



# CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS

## Office of the Council

### SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 7, 2023

**Call to Order:** Mayor Bradley D. Sellers at 10:38a.m.

**Attendance:** Councilwoman Dorise Thompson-Hagwood, Councilman Johnny L. Williams Jr., Councilman Walter Stewart, Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell, Councilman Matthew Howard and Council President Stanley Anderson  
**Roll Call: 6 Present**

**Motion to Excuse Councilwoman Elona C. White by Council President Anderson, Seconded by Councilman Williams**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

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#### Order of the Day

**1. Ord. 2023-071**

**MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
ACCEPTING A CERTAIN BID FROM CATTS CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE GRANADA BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$429,145.61, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Economic Development Director Nicole Harris** stated the legislation is in support of the CBGB grant from the county. They were notified in May and there were two public notices that went out to bid. On Friday, July 28, 2023, they did the bid opening and went with Catts Construction who came in at the lowest. The project is on a tight timeline so they asked for a Special Meeting for this particular legislation. She stated they are going to be doing reconstruction on Granada Blvd. which will be 1780 ft. of repaving and storm sewer improvement. **Mayor Sellers** added that it will take you about the corner of Clarkwood Pkwy. and Granada Blvd. to where the curb is at Emery Rd. The county has expedited the payment requirements so the money needs to be expended by September 30, 2023. The county money will be spent first followed by the city’s money. **Councilman Howard** asked about the replacement of the sidewalk around the curve but wasn’t sure if that was Phase III or Phase IV to fix the sidewalk right by the creek. **Mayor Sellers** stated that is coming as part of the Safe Routes to School grant. **Director Harris** added they are right on time with that project and if all goes well construction will start June of next year. **Councilwoman Mitchell** asked the total amount of the award granted and the total amount of the project.

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**Mayor Sellers** responded the total is \$429,145.61 as reflected on the agenda and the grant amount is \$150,000.

**Director Harris** stated the other bids were \$487,378 and \$535,741.

**Attorney Beasley** added that there's a list that was added to the legislation.

**Councilwoman Mitchell** stated she thought it was important to mention it for those who don't have the information.

**\*\*For the record, Councilwoman Elona C. White entered the virtual meeting at 10:43a.m.**

**Motioned Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood,  
Seconded by Councilman Williams**

**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

**Mayor Sellers** requested that Director Harris put together a sum of how much money has been spent rebuilding Clarkwood Pkwy. and all of Granada Blvd.

## **2. Ord. 2023-072**

### **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

**AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ADOPT AN ALTERNATIVE TAX BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Director Howse** stated this was the tax budget that it done every year and it does not permanently appropriate any funds. What it tells the Budget Commission and the County is that the city is continuously in need of money to be levied in order to receive the tax money. So, they have to adopt a tax budget and in September or October there will be another piece of legislation before them to adopt the tax rate.

**Councilman Howard** stated in previous years they have discussed doing an equipment and vehicle rotation plan and schedule. He asked if this was a part of that or is it something different and they have to do a special amendment.

**Director Howse** responded this does not have anything to do with that. He was speaking about the appropriations amendment. This piece of legislation is just about allocating tax and sending messaging to the county that they are still in need of the levies that are in place and the local share. She stated to answer his question, yes they still are keeping the appropriations as it relates to rotating their vehicles to keep them fresh and new.

**Motioned Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood,  
Seconded by Councilman Williams**

**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

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**3. Ord. 2023-073**

**MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

TO AMEND THE GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS IN ORDER TO PURCHASE THREE (3) 2023 CHEVY TAHOE TRUCKS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Police Chief Haynes** stated in regard to the General Fund amendment the Department has had a lot of marked units damaged on the freeway. He stated every time the units are damaged by other drivers they have to get them fixed which comes out of his vehicle maintenance repair funds. He stated the city does get reimbursed but the money does not come back to the Department’s account, it goes to the General Fund. He reports \$25,000 was taken from the budget to replace the vehicles so he was asking to retrieve that money to carry him through the year. He stated there are other line items for maintenance and clothing that was short in the Department’s account. The Special Revenue Fund amendment is regarding the two vehicles he requested for this year. There was an oversight on his part where it was approved and when he checked it was not in there. So, they are coming to Council late now to have those funds added to purchase the vehicles. They have been ordered and Tim Lalley Chevrolet has the vehicles already built and are to be shipped out very soon. He reported that there is one on the lot now ready for pick-up. He stated one of the vehicles is a replacement, a 2022 Ford Explorer with 16,000 miles but it was damaged on the freeway. The party responsible for the damage did have insurance and the company took care of the vehicle but it was totaled so they are still short a car. The new purchases will result in having 10 solid working vehicles on the road.

**Councilwoman Mitchell** asked about the increase in accidents.

**Police Chief Haynes** responded that on I-480 Westbound, there have been a lot of accidents. He and the Mayor have spoken with ODOT and the City Engineers are working with them to figure out why there is standing water. He stated there has been a survey underneath the catch basins and some debris was discovered. The debris was cleared out and they are now doing skid tests to try to figure out what’s going on. This has been going on since April of this year.

**Motioned Councilman Stewart, Passage by Council President Anderson  
Seconded by Councilwoman White  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

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**Adjournment**

**Motion to Adjourn by Councilwoman Hagwood and Councilman Howard  
Adjournment at 10:57a.m.**

*08-15-2023*  
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