



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES APRIL 16, 2019

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

Attendance: Councilwoman Hagwood, Councilwoman White, Councilman Stewart
Councilman Howard, Councilman Anderson and Council President Mitchell
Roll Call: 6 Present

**Motion to Excuse Councilwoman Edwards by Councilwoman White, Seconded
by Council President Mitchell**
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs

Prayer: Councilman Walter Stewart

Minutes: March 19, 2019 Regular Meeting
**Motion to Approve by Councilman Anderson, Seconded by Councilwoman
White**
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs

Departmental Reports: Mayor Sellers stated that Council should have a copy of the Departmental Reports in their possession. He stated that if they have any questions to please reach out to the specific 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:

Ray Freeman stated he is representing the School District and would like to provide updates. He stated that as of last week, the padding has been set at the Randallwood Site. He announced there will be a groundbreaking for the school on Saturday, May 25th. He commented that Council will have all the information from the District's Communications Director. He reported that next Friday at Westwood Elementary School, they are having their Daddy-Daughter Dance and they do not have enough Dads in the District. He stated he will pass a flyer out to Council and the Directors if they know someone that could help out our young female scholars; the dance will be held from 6:30p.m.-9:00p.m. at Westwood. He reported on May 8th they will have their STEAM Fair from 4:00p.m.-8:00p.m. at the High School. He thanked everyone for their support.

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Monica Coaly stated she works for US Bank and was invited by Nicole. She reported that the two of them have been working on some partnerships to bring to US Bank and the City of Warrensville so they are forthcoming.

Order of the Day:

1. Ord. 2019-044

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

APPOINTING ELLITA VEDDER AS CAPTAIN IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motioned by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood

Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – FIRST READ ITEM

Chief Waugh announced that it is an exciting time for the Fire Department and the reason is because we have not had a Captain in the Department in over 20 years. He stated so it is exciting to open this position back up and they could not have found a better person for this position. He asked everyone to look around and notice that there were not only Firefighters from our Department but from East Cleveland, University Heights and Cuyahoga. He added that there are also Fire Chiefs, such as the Bedford Chief and one that is here by default.

<<Laughter>>

He stated it is Chief Vedder but he will let Lieutenant Vedder introduce him. He asked that Lieutenant Vedder come up.

<<Applause>>

He reported that Lieutenant Vedder has been in the Department for 24 years because they were hired on the same day. He commented that she excelled to be a Lieutenant in 2003 and has held that position ever since.

Lieutenant Vedder introduced her guests in attendance: two brothers, husband and Assistant Fire Chief in Chagrin, Mark Vedder, brother Paul, many friends, her brother Larry, nephew Alex, sister-in-law Rebecca, daughter Jen, son-in-law Ryan and her grandkids. She thanked Council and the Mayor for the opportunity not only to bring this position back but see what she can do to bring the Department forward and help the Chief. She stated again she appreciated the opportunity. She announced that she will be the first female Captain.

<<Applause>>

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Mayor Sellers stated that he is very proud today as Ellita has served 25 years for the City. He acknowledged her leadership since 2002 and the turnout of all the people she has worked with in the past as it is an indicator of how much respect she has in this Department. Mayor Sellers stated Lieutenant Vedder is solid and he is looking forward to her elevation tonight. He remarked that he is also looking forward to her continued leadership in this community; she is a person that is committed to this community and that should be recognized. He stated that he was looking for somebody that was in support of our Chief and the mission we are trying to drive home. He stated that we depend on Ellita so much because of her experience. He remarked that sometimes in this world, you have to recognize people when they have earned it! He stated that a Captain position is very important and we have been missing that for a long time but he is proud to eliminate that tonight.

Swearing In of Captain Ellita Vedder

He remarked that we can see how long it has been since they have had a Captain as he holds up a Lieutenant Badge. He stated it will serve only as a placeholder this evening.

Captain Vedder thanked all her friends and family again for attending. She thanked Council, the Mayor and Chief Waugh again for the opportunity and stated she is excited.

<<Applause>>

2. Ord. 2019-045 **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPOINT BRYAN COOPER TO THE POSITION OF FIREFIGHTER IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Council President Mitchell
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

3. Ord. 2019-046 **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPOINT NICHOLAS MANCINI TO THE POSITION OF FIREFIGHTER IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Anderson, Seconded by Council President Mitchell
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

Chief Waugh stated it is an exciting time because we have two Firefighter Cadets that we are putting on this evening. He stated we will start with Mr. Bryan Cooper and asked him to come up.

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<<Applause>>

He stated Mr. Cooper was a two year Firefighter/Medic for Leroy and Mentor. He remarked he is very well represented tonight by family and friends and asked Mr. Cooper to introduce them.

Mr. Cooper introduced his mom Charise, dad Joe, uncle Mike and aunt Jody, future mother-in-law Joy and fiancée Katie, brother Brandon and his wife Becky, sister Erin and brother-in-law Brett, younger brother Jordan, older sister Megan and her two children, Mattie and Carter, his little brother Justin and his cousin Dylan.

Swearing In of Firefighter Bryan Cooper

He thanked everyone for the opportunity. He commented that it took awhile to get here but he is extremely happy to be here today. Mr. Cooper remarked that the few people he has met already have been awesome and it appears as if it is going to be a really awesome place to work. He thanked everyone again.

<<Applause>>

Chief Waugh called Nicholas Mancini up.

<<Applause>>

He stated that Mr. Mancini served with the East Cleveland Fire Department as a Firefighter/Medic for two years and part-time for a year with Cuyahoga Heights. He commented that his dad, Mr. Mancini is a Sheriff's Detective. He remarked that he received a call from a Fire Chief early this morning and the first thing you think is there is an emergency where mutual aid is needed. He stated the Chief woke him out of his sleep and asked "Chief, are you hiring Mancini this morning?" and he answered "Yes, sir." He jokingly thanked the Chief for waking him up this morning.

<<Laughter>>

Mr. Mancini introduced his mom Lisa and her boyfriend Jason, grandfather Terry, girlfriend Jessica, father Tom and old colleagues: Cameron, an East Cleveland Firefighter; Mike, a Macedonia Firefighter; and Kyle with the University Heights Fire Department. He stated they are all happy to be here.

Swearing in of Firefighter Nicholas Mancini

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He thanked everyone for having him; he is truly honored and grateful to be here. He stated he looks forward to spending his career in Warrensville Heights.

Mayor Sellers stated for the last few months, the City has been bringing on Firefighters because there are a number of guys who are going to retire and the assertion is that we will find quality people as placeholders and that seems like what we are doing here. He welcomed the new Firefighters.

He announced that family can now leave if they would like before the Agenda resumes.

- 4. Ord. 2019-047 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
ACCEPTING A CERTAIN BID FROM BONNER MANAGEMENT GROUP FOR THE 2019 HIGH GRASS AND RELATED NUISANCE ABATEMENT SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman Hagwood, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Howard
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 5. Ord. 2019-048 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
ACCEPTING A CERTAIN BID FROM NORTHCOAST LAWNSCAPES FOR THE 2019 HIGH GRASS AND RELATED NUISANCE ABATEMENT SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Council President Mitchell, Passage by Councilman Anderson, Seconded Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 6. Ord. 2019-049 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF ALDO DURE OF BE NEXT AWNINGS & GRAPHICS, INC., REPRESENTING GOLDBERG COMPANIES INC. OF EMERY GREEN TIC I, LLC AND EMERY GREEN TIC II, LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE FOR GO MART LOCATED AT 23031 EMERY ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO 44128, PPN 763-01-026.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Howard
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs - FIRST READ ITEM

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7. Ord. 2019-050 **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF TIMOTHY O'TOOLE OF FASTSIGNS OF LYNTHURST, REPRESENTING CIPRIANI PROPERTY COMPANY, LTD., FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE FOR ACUPUNCTURE AND INTEGRATIVE SOLUTIONS INCORPORATED LOCATED AT 25901 EMERY ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-07-011.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Howard
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – FIRST READ ITEM

8. Ord. 2019-051 **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA FOR USE OF THE COUNTY'S MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM REFERRED TO AS READY NOTIFY – CODE RED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Council President Mitchell, Passage by Councilman Anderson, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

9. Ord. 2019-052 **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE TINKER'S CREEK WATERSHED PARTNERS, INC (TCWP) WITH THE AGREEMENT BEING FROM JANUARY 1, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Council President Mitchell, Passage by Councilman Anderson, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

ADD-ON:

10. Ord. 2019-053 **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE TWO 2019 CHEVEROLET TAHOE 4 X 2 TRUCKS FOR USE IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS FROM TIM LALLY CHEVROLET, INC. FOR \$64,035.60 PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 125.04(C), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilman Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman White
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Announcements from the Directors:

Economic Development – Manager Raymon Turner congratulated all the Firefighters sworn in today and welcomed them to the Warrensville family.

Personnel Department – Director Nicole Johnson thanked Monica and US Bank and stated she is looking forward to working in our partnership with our great employees of Warrensville. She also thanked those that are coming on board and that it is a great day in Warrensville.

Police Department – Chief Wes Haynes thanked the members of the Civil Service Commission, Ms. Rudolph, Mr. White. and Ms. Tullos for their assistance in bringing on five additional Safety Force members: three Police Officers, two Firefighters and a promotion for Captain Vedder. He stated he would also like to thank Council for passing Item 10 that allows him to purchase two new vehicles for the Police Department.

Communications/Activities Department – Director June Scharf announced that the State of the City Event is tomorrow night at Corporate College. She stated to please be aware to go all the way to the back to the property; it is on the second level of the building if you want to eliminate walking through the building. She added there will be refreshments and the events begins at 6:00p.m.

Building Department – Commissioner Ben Brown thanked Council for the passage of Items 4 and 5 accepting the bids for Bonner and Northcoast Landscaping.

Karen Howse announced for **Director of the Civic & Senior Center, Jennifer Lastery** that there are three exciting events coming up. She stated the first event is *Blues In the Night*, a jazz concert that will be Friday April 26th from 6:30p.m.-10:00p.m. for \$20 which includes dinner; the second on Friday, May 3rd is *Movies at Noon* that will feature the movie, *Black Panther* with a cost of \$2 for popcorn, soda and chips; and the *Paint & Sip* that will be May 24th from 7:00p.m.-9:30p.m., painting and snacks will be included

Finance Department - Karen Howse reported that there is one segment of the Auditor's Report, the Ohio Police and Fire Pension Audit is completed and the final report will be presented to the State Auditor.

Announcements from Council:

Councilman Stewart wished everyone a good evening and commented that it is good seeing everyone. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated it was a pleasure and an honor to see our State Representative tonight. He wished everyone a safe and happy holiday.

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Councilwoman Hagwood stated she is excited about the hiring of our new Safety Force because she always says that safety is paramount in our City. She stated that she wants everyone to attend the State of the City Event tomorrow and the Ward 1 and Ward 3 event on Thursday. She remarked that she and Councilwoman White have a wealth of information to share. She stated to State Representative, Juanita Brent that we have never been represented before as we have been so far by her.

<<Applause>>

She greeted Mr. and Mrs. Davis and stated that it was good to see them and she missed them.

Councilman Howard thanked everyone for coming out and acknowledged the usual faces and the “new faces” and encouraged everyone to continue coming to the meetings. He commented that we are about halfway through the year so keep up the good work everybody! He acknowledged Commissioner Brown for addressing a gas station in his Ward that has become a nuisance business. He remarked that people pay good money for their property and do not want to see trash, old light fixtures and debris sitting in the yard. He stated he said something to the business owner and he spoke perfectly good English when he had given him money for gas but did not like the reception he got from him when mentioning the trash. He stated that he did his due diligence and reached out to Ben, the Building Commissioner and he was “like a pit bull” in how he addressed the matter. He reported the area was cleaned up by the next morning with no problem. He stated he called and thanked him this morning but wanted to acknowledge that Ben is always on the job.

<<Applause>>

Councilman Anderson wished everyone a good evening and congratulated the new Firefighters. He stated he has some information about the U.S. Census as he did several workshops at the National League of Cities Conference last month and brought back a few facts. He shared a short website that they can visit and find out a lot of information census.gov/quickfacts. He stated on the webpage you will find as much information as you can find about the census.

Councilwoman White congratulated our new Captain and new Firefighters. She thanked the residents for coming out and gave kudos to our Representative, Juanita Brent as she is everywhere and always on time so we appreciate her work!

Law Department

Director Teresa Beasley had nothing to report.

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Council President's Comments

Council President Mitchell wished everyone a good evening. She commented that it is nice outside but people are in attendance anyway and we appreciate it. She thanked Mr. Freeman for the information about the school's Daddy-Daughter Dance, the Math Night and information about the STEAM festival. She congratulated Chief Waugh and the new additions to the Fire Department and the promotion of Captain Vedder. She gave a special thank you to the people that came out to the Ward 2 Community Meeting. She acknowledged Building Commissioner, Mr. Brown for answering her questions about the yellow, red and green flags that are seen in the neighborhood. She reported that he emailed her a handout from the Ohio Universal Marking Standards and it broke down the colors. She stated that she shared the handout with the residents at the Ward 2 Meeting that were present and people were so appreciative to understand what those flags mean. She stated that she learned that they should be notified by the Utility Company before those flags go down or if not to contact her or Building/Housing Department. She stated she can provide the information to anyone who requests it. She thanked everyone again for attending the meeting.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Sellers thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He acknowledged Civil Service Commission for all the hard work they do and asked the members, Mr. White, Ms. Rudolph and Ms. Tullos to stand to be recognized in their effort to find quality candidates.

<<Applause>>

He recognized Ms. Rox and Ms. Strong from Planning Commission as they ensure that the new things that come here are vetted in the proper way. He recognized the Vice-President of the School Board, Ray Freeman for his efforts to keep the community informed about what is going on here. He stated they have a very big project going on and that we will notice as the Summer progresses, we will see the frame of the school go up. He reported that the School Board has acquired the corner store on the corner of Clarkwood and Northfield and that is soon to be demolished as well.

<<Applause>>

He commented that there is a lot going on here so if you come to the City Council meetings you will find out a plethora of information; we try to make sure everyone is informed. He welcomed State Representative, Juanita Brent to the Chambers who is always present in this county making sure the area has representation. He congratulated the Firefighters that were just brought on and stated they will be a wonderful addition to what we are doing here. He congratulated Captain Ellita Vedder for all her service and effort she puts forth in the Fire Department.

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He remarked that it is a good day to recognize people that have been here for a very long time and help us steady the ship as we move forward. He reported there is a change coming due to people who have been here for a long time no longer being around as they transition out of the system. Mayor Sellers stated the key is to find people that can fill the void but the problem is there are a lot of people across this county looking for good people. He stated we are always in competition as it relates to finding quality candidates.

He stated tomorrow night is the State of the City Address. He commented that there will be an in-depth presentation of the 2018 year-end review. He stated they will forecast a little information on 2019 and it is a great place to get your questions answered as well as get your thoughts, concerns and ideas vetted. He remarked that there should be a captive audience and thanked Corporate College for hosting us for the evening; it is a great venue. He repeated June Scharf's instruction that when you go to Corporate College, you cannot enter the lower level front door where you will have to walk or use the elevator. He instructed as a short cut take the parking lot to the back door of that section of the building. He stated refreshments will be served at 6:00p.m. and the meeting will start at 6:30p.m. and end at 8:00p.m.

Adjournment at 7:52p.m.

5-7-2019

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