



Mayor Bradley Sellers

# City of Warrensville Heights

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Andrea Mitchell  
Council President

*"You don't make progress by standing on the sidelines chattering and complaining. You make progress by implementing ideas."  
Shirley Chisholm - submitted by Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell*

## Regular Meeting of City Council — Tuesday, January 15, 2019 7:00p.m. Minutes

**Call To Order:** Mayor Bradley D. Sellers

**Attendance:** Councilwoman Hagwood, Councilwoman Edwards, Councilwoman White, Councilman Stewart, Councilman Howard, Councilman Anderson, Council President Mitchell  
**Roll Call: 7 Present**

**Prayer:** Councilwoman Dorise Hagwood

**Minutes:** January 2, 2019 Regular Meeting  
**Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs**  
**Motion Amended at 7:08p.m. – Councilwoman Edwards was absent at January 2, 2019 Regular Meeting**  
**Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Council President Mitchell**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Abs**

**Departmental Reports:** Mayor reported that Council has the Departmental Reports from each Director and if they have questions about a report please seek out that individual Director. He added if they have additional questions, they can contact his office as well.

### Directors & Administrative Staff

Kell Wilson, Chief Of Staff		Allison Moore, Executive Assistant To Mayor	
Ted Sims	Director, Service Department	Ben Brown	Building Commissioner
Raymon Turner	Community Development Manager	Dan Gerson, GPD Group	City Engineer
Jennifer Lastery	Director, Civic Senior Center	June Scharf	Director, Communications Activities
Barbara Walker	Senior Advocacy/Liaison Director	Alexa Gullie	Asst. Director, Communications
Chief Wesley Haynes	Police Department	Teresa Micalif-Bonaly	Law Director
Chief Herb Waugh	Fire Department	Keisha Hughes	Assistant Law Director
Karen Howe	Finance Director	Mariene Ridenour	Prosecutor
Lorfe Reid	Assistant Finance Director	Jerome Duval	Economic Development Director
Nicole Johnson	Personnel Director	Carletta Fellows	Director, Strategic Initiatives

### Residents' Requests and Comments:

**Bobbie Lockhart, 4474 Brookton Road.** She thanked Council for the donation to the Senior Club and that they really appreciate it. Also, Ms. Lockhart stated that she gets her nails done at Nails Creation on Harvard Avenue and asked them if they would be willing to give a discount to seniors. She said she asserted to the owner "You know you're working in a city where we need a discount." and "It's a yes or no answer." to her question. She stated that his answer was "Yes" but services will need to be on Mondays and she needs at least 20 seniors who are interested. She stated if she gets 20 seniors they will receive a 30% discount for services. She stated there is a sheet over at the Senior Center so encouraged those interested to sign-up.

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**Councilwoman Hagwood** asked Ms. Lockhart if the nail salon is open on Mondays. Ms. Lockhart replied the salon will open up for seniors on Mondays. She added that she told the owner that Councilwoman Hagwood goes there. **Mayor Sellers** thanked Ms. Lockhart and she replied that the services are also for men!

<<Laughter>>

**Mimi Galtor**, 4694 Belfoire Road. She stated she is here on behalf of the Board of Education. She reported that last Wednesday the Board held their Organizational Meeting. She stated she's happy to announce that they have new leadership; Traci Mitchell is now serving as President and Ray Freeman is Vice-President. She remarked that the Board is excited about the change and looking forward to the great things that are going on in the District. She announced that the Board changed their meeting date to the first and third Wednesday of the month instead of Monday because it was difficult for Mr. Jolly and his Administration to get the agenda ready. She added that the meeting time has moved up to 6:30p.m. She stated the Board thinks it will be a good move because it gives them the opportunity to come to the Warrensville Heights Council Meetings as well as in Highland Hills and Northfield. She announced the Alumni Basketball Game is next Friday, January 25 against Lorain so if people can come we would love to see you support the boys. Lastly, she stated she saved the best for last; Randallwood School is gone. She said it is bittersweet for the community because of all the memories but we are really looking forward to a brighter future. She thanked everyone.

**Mayor Sellers** thanked the District for their extensive presentation of the Randallwood site at the Planning Commission meeting. He remarked that it was an excellent presentation that was made before some of the Council members and the Planning Commission and he is looking forward to their official presentation in February.

**Lily Belvy-Holt**, 23756 Banbury Circle. She stated some time ago there was a big patch of ground dug up and she called the Service Department to find out what that was going to be. She stated they told her that was going to be pad for the dumpsters. She stated that conversation had occurred at the latter part of last year. She stated her response was "Wait a minute! Dumpsters on our front lawn?" She commented that she called and spoke with the appropriate people and they said the Association had asked for a permit to put the dumpsters on the front lawn. She said her reply was "No! Not in my front yard. I have been living there for 44 years. I know for a fact that Warrensville is very particular about garbage in regular places so why put a dumpster in my front yard?" She stated she called the Association and expressed her concern and was told that it was not going to happen. She reported that January 7<sup>th</sup>, she woke up and saw dumpsters in the front yard, not just hers but coming off of Caroline Drive down to Banbury, there are dumpsters placed in each of the front lawns.

**Mayor Sellers** asked how many dumpsters are there total. Ms. Belvy-Holt replied there are seven and she has pictures. Mayor Sellers asked if the dumpsters were way in the back and Ms. Belvy-Holt responded that she has been there for over 44 years and the dumpsters have always been in the back with no problem. She stated she was given a "flimsy excuse" that the dumpsters were moved because the garbage trucks were tearing up the parking lot and that is a lie! She stated that the parking lot was tore up because they let water stand for two years until the manhole covers were cleaned out. She stated that dumpsters should go back to where they were for all residents. She reported that she is not familiar with Warrensville Heights Ordinances regarding garbage cans on the front lawn but she has researched that other places have a certain period of time that you can put cans out, collect garbage and have them put back. She stated that should remain the same; not a dumpster all year, 24/7 on the front lawns.

Mayor Sellers asked what is in the back now and Ms. Belvy-Holt replied "Nothing!"

Mayor Sellers stated that he wanted to make sure everyone knew what was going on and asked Ms. Belvy-Holt who the President of the Homeowners Association is. Ms. Belvy-Holt responded that she has no clue. She stated that the Association is really not a Homeowners Association but an Investors Association. She stated that when Alicia and John MacDonald were there, we were doing pretty well. She stated that at those times there was a good Association and residents were paying their maintenance fees. She stated that after three or four years, Alicia brought in Jeff Moffy who brought in all investors and they changed the bylaws that did not include the residents. She commented that now you do not have one vote per what you own, there is one vote per their unit. She stated that there are no homeowners on the Board just investors from different countries such as England and China. She stated that the residents are "in a hodge-podge and it's a mess!" She stated that often she will hear that it is private property but "CRAP! We live there so do not try to bring it to us. I don't want dumpsters on my front lawn!"

**Mr. Brown, Building Commissioner** stated that he has set up a meeting on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> with the Management Company.

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**Councilwoman White** remarked that she had reached out to Ms. Belvy-Holt to inform her of the meeting and Ms. Belvy-Holt stated she had not checked her messages yet. She added that she was not going to put the issue on the floor at the Council Meeting since she had already addressed it with Councilwoman White. She added that the bottom line is "it has worked for 44 years to have the dumpsters IN THE BACK!"

**Mayor Sellers** asked Mr. Brown if a permit was requested by the Management Company and he replied that it was just for the pad, not the relocation of the dumpsters.

**Councilwoman White** stated that the meeting was originally set at 10:00a.m. but she had another appointment so Mr. Brown was able to move the meeting to 2:00p.m. Ms. Belvy-Holt stated that she needs to know the location so she can let the other residents know. Councilwoman White confirmed the meeting will be at City Hall. Councilwoman White told Ms. Belvy-Holt that she'll confirm the time with her as soon as she is aware and Ms. Belvy-Holt said that was fine.

**The Order of the Day:**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Res. 2019-002</b>	<b>Mayor Bradley D. Sellers</b>	<b>Confirming the reappointment of Phyllis Tullos to the Civil Service Commission of the City of Warrensville Heights, and declaring an emergency.</b>
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**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

<b>2.</b>	<b>Res. 2019-003</b>	<b>Mayor Bradley D. Sellers</b>	<b>Confirming the reappointment of Carrie Rudolph to the Civil Service Commission of the City of Warrensville Heights, and declaring an emergency.</b>
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**Motioned by Council President Mitchell, Seconded by Councilman Howard, Passage by Councilwoman White  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

<b>3.</b>	<b>Res. 2019-004</b>	<b>Mayor Bradley D. Sellers</b>	<b>Confirming the reappointment of Angela Turner to the Board of Zoning Appeals for the City of Warrensville Heights, and declaring an emergency.</b>
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**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Council President Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

<b>4.</b>	<b>Res. 2019-005</b>	<b>Mayor Bradley D. Sellers</b>	<b>Amending Resolution Number 2018-035 (authorizing the Mayor to approve the Community Reinvestment Area Residential Tax Abatement application of Larry Craig for 15156 O'Neil point, located in Cinema Park, permanent Parcel Number 762-08-032, pursuant to Chapter 3735 of the Ohio Revised Code) In order to correct the resolution number.</b>
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**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

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5.	Res. 2019-006	Mayor Bradley D. Sellers	Authorizing the Administration to apply for, and accept if awarded, the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District Community Recycling Awareness Grant, and declaring an emergency.
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Motioned by Council President Mitchell, Seconded by Councilman Anderson, Passage by Councilwoman White  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

6.	Ord. 2019-002	Mayor Bradley D. Sellers	Authorizing the Administration of the City of Warrensville Heights to enter into a Personal Services Agreement with Calvin Singleton to provide services as a Plan Examiner for the period beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2019, and declaring an emergency.
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Motioned Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

7.	Ord. 2019-003	Mayor Bradley D. Sellers	Accepting a certain bid from Tim Lally Chevrolet, Inc. For the Chevy Cruze vehicle bidding process and authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract not to exceed \$64,800.16, and declaring an emergency.
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Motioned by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Abs – Motion Carried

8.	Ord. 2019-004	Mayor Bradley D. Sellers	Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Development Agreement with CHN Housing Partners to develop multi-family and workforce housing and declaring an emergency.
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Motioned by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

9.	Ord. 2019-005	Mayor Bradley D. Sellers	Authorizing the Administration of the City of Warrensville Heights to re-establish the Sidewalk Replacement Grant, FEMA Grant, Cleveland Foundation Grant and Great Grant Special Revenue Accounts and transfer \$75,454.00 from the General Fund to said accounts, and declaring an emergency.
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Motioned by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Council President Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

**Add On:**

10.	Res. 2019-007	Council President Andrea Mitchell	Confirming the Warrensville Heights City Council's Committee Assignments for the Calendar Year of 2019.
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Motioned by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood  
Amended at 7:28p.m. due to Passage needed to make Resolution effective immediately  
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards and Councilwoman Hagwood

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#### **Announcements from the Directors and Council:**

**Fire Chief Waugh** had nothing to report.

**Jerome DuVal** thanked Council for passing the Workforce Development Housing opportunity. He stated the 2018 Community Impact Report is available in the front so please take one. Lastly, he wished Michael Carter a Happy Birthday!

**Kelli Wilson** had nothing to report.

**Police Chief Haynes** had nothing to report.

**June Scharf** had nothing additional to report.

**Ben Brown** had nothing to report.

**Ted Sims** reported that there are a couple of winter storms coming over the next five days so call Police Dispatch if there are any problems and they will contact someone in Building or the Service Department if a tree is down or wires are down. He stated the snow should start tonight around 1:30a.m., clear up on Friday and then start again on Saturday.

**Jennifer Lastery** stated Ahuja Medical Center will be presenting an *Age Well Be Well* Wellness Wednesdays at the Senior Center beginning tomorrow from 4-6p.m. She stated she would love for people to come and the topics are dealing with new beginnings and stress. She stated it is a great topic so she is looking forward to people coming out for that event. AARP will be doing tax preparations on Fridays, beginning on February 8<sup>th</sup> to April 12<sup>th</sup> from 9a.m.-2p.m. So, if you have taxes or know someone else that needs them done, give the Senior Center a call to make an appointment. Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, the Senior Center is having its annual Black History Program and they will be celebrating Black History through Gospel Music. She reported that refreshments will be at 6:00p.m. and the program will start promptly at 7:00p.m. Lastly, she congratulated Ms. Tullos and Ms. Rudolph.

**Carnetta Fellows** had nothing to report.

**Karen Howe** had nothing to report.

**Councilwoman Edwards** thanked Councilwoman White for remembering her absence. She stated she forgot because she is usually in attendance. She expressed excitement about the housing project because it can be a draw for young people to return to the community. She commented that it was awesome that Ms. Lockhart asked for a discount at the nail salon!

**Councilman Stewart** thanked everyone for coming out and asked that everyone be safe during the bad weather.

**Councilwoman Hagwood** had nothing to report.

**Councilman Howard** acknowledged Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday and that he would be 90 years old today. He stated that Dr. King lived a very good life, a hard life but a good one. He stated that Dr. King lives on in our memories and prayers. He stated that many of us would not be in the positions we are in today had it not been for him. He stated a lot of our leaders would not have come up and pastors and churches would not be operated at the magnitude that they are if not for him. He mentioned that City Hall will be closed on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in observance of him. He shared one of his favorite MLK quotes: "Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter." He remarked that a lot of public officials, directors, public sector employees and police officers stand true to that, believe in that and it keeps them going to make sure they are serving the community correctly and properly. Lastly, he wished Michael Carter Happy Birthday!

**Councilmen Anderson** had nothing to report.

**Councilwoman White** thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, particularly Ms. Belvy-Holt. She stated she appreciated Kelli Wilson and Ben Brown for their input and reiterated we will reach out to Ms. Belvy-Holt as soon as she has a time for the meeting.

**Law Director Beasley** had nothing to report.

**Council President Mitchell** thanked everyone for coming out and wished Michael Carter a Happy Birthday! She stated there is a breakfast at Aldersgate United Methodist Church at 9:00a.m. and there will be some presentations in celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. She said it will be a time to lift up the memory and legacy of a man that died far too young but made a big footprint on this Earth. She stated that 2019 should give us all pause as people of color because 400 years ago in 1619 the first people of African descent landed in Virginia and it is something to think about. She stated that the Hawthorne Valley Youth Council, comprised of students in Oakwood Village, Bedford, Bedford Heights and Walton Hills will have a speaker to address the Opioid Experience at the Oakwood Village Community Center tomorrow at 7:00p.m. on Broadway Avenue; the event is free. Lastly, she reported the Tri-City Lee Harvard 8 Week Health Challenge Part 2 will kick off on Thursday at South Pointe Hospital beginning at 5:30p.m. She stated that last time, Tri-City (Highland Hills, Northfield and Warrensville) came in 2<sup>nd</sup> to Lee Harvard and she knows we can do better than that so let's get this done! She also gave a reminder that Event Calendars will be provided at the Council Meetings to keep residents informed of the different meetings and events going on in and around the area.

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**Mayor's Comments:**

Mayor Sellers thanked everyone for coming out tonight. He recognized the people that bring their issues to us and keep us informed. He stated we need to make sure people are abiding by our laws. He thanked Mr. White, Ms. Rudolph and Ms. Tullos for their continued service on Civil Service Commission. He thanked Ms. Rox for serving on Planning Commission. Also, he thanked the School Board.

Mayor Sellers stated that if you have not been by Clarkwood Parkway and seen what used to be Randallwood, there is a change coming. He said it will behoove everyone to go to one of the School Board's presentations and see what is going on. He mentioned how they are still in the design phase so the community can suggest what they desire to see like walkways, covering for the students waiting on the buses, sidewalks and screening between the school and church and cemetery property. He reported the basketball courts are being relocated to a caged-in area on the site but closer to the sidewalk. The presentation to the City is February 11, 2019 at 7:00p.m.; they will be here to debate, dialogue and make their official presentation to the Planning Commission who will have a chance to say yay, nay, or pause their recommendation to this Council.

Mayor Sellers reported the plan is to demolish two buildings in the next two weeks and do a little lightweight grading. When the weather breaks in the Spring, they will put up steel and everyone will really see the school go up. He explained to understand the size of the school, Eastwood has 240 students and John Dewey has 310 students. He reported the capacity of children will be 1000 at the Randallwood site; it will be a massive building. He stated the building has to stand for 100 years. He stressed the importance of the community to look at it because once the project is approved by the Planning Commission, the plans will go forward. He suggested that Ms. Galtor deliver the message to the other Board member to engage the community because this is the time to do it. He reported this is Phase 1 and Phase 2 will be to design the middle school and the high school; they will be adjacent to the Randallwood site which is why the trees were cleared out going down Northfield Road. He stated they plan on linking the elementary school to the middle and high school so this is it; there will be no redos. He reiterated he wants to make sure the community knows what is going on with the project.

Lastly, Mayor Sellers stated if you live in Brentwood there has been a flooding issue for those close to Mill Creek. The County Sewer District has issued a study and are holding a meeting here next Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00p.m. He stated letters were sent out to the residents of Brentwood including Longbrook Road, Cherrywood Lane, Cricket Lane, Butternut Lane and Larkspur Lane because there are some houses that have been damaged. He reported the Sewer District will roll out what the issue is and what the solution may be and residents in the impacted area that is really adjacent to the problem should come to the meeting. He reported the backyards of some residents have been washed away to 40% and some garages that are detached are ready to fall in Mill Creek. He stressed if you know any residents that live in that area, please make sure they are aware of this meeting.

**Adjournment at 7:49p.m.**

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AMBER JOYNER, CLERK OF COUNCIL

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