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

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL — WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2019
7:00P.M.
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

ATTENDANCE: COUNCILWOMAN HAGWOOD, COUNCILWOMAN WHITE, COUNCILMAN STEWART, COUNCILMAN HOWARD, COUNCILMAN ANDERSON, COUNCIL PRESIDENT MITCHELL
ROLL CALL: 6 PRESENT

MOTION TO EXCUSE COUNCILMAN EDWARDS BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT MITCHELL, SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN HOWARD
ROLL CALL: 6 AYES; 0 NAYS; 0 ABS

COUNCIL PRESIDENT NOMINATIONS: COUNCILMAN HOWARD NOMINATED COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL; SECONDED BY COUNCILMAN STEWART; NO OTHER NOMINATIONS
ROLL CALL: 6 AYES; 0 NAYS; 0 ABS
COUNCILWOMAN MITCHELL, 2019 COUNCIL PRESIDENT

PRAYER: COUNCIL PRESIDENT MITCHELL

MINUTES: DECEMBER 18, 2018 REGULAR MEETING
MOTION BY COUNCILMAN HOWARD, SECONDED COUNCILWOMAN WHITE
ROLL CALL: 6 AYES; 0 NAYS; 0 ABS

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: MAYOR REPORTED THAT COUNCIL HAS THE DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FOR DECEMBER 2018. HE ASKED THAT IF COUNCIL HAS QUESTIONS TO SEEK OUT THE DIRECTOR OR HIM FOR CLARIFICATION.

DIRECTORS & ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

KELLI WILSON, CHIEF OF STAFF		ALLISON MOORE, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO MAYOR	
TED SIMS	DIRECTOR, SERVICE	BEN BROWN	BUILDING COMMISSIONER
RAYMON TURNER	COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	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	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, COMMUNICATIONS
CHIEF WESLEY HAYNES	POLICE DEPARTMENT	TERESA METCALF BEASLEY	LAW DIRECTOR
CHIEF HERB WAUGH	FIRE DEPARTMENT	KEISHA HUGHES	ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR
KAREN HOWSE	FINANCE DIRECTOR	MARLENE RIDENOUR	PROSECUTOR
LORIE REID	ASSISTANT FINANCE DIRECTOR	JEROME DUVAL	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
NICOLE JOHNSON	PERSONNEL DIRECTOR	CARLETTA FELLOWS	DIRECTOR, STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

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RESIDENTS' REQUESTS AND COMMENTS:

RAY FREEMAN, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT. HE WISHED COUNCIL AND DIRECTORS A HAPPY NEW YEAR. HE STATED THAT HE WANTS TO PROVIDE AN UPDATE ON PHASE 1 AND PHASE 2 OF THE SCHOOLS. HE REPORTED PHASE I HAS COMMENCED ON THE DEMOLITION OF RANDALLWOOD AND THEY ARE HALFWAY DONE. HE STATED IN THEIR MASTERPLAN WITH OHIO FACILITIES CONTRUCTION COMMISSION, THERE WILL BE 3 BUILDINGS AVAILABLE AFTER THE BUILD OUT: EASTWOOD, JOHN DEWEY AND WESTWOOD.

DONALD JOLLY, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS SCHOOL BOARD SUPERINTENDENT. HE STATED THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD ONLY HAS ONE CHOICE WITH THE BUILDINGS AND THAT'S TO TEAR THE BUILDINGS DOWN. HE STATED THAT IF THEY ARE NOT TORN DOWN, THE BUILDINGS WILL BE OPEN TO CHARTER SCHOOLS. HE REPORTED THAT THE BOARD HAS CONSIDERED KEEPING ONE BUILDING IN CASE THERE IS AN OVERFLOW OF STUDENT ENROLLMENT. HE REPORTED THAT THEY ARE GETTING STUDENTS BACK AT A RAPID PACE. HE STATED THE BOARD WANTS TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS IN SPRING 2019. HE STATED THE WORK SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY JULY 2020; IT IS A 14 MONTH BUILD. HE REMARKED HE WANTS TO MAKE SURE THE BOARD CONTINUES HAVING A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY TO MAKE SURE THE BEST DECISIONS ARE MADE REGARDING THE PROPERTIES.

MAYOR SELLERS COMMENTED THAT WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS IS THE ONLY DISTRICT IN THE REGION THAT HAS A GROWING STUDENT POPULATION AS OPPOSE TO CONTRACTING STUDENTS. MR. JOLLY ELABORATED THAT 20% OF STUDENTS ARE RETURNING AND THAT'S OVER 350 STUDENTS OVER A 3 YEAR PERIOD. HE STATED THAT HE ANTICIPATES MORE STUDENTS FROM PRE-K TO 5 AND EVEN MORE ONCE THE HIGH SCHOOL IS FINISHED.

MAYOR SELLERS ASKED ABOUT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MOVEMENT FROM F-LEVEL TO D-LEVEL AND ASKED WHEN MR. JOLLY ANTICIPATES THE DISTRICT MOVING TO C-LEVEL. MR. JOLLY RESPONDED THAT BASED ON INTERNAL DATA, THE DISTRICT SHOULD BE CLOSE TO C-LEVEL OR HIGHER AT THIS REPORT CARD PERIOD. HE REPORTED KNOWING THAT THE GRADUATION RATE INCREASED ANOTHER 6 % AND PRE-K TO 3 IS RISING AS WELL.

<<APPLAUSE>>

MAYOR SELLERS ASKED WHAT THE BOARD'S CONCERNS ARE WHEN THEY GET TO C-LEVEL. JOLLY REPSONDED THAT THEY HAVE A GOOD TEAM OF EXPERTS AND CURRICULUM PARTNERS THAT TRY TO STAY AHEAD BUT THE "FINISH LINE" CHANGES EVERY YEAR. HE STATED THAT D IS NOT THE BEST GRADE BUT COMING FROM AN F IT IS PROGRESS. HE REMARKED THAT WARRENSVILLE WAS NOT ONE OF THE 13 DISTRICTS IN THE STATE THAT DID GET AN F LIKE COLUMBUS, CLEVELAND AND PAINESVILLE. HE STATED THAT THE DISTRICT HAS A "GROWTH MINDSET" AND A GOOD TEAM OF TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS AND SCHOOL BOARD. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THOSE PEOPLE AND ALL THEY HAVE DONE IN SUPPORT OF THE DISTRICT.

<<APPLAUSE>>

MR. JOLLY STATED IT IS VERY HARD WORK TO BE ON THE BOARD BUT IN HIS 3 YEARS HE HAS FOUND SUPPORT IN THE VISION. HE REMARKED THAT NO ONE THOUGHT THAT 3 YEARS AGO RANDALLWOOD WOULD BE TORN DOWN, A 68 MILLION DOLLAR LEVY WOULD BE PASSED, THE DISTRICT WOULD BE OUT OF TROUBLE AND STUDENTS WOULD BE RETURNING; HE ATTESTED THAT TO THE BOARD.

MAYOR SELLERS ASKED IF MR. JOLLY ANTICIPATES A HIGHER STUDENT ENROLLMENT AT THE C-LEVEL. MR. JOLLY REPLIED THAT THERE ARE 450 STUDENTS THAT ARE ENROLLED IN A CHARTER SCHOOL AND ARE USING VOUCHERS. HE STATED HE ANTICIPATES GETTING ABOUT HALF OF THOSE STUDENTS BACK. MR. JOLLY REMARKED THAT HISTORICALLY THERE ARE STUDENTS THAT LIVE IN WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS THAT DO NOT GO TO A WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS SCHOOL; THEY ARE ENROLLED IN HAWKEN, UNIVERSITY SCHOOL AND OTHERS. MR JOLLY STATED WE WILL NOT GET ALL THE STUDENTS BUT WILL HAVE A LARGE PORTION. MR JOLLY COMMENTED THAT AFTER THE NEW DEVELOPMENT WAS BUILT A LOT OF THOSE STUDENTS DID NOT GO TO WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS SCHOOLS BUT ARE STARTING TO TRICKLE IN TO THE DISTRICT. HE REMARKED THAT SOME PARENTS KEPT CHILDREN AT THE SCHOOL THEY WERE ALREADY ATTENDING. HE STATED THAT HE IS STARTING TO SEE A LOT OF ALUMNI BRINGING THEIR CHILDREN TO THE DISTRICT.

MAYOR SELLERS STATED THAT THERE WILL NEED TO BE AN OPEN COMMUNITY DISCUSSION IN SPRING 2019 TO FIGURE OUT THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PROPERTIES. HE REPORTED THAT THE BOARD'S INTENTION IS TO TEAR DOWN JOHN DEWEY AND EASTWOOD BUT HAVE AN "ESCAPE PLAN" WITH THE WESTWOOD BUILDING. MR. JOLLY COMMENTED THAT WE

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DO NEED TO HOLD ON TO THE ONE BUILDING BECAUSE AN EXTRA 3 MILLION WAS ALREADY PUT INTO THE PRE-K TO 5 BUILDING DUE TO GROWTH.

PRESIDENT MITCHELL ASKED IF THE DISTRICT WILL BE SANCTIONED FOR KEEPING A BUILDING FOR OVERFLOW PURPOSES. MR. JOLLY REPLIED NO AND THAT THEY WILL JUST HAVE TO EXPLAIN THE USAGE OF THE BUILDING. HE STATED THAT THERE IS A TENANT IN THE BUILDING ALREADY. HE ADDED THAT AS A RESULT OF KEEPING THE 3RD BUILDING, THE CITY WILL NOT RECEIVE 32% OF THE DEMOLITION MONEY.

**MOTION FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION BASED ON ORC.121.22(G)(2) FOR RESOLUTION 2019-001.
MOTIONED BY COUNCILWOMAN WHITE, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN HAGWOOD
ROLL CALL: 6 AYES; 0 NAYS; 0 ABS - MOTION CARRIED
ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:14P.M.**

**MOTION TO END EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RETURN TO REGULAR MEETING AGENDA.
MOTIONED BY COUNCILMAN ANDERSON, SECONDED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT MITCHELL.
ROLL CALL: 6 AYES; 0 NAYS; 0 ABS - MOTION CARRIED
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING RECONVENED AT 7:50P.M.**

THE ORDER OF THE DAY:

1.	ORD. 2019-001	CITY COUNCIL PERSONNEL COMMITTEE	AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBERS 2018-111 AND 2018-124 IN ORDER TO REVISE SALARY RANGES FOR VARIOUS POSITIONS OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, 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; 0 ABS - MOTION CARRIED**

2.	RES. 2019-001	MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS	AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH HEMINGWAY AT RICHMOND, LLC REGARDING THE RE-ADAPTATION AND/OR REUSE OF CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITH A STREET ADDRESS OF 4743 RICHMOND ROAD, PPN: 763-31-006, (FORMERLY KNOWN AS SOUTH UNIVERSITY) FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, COMMERCIAL, HEALTH, EDUCATIONAL AND MUNICIPAL AND CIVIC USES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
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**MOTIONED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT MITCHELL, SECONDED BY COUNCILWOMAN WHITE, PASSAGE BY COUNCILWOMAN HAGWOOD
ROLL CALL: 6 AYES; 0 NAYS; 0 ABS - MOTION CARRIED**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE DIRECTORS AND COUNCIL:

LIEUTENANT MARK McCARY ATTENDED COUNCIL MEETING IN PLACE OF FIRE CHIEF WAUGH. HE WISHED EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR. HE STATED THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS SMOKE DETECTORS AVAILABLE.

NICOLE JOHNSON WISHED EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR. SHE REPORTED THAT THERE ARE TWO POSITIONS THAT ARE NOW OPEN: PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS MANAGER AND CAPTAIN OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. SHE STATED THAT BOTH POSITIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS WEBSITE.

KELLI WILSON HAD NOTHING ADDITIONAL TO REPORT.

POLICE CHIEF HAYNES WISHED EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR. HE HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.

JUNE SCHARF SHARED THAT THERE IS A NEW WEBSITE COMING. THERE ARE 3 DAYS OF TRAINING NEXT WEEK. SHE STATED THE WEBSITE WILL BE MORE ON TREND AND EASIER TO NAVIGATE.

BEN BROWN HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.

TED SIMS WISHED EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.

JENNIFER LASTERY WISHED EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.

LORIE REID HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.

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COUNCILMAN STEWART WISHED EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR, THANK EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING THE COUNCIL MEETING AND HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.

COUNCILWOMAN HAGWOOD HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.

COUNCILMAN HOWARD HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.

COUNCILMAN ANDERSON ACKNOWLEDGED BUILDING COMMISSIONER, BEN BROWN FOR ADDRESSING A MATTER ON A STREET IN HIS WARD AND TAKING CARE OF IT IMMEDIATELY.

COUNCILWOMAN ELONA WHITE WISHED EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR AND HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.

LAW DIRECTOR BEASLEY HAD NOTHING TO REPORT.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT MITCHELL THANKED EVERYONE FOR ATTENDING THE COUNCIL MEETING. SHE THANKED HER PEERS FOR VOTING HER 2019 COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND ADDED THAT HOPEFULLY THEY ALL CAN "HIT THE GROUND RUNNING." LASTLY, SHE WISHED EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

HE WISHED EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR. HE STATED HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO A GOOD 2019 AND THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS ON THE HORIZON.

HE RECOGNIZED ALL THAT SERVE IN SOME CAPACITY WITH THE CITY PARTICULARLY STERLIE JONES, BARBARA WALKER AND MS. ROX FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION. HE REMARKED THAT HE ALWAYS LIKES TO SEE MEMBERS OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS SCHOOL BOARD IN ATTENDANCE AT THE COUNCIL MEETING.

HE THANKED BUILDING COMMISSIONER BEN BROWN FOR THE WORK HE HAS DONE. HE STATED THAT THE GREENHOUSE HAS BEEN TORN DOWN.

<<APPLAUSE>>

THERE WAS A VACANT HOUSE ON RICHMOND ROAD NEAR GETGO THAT WAS TORN DOWN AS WELL. ALSO, THE HOUSE ON WARRENSVILLE CENTER ROAD NEXT TO THE 480 ON-RAMP IS NOW BOARDED UP. MAYOR SELLERS STATED THAT BEN BROWN INFORMED HIM THAT THE HOUSE HAS BEEN PURCHASED AFTER BEING VACANT FOR 3 YEARS. HE THANKED BEN BROWN AGAIN FOR ALL HIS HARD WORK.

LASTLY, HE REMARKED THAT THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS OVER THE HOLIDAY WHICH POLICE CHIEF HAYNES CONFIRMED.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:59P.M.

1-15-2019

APPROVED



AMBER JOYNER, CLERK OF COUNCIL

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