



## **CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council**

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JULY 16, 2019**

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

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

**Motion to Excuse Councilwoman White by Councilman Howard, Seconded by Councilman Anderson**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**Prayer:** Council President Andrea Mitchell

**Minutes:** June 18, 2019 Regular Meeting  
**Motion to Approve by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilman Howard**  
**Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Abs – Motion Carried**

**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 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:**

**Delores Roach** stated she was present to represent the owners of Cranbrook Meadows. She reported in June of this year she received a call from the City Engineer Dan Gerson. She stated he told her that they were investigating an illicit discharge at Cranbrook Meadows and residents had no knowledge of this. She reported that servicemen had been on their property since October 2018 and at that time Mr. Gerson informed residents that it was an emergency situation that they would have to address. Ms. Roach reported that they designated the owner of their management company to be the contact person. She reported since that time numerous emails have been received from Mr. Gerson and one stated that the illicit discharge was an E. coli infestation and we immediately had to work with him. She reported since that time she had not heard from Mr. Gerson until this afternoon when she called Chuck Schulman and informed him she was coming to the Council meeting this evening. She stated that Mr.

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Schulman spoke with Mr. Gerson and the members of the Tinker's Creek Watershed and NEORS have decided to go in and do a dye testing in each unit at Cranbrook meadows. She commented that the management company is going to send out letters and she does not know how long it is going to take because the building has 140 units so this is going to be hard to manage. She remarked that she just wants to go on record that Dan Gerson is a hard guy to work with.

**Mayor Sellers** asked Ms. Roach to tell him more about Mr. Gerson specifically.

**Ms. Roach** replied that Mr. Gerson called at the end of June and he did not respond to any of her phone calls. She stated he told her that he responds to emails, not phone calls. She commented that the owner of Carlyle Management, Charles Schulman called Mr. Gerson. She stated that Dan Gerson set up a meeting one Friday at 8:00a.m. after she had given him a schedule of when the Board was available. She commented that some of the members are retired but others work so they could not meet at that time but Mr. Gerson would not change the date and time. She remarked that Mr. Gerson said "8:00a.m. or else." She stated the Board had Mr. Schulman meet with him and this was in early July.

**Mayor Sellers** asked who initiated the discharge because Mr. Gerson is working on behalf of the Regional Sewer District so they must have seen it first and contacted him.

**Building Commissioner Brown** confirmed that the Sewer District notified our City Engineer of GPD Group of the issue.

**Mayor Sellers** reported the creek's discharges are all regulated by the Sewer District. He stated that once they find something they notify the City Engineer and we have the responsibility to go out and check on it. He stated that Mr. Gerson is usually flexible so he is uncertain why he would take a position like that.

**Building Commissioner Brown** reported that he is aware of numerous emails between Mr. Gerson and Mr. Schulman trying to figure out a day to meet but were unsuccessful.

**Mayor Sellers** asked if this is just a visual confirmation and nothing has been tested.

**Ms. Roach** replied homeowners are concerned because they are on Country Lane but there are five other apartment complexes.

**Mayor Sellers** remarked that it happens periodically throughout the City when they check the creeks.

**Ms. Roach** shared that the homeowners decided to obtain legal representation to persuade our insurance company to put new siding up so it is all on hold until they deal with the E. coli.

**Sellers** stated he will get in contact with Dan Gerson and get a meeting scheduled.

**Danny Gilmore** stated he has an issue about fire hydrants and that they have not been flushed.

**Fire Chief Waugh** reported that fire hydrants are flushed once a year and it will be in September. He stated that notices will go out on September 1<sup>st</sup> and every hydrant in the City will be flushed.

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**Janice Rox** wished everyone a good evening. She reported that they finally got rid of the basketball hoop that has been in the street because a car finally smashed into it the other evening. She stated she has been having trouble with "Big Momma's House" because there are more gentleman living there and are using their side garage as their public urinal day after day. She commented they have a new baby over there and the trash piles up including dirty diapers before garbage day. She stated that Commissioner Brown knows all about this house. She commented that at 3a.m. in the morning they are partying with cars "all over the street." She reported on July 4<sup>th</sup>, they had cherry bombs going off at that house. She thanked Fire Chief Waugh for coming to her rescue on Thursday and the Fire Department was really quick in getting her to the hospital.

**Police Chief Haynes** stated the Department will keep an eye on the house she is referring to. He remarked that the Department would be notified that they were playing loud music and having cookouts in front of the garage but when they went out there, the people were gone.

**Commissioner Brown** stated he will pull their rental application and contact the homeowner to set up a meeting.

**Mayor Sellers** asked Police Chief Haynes to explain what the nuisance law is.

**Police Chief Haynes** explained that the nuisance ordinance for the City is that if they continue to get complaints about a resident or a business they cite them with a nuisance. He stated that it is within a 12 month rotation so if they continue to get them they eventually charge them with whatever it is they have been doing. He stated that if it is a renter, they go after the owner and if it is a business, they go after the property manager. He reported they have used it throughout the past couple of years.

**Mayor Sellers** commented to Ms. Rox that they will keep an eye on the house and informed her that there are steps the City can take because they do not want her to feel victimized in her own house.

**Ruby Nelson** stated she was in attendance to compliment June Scharf on the newsletter and that she is doing an excellent job.

**<<Applause>>**

**Linda Douglas-Hill** stated she is 68 years old and the first time she became a homeowner was at 65 in the Cinema Park development. She reported because of the assessment and HOA fees people are moving out and not taking care of the lawns anymore. She reported that Commissioner Brown used to come by and give citations and lawns have not been cut with dandelions all in the backyards. She remarked that people are walking away from their homes and it hurts her heart but she does not know how long she and her husband are going to be able to stay there. She reported they are on a fixed income and are trying their best to make it month by month but if a time comes when they cannot make it, they are going to have to walk away too. She stated that she knows it is not the City's issue, she is just here to tell her story.

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She commented that the house next to her is up for sale, the house down the street is up for sale and there are homes with sale for foreclosures on their homes. She remarked that no one is buying these homes so she is afraid that the area is going to be run down if she is there five more years.

**Commissioner Brown** reported that the Building Department still comes out to cite in addition to cutting the grass of a couple properties through our contractors. He reported there are also people that currently have warrants out for their arrest for not putting their landscaping in. He remarked that he and the inspectors are coming out to make sure people stay in compliance.

**Patricia Young**, a Cinema Park resident asked who the inspector is.

**Commissioner Brown** answered that it is Mr. Ellington.

**Ms. Young** asked **Ms. Douglas-Hill** if she has the address for the lawn that has not been cut next door to her.

**Ms. Douglas-Hill** responded that it should be 15110 Ruby Lane.

**Ms. Young** reported that she spoke to Mr. <<inaudible>> a few months ago about a foreclosure bond where you require the parks that are foreclosing to put up a bond in case the parties do not want to maintain the park property that the City can use. She reported this is something that has been done in the City of Cleveland Heights as she has read it in their newsletter. She asked is this something the City of Warrensville Heights has looked in to as it is a part of the foreclosure process so the City does not have to absorb that financial burden.

**Economic Development Director Jerome DuVal** responded that he will look in to it.

**Ms. Young** asked about the status of the paving and curb repair for Cinema Park.

**Mayor Sellers** responded that the matter is on the agenda for the night. He stated the contract will be voted on here shortly and then there is a schedule to begin in August.

**Ms. Young** asked if there was follow up on their traffic study.

**Mayor Sellers** responded that he spoke to the City Engineer Dan Gerson about it as he is with the County and It does require their input and then certain decisions will be made.

**Ms. Young** commented that the previous study ended at approximately 5:00p.m. and that is just the beginning of traffic flow down Miles Road.

**Mayor Sellers** asked if 7:00p.m. would be appropriate because of when Amazon lets out and **Ms. Young** agreed.

**Ms. Young** reported that the houses where the bedroom windows face Miles are getting a lot of noise pollution since Amazon opened. She asked If there is any way these people can get some money from Amazon or the County for sound-proof windows.

<<Laughter>>

**Mayor Sellers** responded he does not know about that.

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**Ms. Young** asked if there was anything in the Code about weeds because people are growing clovers and dandelions like they are eating them.

**Commissioner Brown** replied that the City does have an ordinance which is 6 inches for grass and weeds. He explained that the Building Department will issue a citation and the owner has three days to comply or the City will send our contractors out. He stated the next morning he will take a look at the area.

**Ms. Young** stated that three of the lights are out in the Cinema Park sign.

**Mayor Sellers** responded that those are her lights! He stated it could just be the bulb.

**Ray Freeman**, Vice-President of the School Board reported that there is a Board Meeting tomorrow at the high school at 6:30p.m. He announced that this week there will be a two day *Whole Brain* seminar with over 500 participants. He stated the program is new and they emphasize using music and meditation for the students. He reported that on August 3, 2019, they will have their *Back to School Stuff the Bus* and that will be on Saturday from 11a.m. – 3:00p.m.

**Ed Mitchell** complimented his Councilperson, Andrea Mitchell for “helping tremendously” and being there every time he calls. He stated that he resides on Longbrook and there are empty spaces on both sides of his house but the right side is a problem. He reported the other day there was a pile of paper and now it is spread all over the field. He asked how he can stop something that he sees beginning so it will not turn in to a huge problem.

**Mayor Sellers** asked if his neighbors are just sitting trash outside.

**Mr. Mitchell** responded that it started off with a little pile then just spread out. He said it is not right and he has been here for over 50 years. He commented that we should not let some “jackass” come in the neighborhood and “go ghetto” on us.

**Mayor Sellers** asked for the address and stated that someone from the Building Department will be over there tomorrow.

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### Order of the Day:

- 1. Ord. 2019-085**      **COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR) ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF OZELL DOBBINS OF DLP HOSPITALITY GROUP LLC DBA FLOODS RESTAURANT, REPRESENTING BINTU PATEL OF SAINATH TWO LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE ON AN EXISTING POLE SIGN LOCATED AT 4353 NORTHFIELD ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO 44128, PPN 761-19-011.**  
**Motioned by Councilman Howard, Seconded by Councilman Anderson**  
**Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 1 Nay; 0 Abs – Motion Carried for SECOND READ**

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- 2. Ord. 2019-086**      **COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF ANDREW MUNFORD, III OF THE CUT ABOVE 2.0, REPRESENTING RUTH THORNTON, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A WALL SIGN LOCATED AT 3962 WARRENSVILLE CENTER ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44122, PPN 761-09-026.  
**Motioned by Council President Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilman Howard**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 3. Ord. 2019-087**      **COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF GEORGE GORUP OF NORTHEAST OHIO TRENCHING SERVICE INC., REPRESENTING VERCEK DEVELOPMENT LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A DOUBLE FACED SIGN ON THE EXISTING GROUND POLES LOCATED AT 17900 MILES ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 762-09-005.  
**Motioned by Councilman Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilman Anderson,**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 4. Ord. 2019-088**      **COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF CYNTHIA D. MURRAY, REPRESENTING THE SAME, FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING STOOP AND THE INSTALLATION OF AN EIGHT (8) BY EIGHT (8) DECK LOCATED AT 19218 WICKFIELD AVENUE, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44122, PPN 761-01-134.  
**Motioned by Council President Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilman Anderson**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 5. Ord. 2019-089**      **COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF LUKE SUH, ATTORNEY AT LAW LLC, REPRESENTING EMERY GREEN ENTERPRISE LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A WALL SIGN LOCATED AT 23061 EMERY ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-01-026.

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**Motioned by Councilman Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards,  
Seconded by Councilman Anderson  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**6. Ord. 2019-090 COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO  
APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF JACQUELINE WARD OF KIM GROUP LLC,  
REPRESENTING SANTOKH CORPORATION, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN  
ILLUMINATED WALL SIGN FOR KKMB FASHION LLC LOCATED AT 4621  
GREEN ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-15-022.  
Motioned by Councilman Anderson, Passage by Councilman Howard,  
Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**7. Ord. 2019-091 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS  
ACCEPTING A CERTAIN BID FROM CHAGRIN VALLEY PAVING, INC. FOR  
THE 2019 ROADS REPAIR PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO  
ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH CHAGRIN VALLEY PAVING, INC. NOT TO  
EXCEED \$527,040.30, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
Motioned by Council President Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman  
Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilman Stewart  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**8. Ord. 2019-092 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS  
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE  
HEIGHTS TO AMEND THE 2019 APPROPRIATION TO INCREASE THE  
SALARY AND BENEFITS BUDGET ACCOUNT LINE ITEMS FOR THE  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MANAGER POSITION OF THE CITY OF  
WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
Motioned by Councilman Edwards, Passage by Councilwoman  
Hagwood, Seconded Councilman Anderson  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**9. Ord. 2019-093 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF ZONING  
APPEALS TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION OF PAUL DIGIORGIO OF CHAGRIN  
VALLEY BEVERAGE, REPRESENTING OVERLOOK COURT LIMITED, FOR A  
VARIANCE FOR THE COVERAGE OF WINDOWS LOCATED AT 4620  
RICHMOND ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-27-  
013.**

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**Motioned by Council President Mitchell *SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF THE IMAGES PRESENTED TO THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT*, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded Councilman Howard  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

- 10. Ord. 2019-094      MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$660,000 OF NOTES OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO PAY, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING GRADING, DRAINING, CURBING AND PAVING, CONSTRUCTING AND INSTALLING SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, WATERLINE IMPROVEMENTS, OTHER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS, AND LANDSCAPING, ALL TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, TOGETHER COMPRISING THE EMERY WOODS PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
**Motioned by Councilwoman Edwards, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Council President Mitchell  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

- 11. Res. 2019-024      MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION OF TALMADGE PATTERSON AND CHAMIEKA LAWSON-PATTERSON FOR 15117 RUBY LANE, LOCATED IN CINEMA PARK, PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 762-08-066, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3735 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Council President Mitchell  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

- 12. Res. 2019-025      MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO DONATE \$2,000.00 TO THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION IN ORDER TO ASSIST WITH THE 2019 WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS SUMMER FESTIVAL.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman Hagwood, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilman Howard  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

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Add ons:

- ~~13. Ord. 2019-095~~ ~~MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS PULLED FROM AGENDA  
RESCINDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-070 (AUTHORIZING THE  
ADMINISTRATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE  
TEAMSTERS LOCAL 436 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH  
DECEMBER 31, 2020 IN ACCORDANCE WITH POSSIBLE TENTATIVE TERMS  
AND CONDITIONS), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.~~
14. Ord. 2019-096      **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE  
HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL  
436 (FORMERLY LOCAL 244) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2018  
THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Council President Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman  
Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
15. Ord. 2019-097      **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AMENDING SECTION 143.04 QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF  
CHAPTER 143 FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS  
CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO REVISE THE AGE REQUIREMENT OF  
FIREFIGHTERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Councilman Anderson, Passage by Councilwoman  
Hagwood, Seconded by Council President Mitchell  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
16. Ord. 2019-098      **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AMENDING RULE 5.06 LICENSES, CERTIFICATES, EDUCATION, AND  
TRAINING OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE  
COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ALLOW  
CERTIFICATIONS TO BE SUBMITTED AT THE TIME OF FILING  
EXAMINATION APPLICATIONS OR PRIOR TO CERTIFICATION OF THE  
ELIGIBLE LIST, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Council President Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman  
Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

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- 17. Ord. 2019-099      MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
**AMENDING RULE 10.03 AGE RESTRICTIONS: POLICE AND FIRE OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO REVISE THE AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR FIREFIGHTERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**  
**Motioned by Council President Mitchell, Passage by Councilman Anderson, Seconded by Councilman Stewart**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
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**Announcements from the Directors:**

**Fire Department - Fire Chief Waugh** thanked everyone for the passing of the ordinances and the Civil Service Commission for their hard work.

**Economic Development – Director Jerome DuVal** acknowledged the community and the businesses that are here tonight.

**Personnel Department – Director Nicole Johnson** wished everyone a good evening. She thanked everyone and commented that we have some great summer intern students. She announced that the Department is starting to interview for Building Inspector and just closed interview for our Labor Drivers.

**Chief of Staff – Kelli Wilson** had nothing to report.

**Police Department – Police Chief Haynes** stated that she is glad Ms. Rox is feeling better and addressed her nuisance issue.

**Communications & Activities – Director June Scharf** announced that the Summer Festival is August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Building Department – Commissioner Ben Brown** had nothing to report.

**Service Department – Director Ted Sims** had nothing to report.

**Civic & Senior Center – Director Jennifer Lastery** announced that *Wellness Wednesday* will be held from 4-6p.m. and they will be discussing bone health and there will be light refreshments.

**Strategic Initiatives – Director Carletta Fellows** announced that the free entrepreneurial workshop on how to start a business will be facilitated by the Urban League of Greater Cleveland's Small Business Development Center. She reported one workshop will start at 10:00a.m. and the other will be at 5:00p.m. She stated that information is on our website and there are flyers in the hallway.

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**Finance Department – Director Karen Howse** acknowledged that employee of over 30 years, Carolyn Mizell retired. She reported her last day was Friday and we do have a new person and Carolyn was kind enough to stick around and train her. She stated her name is Andrea Martin.

**Announcements from Council:**

**Councilwoman Edwards** wished everyone a good evening and thanked them for coming out. She welcomed all community and business members.

**Councilman Stewart** wished everyone a good evening and recognized State Representative Juanita Brent and said it was an honor for her to be in attendance. He announced that tomorrow will be the monthly Granada Gardens Tenant Association meeting. He stated it has been starting at 4:00p.m. when AIY Management meets with the residents but at 5:00p.m. Mr. Eric Stubbs from the Board of Elections will be coming in. He reported there have been a lot of question regarding the changes in the voting location so Mr. Stubbs will be there to clear up some of the confusion, questions and conspiracy theories.

**Councilwoman Hagwood** wished everyone and good evening and greeted our “awesome” State Representative Juanita Brent. She stated that on Saturday they hosted their annual Party in the Park and she thanked everyone for coming and those that volunteered in Ward 1, 2 and 3. She stated that she always says volunteers “don’t get paid because they are priceless.” She reported they recognized three “iconic” leaders in this community, Dorothy Blackmon, Ed Chambers and Melvin Lester. She stated she presented them with clocks because it “was time for them to get their flowers while they yet lived.” She congratulated Carrie Rudolph for 60 years of marriage.

**<<Applause>>**

She also acknowledged Councilman Anderson for his help and the Service Department calling them “an awesome group of men.” She told Service Director Ted Sims that she will be over with some of her baked goods. She announced that volunteers are needed for the Children’s Village at Summer Fest. She thanked Fire Chief Waugh and Police Chief Haynes. She gave Service Director Sims a standing ovation. Lastly she thanked Tracy Simons filling in for the Clerk of Council.

**<<Applause>>**

**Councilman Howard** thanked all the residents who spoke this evening. He reported that there was legislation that passed the previous Council meeting for a School Supply Drive to donate supplies to the School District. He stated he will be picking supplies on Friday. He stated he had a wonderful time at the Ward 1, 2 and 3 Party in the Park. He reported that he saw some of his

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parents' friends that he has not seen as he is getting older. He stated that it was nice to see some of the older residents still hanging on and enjoying themselves. He thanked State Representative Juanita Brent for coming out. He reported that Sam Alesci has served on the Planning Commission since 2002, he believes since 2002. He stated he has moved on and his house is up for sale as he has other plans for retirement. He commented that Mr. Alesci will be sorely missed and they will have to find a replacement soon. He thanked Ms. Young on the information about the foreclosure bond and said he will be looking in to it.

**Councilman Anderson** wished everyone a good evening and greeted State Representative Juanita Brent. He thanked his good neighbors in Ward 6, Willie and Donna Wilson for attending the meeting. He commended the Service Department, stating he has never heard one complaint about them during his term.

#### **Law Department**

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

#### **Council President's Comments**

**Council President Mitchell** wished everyone a good evening and thanked all those who expressed their concerns this evening. She stated they had a wonderful time on Saturday during Party in the Park and it was a great weekend. Council President reported that Council introduced games and remarked that the Fire Department are going to be the ones to beat as they were really competitive with the games. She commented that it was wonderful see people of all ages laughing, getting their faces painted and the honoring of people who serve in the community. She reported that last Friday, she was pleased to read an article by Representative Brent regarding our schools on Ohio.gov. She showcased Warrensville Schools and money that we will be having from the state to complete activities and things we will be doing. She reported State Representative Brent will be in Warrensville on August 11, 2019 at Aldergate Methodist Church as the Woman's Day speaker.

#### **Mayor's Comments**

He acknowledged Sam Alesci from the Planning Commission and acknowledged how he is 95 years old. He reported that he served since 2002 and did it as long as he could. He reported Mr. Alesci was at the helm during a lot of projects in the City and made sure the interests of people were protected. He stated they will be doing something special for his long term of service. He also acknowledged Clyde Shaw from Board of Zoning & Appeals as he has decided to step down. He commented that these are long serving members. He asked that if you run in to them, please acknowledge them for the amount of time they gave.

He recognized those that serve on the Civil Service Commission, Mr. White, Ms. Rudolph and Ms. Tullos for all the hard work they have put in. He stated the last three items on the agenda

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realign Civil Service Regulations and we think will allow us to have a broader scope of applicants.

He recognized the members of the Planning Commission, Ms. Strong and Ms. Rox. He assured Ms. Rox that Police Chief Haynes, Commissioner Brown and Service Director Sims are aware of the problems in her neighborhood and will make sure that any issue he has will be addressed.

He recognized Ray Freeman from the Schools Board. He commented that the Randallwood site is being cleared and there is work going on daily. He reported that within a year we will see the new Pre-K to 5 school building in the City. He also acknowledged State Representative Juanita Brent for all her hard work and asked her to stand.

<<Applause>>

He reported that \$12 million was secured for our schools from the state on her behalf.

<<Applause>>

He thanked Council for passing the Roads Program. He thanked everyone for attending.

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**Motion for an Executive Session based on ORC.121.22(G)(2) for Real Estate purposes  
Moted by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilman Stewart  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs - Motion Carried  
Adjournment to Executive Session at 8:11p.m.**

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**Motion to End Executive Session and return to Regular Meeting Agenda.  
Moted by Councilman President Mitchell, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood.  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried  
Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 9:00p.m.**

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