITS ACCORDING TO SAID AGREEMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mayor Sellers explained they have to adopt this so that an employee can still obtain his or her union benefits despite moving on to an administrative position.

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He stated employees in the Service Department have been subject to this over the course of time.

Councilwoman Mitchell asked if this has been implemented in any of the Safety Forces in the last ten years or so.

Mayor Sellers stated the Lieutenants in the Police Department have their own union and it was never thought of for the Captain position.

Councilwoman Mitchell asked if it will focus solely on this position or anyone that has tenure in the union moving forward.

Mayor Sellers responded that it will carry forth because employees are asking if they can keep their union benefits.

**Motioned Councilman Howard, Passage by Councilwoman White,
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilwoman White

Adjournment at 10:19a.m.

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APPROVED


Amber Joyner, Clerk of Council

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