



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS

Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 5, 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, Councilwoman Walter Stewart, Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell, Councilman Matthew Howard and Council President Stanley Anderson
Roll Call: 7 Present

Prayer: Councilman Matthew Howard

Minutes: August 15, 2023 Regular Meeting
Motion to Approve by Council President Anderson, Seconded by Councilwoman Dorise 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:

Anthony Chandler, Ward 3 stated he is a resident of Cinema Park and has lived there for approximately three years. He reported entering and exiting the development has gotten worse due to no traffic light. There is a sign that states drivers are not to block the entrance which makes no difference. He stated it has taken him 15 minutes to try and get out and if you're going eastbound when the traffic lets you out going westbound, you have to worry about the traffic going eastbound.

Mayor Sellers replied that he was looking at the 2017 studies this morning and one issue is that the road is a county route. He explained they went to the county a few years ago about the issue and they came up with a striping plan similar to one that passed at the Cleveland – Warrensville border. He stated this is the first time a resident has said something since the plan was implemented. Mayor Sellers stated the traffic conditions have to warrant the necessity of a traffic light but it's so close to the light at Cranwood Pkwy. He stated they have to do a third traffic study now due to Amazon and people coming back to work after COVID-19 so they have to dig back in to it.

Mr. Chandler stated he is a disabled veteran and has missed several appointments trying to get out of the development.

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Councilwoman White agreed that the traffic along Miles Rd. during that time is so slow and you're blocked from coming out. She stated she spoke to the Mayor earlier this summer about the issue.

Police Chief Haynes shared there are also incidents of road rage, one happened about two weeks ago. He stated he's been having officers in the area surveying and writing tickets.

Mayor Sellers stated there is a process that will involve the Police Chief, Public Service Director and City Engineer meeting with him.

Order of the Day

1. Ord. 2023-079

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION OF JONATHAN BERNS OF PRESTIGE MANAGEMENT, REPRESENTING LARRY GOLDBERG TRUST, FOR A VARIANCE TO THE REQUIREMENT OF THE GROUND AREA OCCUPIED BY BUILDINGS FOR A SELF-STORAGE AND BUSINESS INCUBATOR FACILITY LOCATED AT 4671 RICHMOND ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-31-027 AND PPN 763-31-019

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

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

2. Ord. 2023-080

COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)

ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF JONATHAN BERNS OF PRESTIGE MANAGEMENT, REPRESENTING LARRY GOLDBERG TRUST, FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A SELF-STORAGE AND BUSINESS INCUBATOR FACILITY TO BE LOCATED AT 4671 RICHMOND ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-31-027 AND PPN 763-31-019.

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

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

3. Ord. 2023-081

COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)

ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF RAYMON TURNER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, REPRESENTING THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, FOR A REQUEST TO AMEND SECTIONS 1123.99, 1133.01, 1137.02, 1169.02, AND THE ZONING MAP, ADD CHAPTERS 1138 AND 1171, AND ADD SECTIONS 1121.311, 1121.331, 1124.05, 1131.08, 1133.14, AND 1135.11 IN PART ELEVEN PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO ADDRESS SMALL

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BOX DISCOUNT STORES, ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS, GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FENCES, TIME LIMITS FOR COMMENCING CONSTRUCTION OF APPROVED PROJECTS, AND CERTAIN PENALTY AND PERMITTED USE SECTIONS.

**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilman Howard,
Seconded by Councilman Williams**

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

4. Ord. 2023-082

COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)

ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF JACQUELINE WARD OF K.I.M. GROUP LLC, REPRESENTING RICHMOND ROAD PARTNERS, LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A SIGN FOR BETTY J SALON LIMITED LOCATED AT 4854 RICHMOND ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-28-009.

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

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

5. Ord. 2023-083

COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (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.

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

Roll Call: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 3 Abs – Motion Carried – FIRST READ

6. Ord. 2023-084

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ESTABLISH A NEW SPECIAL REVENUE FUND WITH THE ASSIGNED NUMBER 287 AND TITLED “1ST RESPONDERS RETENTION GRANT” TO PROPERLY RECORD REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES APPLICABLE TO SAID GRANT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

7. Ord. 2023-085

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO PAY THE INVOICE FROM AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF

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\$14,160.00 FOR THE FINAL PAYMENT OF THE TASER 7 CERTIFICATION PLAN IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood, Seconded by Councilman Williams
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

8. Ord. 2023-086

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO PAY THE INVOICE FROM A&S ANIMAL CONTROL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,025.20 FOR SERVICES RENDERED DURING JULY 2023 FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motioned by Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Howard
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

9. Ord. 2023-087

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO PAY THE INVOICE FROM SUNDANCE SYSTEMS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,700.00 FOR THE CAD NETWORK SYSTEM FROM DECEMBER 1, 2022 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2023 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

10. Ord. 2023-088

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE ASSESSMENT OF THE COST OF NUISANCE ABATEMENT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 945 OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS, UPON THE REAL ESTATE FROM WHICH THE NUISANCE ORIGINATED WHERE SUCH COSTS HAVE NOT BEEN PAID BY THE OWNER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motioned by Councilman Stewart, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

11. Ord. 2023-089

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

GIVING CONSENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS FOR THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO REMOVE SNOW AND ICE FROM, USE SNOW AND ICE CONTROL MATERIAL ON AND PERFORM CERTAIN MAINTENANCE

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AND/OR REPAIR ON STATE HIGHWAYS INSIDE THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS' CORPORATE LIMITS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR SAID SERVICES.

Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood, Seconded by Councilman Williams

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

12. Ord. 2023-090

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO GRANT A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT TO THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED ON PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 761-16-016 IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS IN ORDER TO COMPLETE THE MILL CREEK CONSTRUCTION AND RESTORATION PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood, Seconded by Council President Anderson

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

13. Res. 2023-025

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO APPLY FOR, AND ACCEPT IF AWARDED, A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT THROUGH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE 2024 CUYAHOGA COUNTY MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Council President Anderson, Seconded by Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood

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

14. Res. 2023-026

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO APPLY FOR, AND ACCEPT IF AWARDED, A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT THROUGH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE 2024 CUYAHOGA COUNTY SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motioned by Councilman Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman White

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

Announcements from Directors:

Service Department – Director Ted Sims shared a couple weeks ago there was a resident who had a request at the meeting that his tree lawn be replaced from blacktop to grass seed at the corner of Harvard Rd. and Eastwood Ln. He stated the Department began the project this morning and it should be completed by the end of the week. He announced that trash pick-up will be delayed one day due to

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the holiday. He reported the annual tire pick-up from the county will be by the end of the month. If residents have tires in their garage or sitting around that they'd like to get rid of they can bring them to the service garage and add them to the stack. He stated they would like to complete the collection by September 18th because he needs to report back to the county how many tires he has so they can come pick the tires up.

Economic & Community Development Department – Manager Raymon Turner wished everyone a good evening. He reminded everyone that Saturday, September 30th the city will have the second annual Shred Day at the Municipal Center from 11a.m.-2p.m. He explained residents drive up and the servicemen take the documents and put them in containers to lift up into the shredder. He announced by popular demand, they are bringing back one more Food Truck Thursday and that will be next Thursday, September 14th from 11a.m.-2p.m. at the Municipal Center. He commented that the first two were a huge success and everyone enjoyed it.

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell wished everyone a good evening. She thanked Mr. Chandler for expressing his concerns. She commented that she is excited because it is back to school time! This was a time that she always looked forward to when opening up her package of Mead paper and Trapper Keeper and making sure her pencil sharpener was working. Councilwoman Mitchell stated that she told her students that they have a tendency of looking at commencements as an end of a process but a commencement is to inspire people at the beginning of a process. She stated one that she shared recently was a speech made on May 16, 2011 by Denzel Washington at the University of Pennsylvania. The message was that people always work on a fallback plan but we need to fall forward because then you can see where you're going and brace yourself. She stated she thinks it is very impactful to think about falling forward at the beginning of a school year. She asked that residents join her at the new high school for the Ward 2 Community Meeting on Saturday, September 16th for a 90 minute power hour and a half from 11a.m.-12:30p.m. followed by a tour of the new facility.

Councilman Walter Stewart thanked everyone for attending. He asked that everyone be safe and stay cool if they can.

Councilwoman Dorise Thompson-Hagwood wished everyone a good evening. She stated that they have missed Renee Strong who was in attendance. She jokingly asked that Ms. Strong let them know when she is going to be out of the country. She acknowledged Mr. Chandler as she learned he was a disabled veteran living in the city.

Councilwoman Elona C. White stated it was nice to see each and every one of those in attendance. She thanked everyone for being so supportive of the passing of her father on August 15th. She stated she and her family are very close and great care was taken of her father. She shared that he went into hospice on June 12th and they did 24 hour care for him along with their children. Councilwoman White

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thanked everyone that gave her a hug or sent a card. She thanked Councilwoman Thompson-Hagwood who made her father a sweet potato pie and he enjoyed it!

Councilman Johnny L. Williams stated last week he had the privilege to attend a couple ribbon cuttings. The first was the ribbon cutting of the football field which is just outstanding. He encouraged people to go look at it whether they are a high school football fan or not. He stated he felt even better going to the ribbon cutting of the new high school and middle school. Councilman Williams stated it warmed his heart and made his heart go pitter patter, pitter patter. He commented that it is a beautiful facility that is well designed and built. It should motivate kids to want learn. He remarked that money can be made in those beautiful gyms in sponsoring some AAU type things there. He gave kudos to Councilwoman Mitchell for holding a meeting there stating her residents will feel very good about it. He commented the biggest reflection of the city is the scores the children obtain. He saluted School Board Members Ray Freeman, Traci Mitchell and Earl Roberts, who are running for re-election that he wholeheartedly support, and Superintendent Jolly. He acknowledged the Mayor and the rest of City Council as well. He stated it takes a village to support the birth of something as remarkable as the high school.

Councilman Matthew Howard thanked everyone for coming out on such a hot day. He announced the Clarkwood Residents Association Meeting will be starting back up the fourth Thursday of this month. They will be discussing their annual Christmas Party that will be tentatively held the first Friday of December.

Law Department

Law Director Teresa Metcalf Beasley had nothing to report.

Council President's Comments

Council President Stanley Anderson stated that he needs to improve his deliverance on how to handle the Caucus, Regular Council Meetings and so forth. He remarked with his colleagues lifting him on their shoulders, he'll get it done. He stated he has updates concerning the *dogcatcher* as he gets a lot of calls about raccoons, groundhogs and all types of critters. He reported there is a new *dogcatcher* getting up to speed and they'll be bringing on ten more cages. If anything is in the cage, the resident should notify the *dogcatcher* immediately so nothing is left in the cage over the weekend. He reported that quite a bit of damage was done as a result of the tornader on Vera St., primarily trees and tree branches blocking the street. He reported the homes on the north side of Vera St. have big lots with huge cottonwood trees leaning over people's property. He stated he would like to work with Building Commissioner Brown to contact the property owners to work with the city and have those trees removed. He stated residents need to contact their insurance companies regarding fallen trees on private property.

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Mayor's Comments

Mayor Bradley D. Sellers acknowledged Ms. Rox and Ms. Strong in attendance who serve on Planning Commission. He thanked Civil Service Commission members, Mr. White, Ms. Tullos and Mr. Hicks. He thanked the Chandlers for coming out and expressing their concerns about Cinema Park.

Ray Freeman, School Board Member reported that today Superintendent Jolly opened up 1st to 5th grades and all of the 9th grade at the high school. He stated tomorrow the Early Childhood Center is going to be fully open so all of the pre-k to kindergarten and all of the middle school will be open tomorrow. He reported on Thursday, they will bring their 11th and 12th graders into the high school. Everything starts within a 15-20 minute cycle and it is rough because of the bus schedule.

Mayor Sellers commended the School District for taking a leap of faith and doing what they've done. The school was so impressive and not taking a tour is doing yourself a disservice. He reported there is a culinary school and a restaurant that will be serving to the public on a daily basis by students from the culinary program. There is a fashion design classroom and a biomed program. He stated he cannot role call all the stuff that's in this thing and it is set up perfectly. He warned that traveling down Northfield Road near the school around 7a.m. and 3p.m. is going to be problem and it will for 60 more days. The parking lots to both schools are in the front and it is the last thing that is under construction. He commented when people come to see what they have done, Warrensville will be the place to be to be educated.

Councilwoman White recognized resident Kenneth White and Earl who went to Michigan and brought back first place in the corn hole tournament.

<Applause>

She announced that there will be an appreciation dinner for volunteers and supporters on September 15th and both Kenneth White and Ray Freeman will be acknowledged.

Mayor Sellers thanked Police Chief Haynes, Fire Chief Waugh, Building Commissioner Brown and Service Director Sims for their time and action during the storm and tornado. The care to make sure to get to everyone and make sure everything was intact was first class. He acknowledged their coordination and stated it should be recognized by everyone in the room. He added the sirens here worked because everyone heard them so it is good to know that was a good investment in this city and thank goodness no one got killed.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilwoman White

Adjournment at 7:51p.m.

09-19-2023

APPROVED


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