



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS

Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JUNE 20, 2023

Call to Order: Mayor Bradley D. Sellers at 7:00p.m.

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

Prayer: Councilman Walter Stewart

Minutes: May 16, 2023 Regular Meeting
Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Howard
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Abs – Motion Carried

June 2, 2023 Special Meeting
Motion to Approve by Councilwoman Mitchell, Seconded by Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 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:

Barbara Heard, Ward 1 Resident stated there are individuals who keep racing up and down Shakerwood Rd. and it's horrible. She stated she gets worried because there are children that live on the street. She suggested having speed bumps. Also, she asked Council if there is an ordinance that addresses the breeds of dogs they can have in the community and the number of dogs.

Police Chief Wesley Haynes responded that he can put a special attention on the street to address the speeders and monitor the traffic. He commented that speeding is occurring throughout the city, not just on Shakerwood Rd. He stated the city does have an ordinance that covers dog breeds and pit bulls are not allowed in the city.

Ms. Heard asked for a copy of the ordinance and Chief Haynes replied he will email it to her. **Service Director Ted Sims** stated speed bumps on the road would slow down the snow plow and create a major mess.

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Deborah Hill, Ward 2 Resident said good evening to Council and wished Councilwoman White a happy birthday. She stated she resides on Brookfield Ln. and that she is glad to see the Eastwood Elementary School issue on the agenda. She stated to Councilwoman Mitchell that she has lived in the Eastwood community for over 13 years. They have meetings they have invited the Councilwoman to and she has not attended any of them. They are deeply concerned about being disrespected and her accountability to the residents of Eastwood. She reported they had a meeting two weeks ago that Councilwoman Mitchell was informed of and **THEY NEED TO KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON IN THEIR COMMUNITY, IN THEIR WARD FROM THEIR COUNCILWOMAN.** She stated the behavior that is happening from Councilwoman Mitchell is unacceptable and they are taxpaying citizens. They expect accountability from their councilperson. They have never had a picnic, a Christmas Party and when they have asked for something it is like pleading and begging. She stated this is not how it should be and she knows how to govern and has done it in the past. This is unacceptable and she wants to let Councilwoman Mitchell know that they expect for her to be more involved and engaged in Ward 2 and the Eastwood Homeowners Association.

Councilwoman Mitchell thanked Ms. Hill for sharing and stated she sends emails, calls and responds to residents within 48, sometimes 24 hours. She stated she has said repeatedly that Thursday nights are her hardest night and shared this in the last virtual meeting the Homeowners Association had. When they were talking, she was listening. Thursday nights are very difficult nights for her and she has shared this with the HOA President and a number of members in the Eastwood Homeowners Association. She stated she has given updates on as much as she knows and read an email with resident questions: *What is happening at Eastwood? Is football practice not going to be on the new field? Where are people going to be parking? What is the date of the first football game practice and where? When is the first football game? How to you get tickets to the Battle of the Bands?* etc. Councilwoman Mitchell stated that she is constantly asking these questions but Eastwood is still the school's property. She stated in 2017, she did a resident survey and reported the findings at the Ward 2 Community Meeting. She announced the next Ward 2 Community Meeting will be on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at 11:00a.m.-12:30p.m. at the new high school which has been shared. Councilwoman Mitchell stated she knows everyone does not have email but tries to get to as many people as possible and as often as possible. She reiterated that she has a 24 hour return policy any time someone calls me and if she takes longer than that she is trying to get an answer before calls are returned. She stated anyone who has been in contact with her can attest to that.

Ms. Hill responded that there are other issues such as crime that is going on in Eastwood and they would like for their councilperson to come to the meetings. They like to see her in-person not just through email. They have a right to see their councilperson IN-PERSON, not just emails to express their concerns to her personally.

Councilwoman Mitchell stated as the HOA President has told her and as she has expressed several times, Thursday nights are her hardest night.

Ms. Hill retorted that it's not just Thursday nights.

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Councilwoman Mitchell asked what is not just Thursday nights. She acknowledged residents, Ms. Rox and Mr. Burns who can both attest that she gets back to them and is there whenever she can be. Mr. Burns and Ms. Rox agreed with Councilwoman Mitchell.

Robert Tift, Ward 3 Resident stated he wanted to piggy-back on what Ms. Hill was saying. He stated they need to come out and look at these neighborhoods and these streets. He stated residents can tell them and call but continue to have the same problems. He stated his neighbors are not cutting the grass on Marvin Rd. and there are speeders on the street. He stated there is a “flop house” and people are parking all over the street and nobody is writing any tickets. No nothing. He reported there are garbage cans on the side of the neighbor’s house and the grass is over four feet tall. Mr. Tift reported the people who live there are trying to hide and come to the house later. He stated they now have a little dog that is unleashed and running through the neighborhood. He stated the car with loud pipes is gunning up the street. They have to address this because other neighbors call him for answers.

Building Commissioner Brown agreed that 19408 Marvin Rd. is a mess and they issued a court summons that is due July 13, 2023 for a court date on the Building Code violations. The court date is scheduled five weeks out per state law. He stated the grass was cited by one of his building inspectors so it should be cut tomorrow by one of the city’s landscapers; it was turned in for the grass to be abated. He explained a 3-day notice is issued if the grass is above 6 in. per the city’s ordinance. He stated he can see what is going on in the yard because the gate is broken back there. He stated they property owner will have 30 days to pay the bill or an assessment will be done on the property at the end of the year. It will show up on their taxes.

Mr. Tift stated renters get away with a lot of stuff and you have to go through their landlords to get to them so they just run amuck!

Mayor Sellers added that it is uncomfortable in the interim period before getting to the court date but Building Commissioner Brown has gone as far as he can go. Once the case is adjudicated, it can result in fines, jail time, etc. that the city does not have the authority to do. He stated Chief Haynes will step up the presence over there to address the speeding.

Mr. Tift commented that maybe Councilwoman White should ride down the street.

Councilwoman White responded that she was down that way last week and she knows what he is talking about. She stated she spoke to his wife and told her the city cannot just do things, it’s a process.

Building Commissioner Brown stated there are constructions plans that were just approved for the house that caught fire at 19306 Marvin Rd. So, the contractors will pull the building permits so they can start construction. The contractors are going to renovate it and add an addition on to it.

Ben Burns, Ward 2 Resident stated he lives in Eastwood Estates and wanted to speak about awareness. He reported that his daughter was at Tri-C registering and was sucker-punched by a woman and she told him “Daddy, I didn’t know a woman could hit so hard.” He stated there are a lot of assaults and car-jackings going on with female perpetrators so he asked that people, particularly

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women be aware when going to the gas station, grocery store, etc. It is a crazy world that they live in. He reported that he has seen a coyote twice when leaving the house at 5:15p.m. in the morning. So, if they have small pets, they need to be out there with them. He said happy birthday and many more to Councilwoman White.

Order of the Day

1. Ord. 2023-060

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

APPOINTING MARK MCKINNEY TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman White

Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

2. Ord. 2023-061

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

APPOINTING RAMI YACOB TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Williams, Seconded by Councilman Stewart

Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

Police Chief Haynes stated it is a great time for the Warrensville Heights Police Department and the city. Including the two officers being sworn in, they've brought on five officers since February of this year.

<Applause>

He stated residents, community and business owners of this fine city come to a council meeting and share their concerns of how they want safety for the city and see more patrol. They want to feel protected. He stated they are working hard to bring officers and firefighters to the city and give residents what they need. He stated the first gentleman he'd like to swear-in is Mark McKinney. He stated Mr. McKinney is coming to Warrensville from Canton PD where he served five years. Prior to that, Mr. McKinney was in the army for six years. Chief Haynes commented that Mr. McKinney came highly qualified to the city. He stated the second officer being sworn-in is Rami Yacoub who comes from Cleveland Clinic where he served three years. Chief Haynes commented what he likes about Mr. Yacoub is if there is a training or specialty that he wants, he doesn't wait for the Department but takes it upon his self to get the training. That has shown he has the motivation and dedication to strive to be the best he can. Chief Haynes reported that Mr. Yacoub's background check came back spotless and he thinks he'll be a great addition to the Department. He acknowledged that the officers in the back are happy to have the relief. He commented his officers work hard day in and day out in the community. He stated they respond to over 23,000 calls a year and face adversity that other communities don't but always handle their selves professionally and take care of the job and residents.

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SWEARING-IN OF OFFICERS MARK MCKINNEY AND RAMI YACOUB

<Applause>

Officer McKinney stated he is honored to be sworn in here. He will gladly bring his knowledge in community service and crisis intervention to the city... *<Inaudible.>*... He introduced his wife Jennifer and daughters.

Officer Yacoub stated he is excited to work for the city coming from the Cleveland Clinic and learn what he can do here. He wants to serve the city well. He introduced his wife Sarah, mother-in-law, friend, his mom and dad, sister-in-law and brother. He stated he is thankful to have the pleasure of working for the city.

<Applause>

Mayor Sellers thanked the two new officers, the Warrensville Heights Police Department and Civil Service Commission who have done an outstanding job not only vetting candidates but finding the correct fits. He acknowledged the current officers who are pulling double-duty to make sure the city remains safe.

<Applause>

- 3. Ord. 2023-062 COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (ACTING PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF GOPAL PATEL OF OHM SAI SHIV INC., REPRESENTING OVERLOOK SQUARE LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A WALL SIGN AND TENANT SIGN PANELS FOR CV LIQUOR LOCATED AT 4620 RICHMOND ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-27-013.
Motion by Councilman Howard to put Item No. 3 on three reads to allow Council to speak with ownership in Committee any comments, questions or concerns, Seconded by Councilman Williams
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried – FIRST READ - SENT TO COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
- 4. Ord. 2023-063 COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (ACTING PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF MARK BAILIN OF DIAMOND SIGNS AND GRAPHICS, REPRESENTING JAMES AND VANESSA COLLIER, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A WALL SIGN FOR SALON LOFTS BY LES CHIC LOCATED AT 3910 WARRENSVILLE CENTER ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44122, PPN 761-06-025.
Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

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- 5. Ord. 2023-064** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER IN AN AGREEMENT FOR CONVEYANCE WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION TO ACCEPT THE TRANSFER OF VACANT LAND LOCATED AT 19505 KINGS HIGHWAY, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO 44122, PPN 761-05-016.
Motioned by Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Council President Anderson
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 6. Ord. 2023-065** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO PAY THE INVOICE FROM LEXIPOL LLC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$9,163.18 FOR THE USE OF SUBSCRIPTION MATERIAL FOR ANNUAL FIRE POLICY MANUAL AND DAILY TRAINING BULLETINS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilman Howard, Passage by Council President Anderson, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 7. Ord. 2023-066** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AMENDING SECTION 351.99 PENALTY OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE FINE FOR SECTION 351.22 PENALTY FOR VEHICLE PARKING ON BUSINESS PREMISES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Council President Anderson, Passage by Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 8. Res. 2023-020** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR OWNERSHIP OF THE FORMER EASTWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOCATED AT 4050 EASTWOOD LANE AND THE FORMER JOHN DEWEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LOCATED AT 23401 EMERY ROAD IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS.
Motioned by Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Howard
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

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ADD-ONS:

- 9. Res. 2023-021** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF CONSUELA A. ALBRIGHT TO THE BOARD OF ZONING AND APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood, Seconded by Councilman Williams
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Abs – Motion Carried
- 10. Res. 2023-022** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF BARBARA LEVERT TO THE BOARD OF ZONING AND APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood, Seconded by Councilman Williams
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 11. Ord. 2023-067** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 436 REGARDING COMPENSATORY TIME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Council President Anderson
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS:

- 12. Ord. 2023-054** **COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
 ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF LESLIE HENDERSON OF POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT LLC, REPRESENTING CHIAROSCURO MOTIONS, LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SIGN FOR THE GOOD PLACE RESTAURANT LOCATED AT 20017 HARVARD AVENUE, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44122, PPN 761-09-013.
 FIRST READ: 05/16/2023
 SECOND READ: 06/20/2023
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Howard
Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 2 Abs – Motion Carried – SECOND READ

Announcements from Directors:

Community Development – Manager Raymon Turner wished everyone a good evening. He announced that the first Shred Day is this Saturday at the Municipal Center from 11a.m.-2p.m. So, they can bring

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their documents and watch them be shredded or have the servicemen take them out of their vehicles and put them into the shredder. He shared the city is going through the process with the county with regard to planning what will happen at the John Dewey site once the school comes down. It is going to be greenspace and a lot of residents have already taken the survey but to those who haven't they can go on the website for the link. They are asking each and every resident to take the survey because their input is important. He stated the city wants to make this a place that the entire city wants. He announced the first community meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 from 6-7:30p.m. at John Dewey.

Economic Development Department – Director Nicole Harris stated there are informational cards that were approved by Mayor Sellers today. She reiterated the first in-person engagement meeting for the Park and Greenspace Project will be on July 12, 2023. She stated this is really a community driven project and proposed idea for the city. They really need resident feedback and for residents to come out to the meeting. She announced that they are planning a Food Truck Day in July in partnership with the WH School District so she has flyers for that as well. It will be held the second Thursday in July and second Thursday in August from 11a.m.-2p.m.

Manager Turner added that the Food Truck Day will also be an opportunity to network with people from the Administration, WH School District and neighboring businesses.

Mayor Sellers thanked the WH School District for being in partnership with the city to have a planning discussion. He explained the city sought out a grant from the county to help them strategize about what they can do once John Dewey is closed. He stated they have had a great response from people included 27-30 responses from children commenting they had some wild ideas like zip-lining. He stated there might be an opportunity to enhance Green Road Park and look at the project in its totality. He stated he is expecting a very robust conversation.

Fire Department – Chief Herbert Waugh wished everyone a good evening. He thanked the Civil Service Commission for their hard work in vetting new hires for the Fire and Police Department. He shared that that the Department lost a Captain who retired and two firefighters that transferred to other departments in the past two months. He stated they are short-staffed and don't have a list to pull from to hire. Chief Waugh stated they met with the Civil Service Commission and need to vet two emergency hires. He shared they are going to take emergency applications starting July 5, 2023 at 12p.m. at the Warrensville Heights Fire Department at 4301 Warrensville Center Road. Applications will be going through July 6-21, 2023 from 9a.m.-5p.m. on weekdays and 9a.m.-12p.m. on Saturdays. He explained that emergency hires are those who have been at a Fire Department for at least a year and/or have equivalent part-time experience. He stated he is sure good candidates will come in.

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell stated she appreciates those who attended the meeting. She thanked Ms. Heard for sharing what was happening on her street; Ms. Hill for her comments and question of accountability; Mr. Tift as she looks forward to hearing from him every month; and Mr. Burns who gave

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her something to chew on because too often they don't think about awareness and take a lot for granted. She stated there are 22 streets in Ward 2 and she tries to interact with people on each and every one. She stated she tries to find out the best way to communicate information on a regular basis and being fiscally responsible is challenging. She reiterated that is why she has a 24-48 hour return policy on any call that she receives and tries to get answers for them, not make things up. She stated this is a community where she was born and raised. Sometimes accountability is taking the good, bad, and the ugly and still stepping the next day. She shared that on June 2, 2023, Council voted to fly the Juneteenth flag throughout the month of June at the Municipal Center, the old City Hall building and the Civic and Senior Center. She stated there is information about the holiday outside and in Chambers on the lectern. This holiday is important to cities all over the country, especially one like theirs. They need to be accountable for the ancestors they have and embrace the freedom they have every single day. She shared there are also flyers about National Black Family Cancer Awareness Week and tomorrow there will be a virtual discussion. She shared in 2009, she had cancer and will be talking about it as one of the panelist in the forum. The link for the Zoom is on the flyer and it is about accountability to bare your soul about something that was intensely private but can benefit everyone. She stated walking in the neighborhood along the 22 streets and answering neighbors' questions and directing them where to get answers is what they do as councilmembers. She stated if she fails in any of those regards she will strive harder to do more but she cannot appeal and appease every individual for every single concern that they have. She remarked she has to look at the community as a collective 22 streets with 22 needs in one city. It is *The Friendly City* she loves and doesn't plan on leaving it and will serve to the best of her ability.

Councilman Walter Stewart wished everyone a good evening and thanked them for coming out. He stated he is thankful for the County Council and their push to get the Pay to Stay legislation county-wide and it looks like that is going to happen. He stated one county councilmember who was pro-property management questioned why it was so important because he tried to create a picture of management being the victim, the ones being bullied. The legislation will help a lot of people county-wide. He thanked Congresswoman Shontel Brown for hosting the Human Trafficking Summit because it was something definitely needed in this area. He shared this kind of summit has been out in the suburbs and some of them have been trying to get it in the area where they live and a part of Northeast Ohio. Congresswoman Brown brought it to Cleveland and he thinks they will see more of these summits. The summit touches a lot of people and there are people working to fight this evil. Human Trafficking is everywhere. He stated he liked how the speaker, Detective Morgan focused mostly on the victims and how the process needs to change when working with them. He reiterated this is a really serious problem, second to drug trafficking.

Councilwoman Dorise Thompson-Hagwood wished everyone a good evening and thanked them for coming out and supporting their City Council.

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Councilwoman Elona White thanked everyone for coming out and appreciated all their comments and concerns. She stated they have a way they need to handle things and have to do it the right way. She stated she does drive her ward because she likes to be hands-on and see what is going on. Councilwoman White stated when people call her she definitely drives by to see what's going on. She knows the house next to Mr. Tift is terrible but it is a process.

Councilman Johnny L. Williams thanked everyone for attending stating it warms his heart to see them. He shared on August 8, 2023, be aware of State Issue 1 and he wanted to read a very short paragraph from *The Plain Dealer* regarding voter turnout. [Read article.] He stated it does not bother him when people use the "n-word" because he gathers people who use it are just ignorant. He stated what bothers him more than that is apathy. Apathy kills and it sickens him. He stated as long as he has a voice he is going to preach about our need to be force multipliers. He considered everyone in the room to be force multipliers because they impact their neighbors, family and friends. He remarked if only 8% showed up to vote in the 2022 August Primary, consider what the percentage was in *The Friendly City*. He showed everyone the front cover of *Cleveland Crain's Business* and shared the front article about housing insecurity. [Reads article.] He stated this is on the front of A BUSINESS MAGAZINE. THE FRONT PAGE. He stated the STATS SHOW the communities with the heaviest housing cost burdens and WE'RE FIFTH. It is getting worse so he agreed with Councilman Stewart that the Pay to Stay legislation is desperately needed. These things sicken him; they are not healthy and not good. He stated they need to control the controllables and their voice is their vote.

Councilman Matthew Howard wished everyone a good evening. He gave an update that the issues on Donover Rd. appear to be rectified. The troubled young man in the one house is no longer residing there but did some very serious damage to the inside. He reported the lady with the daycare was also a troubled property. He explained the house has an attached garage and the front door is off and on the ground and the back one is hanging by a thread. They brought two dumpsters full of junk out of the house and to think she was running a daycare out of that home. He stated as of today, everything is on the up and up and he applauded everyone who had a hand in fixing the situation. He announced the Clarkwood Residents Association meeting will be this Thursday at 7:00p.m. He stated it is their final meeting before the summer break. He stated he will be getting the supplies as part of the Youth Committee's annual donation to the School Supply Drive that will be held on August 12, 2023. He had a suggestion to invite people from the Green Road Developmental Center to attend the July 12, 2023 Community Meeting because they are frequently walking through the park more than anyone else. He acknowledged that he and Eddie Gilford worked at Green Road Park many times, particularly during the Summer Festivals and something goes wrong every time. He agreed with Mayor Sellers that the park does need to be updated. He strongly encouraged having minority requirements for people that they hire to do the work for the Park and Greenspace Project. A business that is struggling and could use the business.

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Law Department

Assistant Law Director Keisha Hughes had nothing to report.

Council President's Comments

Council President Stanley Anderson thanked everyone for their support during the back-to-back family emergencies, particularly Mr. White and Ms. Tullos who attended his brother's wake. He stated he received numerous phone calls so thanked them for their support. He congratulated the new officers and welcomed them to the city. He asked Mayor Sellers how many there are now.

Chief Haynes replied there is a total of 32 as of today and are down three.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Bradley D. Sellers stated to not ever be afraid of feel like you cannot make a comment here. They are all grown people so if they have something to say it should be responded to in a positive manner. He stated that often there are things moving along that the residents do not see. He used the situation on Donover Rd. as an example because there were residents who came to a meeting and were told that there were things in the works that would materialize soon—and they did. He congratulated the new police officers. He asked that everyone come out and participate in the July 12, 2023 Community Meeting. He thanked Ms. LaVert for accepting the Board of Zoning & Appeals appointment.

Motion for an Executive Session pursuant to ORC.122.22 (G)(3)

Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are subject of pending or imminent court action

Motioned by Council President Anderson, Seconded by Councilwoman White

Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs - Motion Carried

Council adjourned from Regular Meeting Agenda to Executive Session at 8:31p.m.

Motion to Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene to Regular Meeting Agenda

by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell

Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 8:54p.m.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Council President Anderson

Adjournment at 8:54p.m.

07-18-2023

APPROVED



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