



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MAY 21, 2019

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

Attendance: Councilwoman Hagwood, Councilwoman Edwards, Councilwoman White, Councilman Stewart, Councilman Howard, Councilman Anderson and Council President Mitchell

Roll Call: 7 Present

Prayer: Councilman Matthew Howard

Minutes: May 7, 2019 Regular Meeting

Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Council President Mitchell

Roll Call: 7 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 individual Director. He stated that if they have additional questions, they can contact the Office of the Mayor as well for further discussion.

Recognition of Retirement

30 year Service Department Employee, Steve Loparo

<<Applause>>

Service Director Ted Sims joked he is surprised he is retiring a guy that is younger than he is! He shared that he came to the Service Department eight years ago and Steve was the first one to step up and help him with the transition. Mr. Sims remarked that for the past eight years, Mr. Loparo has kept the City looking good. Mr. Sims shared that when there were floods in the middle of the night, he would come out and keep things going in the City. He told Steve that it has been a pleasure working with him.

<<Applause>>

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Mayor Sellers commented that Mr. Loparo has served under five Mayors here. He stated Mr. Loparo has a wealth of knowledge of the things that have occurred and why they have occurred so we do not make the same mistakes. He commented that when we lose a valued member of the team, we take a temporary hit but it gives an opportunity for some other people to step forward.

Mr. Loparo remarked that he remembers his first day with the City and cannot believe 30 years have passed. He commented he made a lot of friends and he truly will miss them all.

<<Applause>>

Mayor Sellers thanked Mr. Loparo and commented that he is a guy that just does the job. He stated he does not complain about it because the servicemen work when it is 30 below or a 105 degrees outside. He stated that they do the work that needs to be done in this community whether it is pulling cans behind houses to making sure that the road repairs are done. Mayor Sellers stated that Mr. Loparo has watched this community grow, change leadership, residents come and go but has still made sure some things stay consistent around here. He stated that Mr. Loparo and the Service Department are the people that really make the City go.

<<Applause>>

Residents' Requests and Comments:

Lewis Brownlowe stated he is a resident of 4400 Clarkwood Parkway and has lived in his apartment for approximately 39 years. He reported that he is present at the meeting in his role as President of the Granada Gardens Tenants' Association; a group of people that come together to discuss the issues and concerns they have the third Wednesday of each month. He stated they go around from one building to another: Building J, Building H, Building G and Building X and residents express their concerns at that time. He reported that increasingly they have had more concerns expressed in regard to the safety of the residents. He commented that he along with other residents have lived there for many years so they are not "apartment jumpers." He remarked they represent an investment and stability in the fact that they see the apartment complex as a home. He reported they are here to discuss safety concerns, one of the goals of the association. He stated that the visibility of the Warrensville Heights Police Department has decreased over a period of time because his apartment faces Clarkwood Parkway. He reported that any given time he could look out and see a patrol car going down the street but does not see that anymore. He asked Chief Haynes and the Mayor why there is a reduction in the patrol of the Warrensville Heights Police Department in the neighborhood.

Chief Haynes thanked Mr. Brownlowe for bringing the matter to his attention. He reported that officers patrol not only Clarkwood and Granada but the whole City. He stated that he has officers that reside in the apartment complexes that have to maintain

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walking the property and being present. He commented that he has officers that are assigned side jobs there and he has officers ride through there constantly.

Mr. Brownlowe responded that he has to disagree with him because he had surgery on November 30th and was confined to his apartment for a long period of time. He stated that he was constantly looking out the window and the visibility of the police is just not there. He reported that it is not just his opinion as he has asked other residents if they see the presence of the police and the answer has been “no.” He remarked they see the Police when there is an incident and hear the sirens blaring but the ongoing visibility is what they are concerned about and again, he stated he does not see it.

Mayor Sellers thanked Mr. Brownlowe for voicing his concerns and stated that if he and other people feel that the visibility is not where it needs to be then it will increase. He stated that every police vehicle in the City has a GPS unit inside of it; he can pull up all the routes for the day indicating where every car was and when they were there. He stated that if the report findings indicate that it is not where it needs to be, the matter will be addressed. He stated there are some responsibilities of AIY Management as well.

Mr. Brownlowe stated he is aware of a Warrensville Heights Police Officer that lives on the 6th floor of his building but he and the other officers that live in the complex are just not visible. He remarked when the kids are walking down the halls making noise, music is being played too loud and even when they have their meetings, no one can say they have seen the Police.

Mayor Sellers responded that no one makes the officers live there. AIY Management has reached out to officers and stated they will give them an incentive to live in the apartment. He commented they are off-duty officers that live in the building and he does not know what the terms are and what they are and are not supposed to provide. He stated he only know who is on duty here and who should be doing what.

Chief Haynes stated one officer is residing at Granada and one at Ellacott.

Mr. Brownlowe stated there have been at least three very serious incidents that happened: the young lady that was killed; the incident on December 21st and the shooting in the parking lot on January 26th. He stated we did not see anything about these incidents on the television, radio, nor newspaper. He commented when there are serious incidents such as shootings, residents need to know about it. He asked if there is an effort by the Mayor and his Administration to clamp down on the bad news.

Mayor Sellers stated they are transparent and when something happens, he wants people to know what is going on. He commented that he can only control things that are at his disposal.

Mr. Brownlowe asked all the residents that live in the apartment complex in attendance to raise their hands to identify their presence at the meeting.

Michael A. Perry stated he has been in Warrensville for 47 years residing at 4121 Granada Boulevard. He stated he attended a meeting once before and informed everyone that there are

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12-15 abandon cars in that area. He remarked there are tow trucks that drive around but they will not pick them up because they will not make any money off of them. He stated that the average time a car has sat there is a year. He stated there are cameras on every floor and hallway and the Fire Department has to come two or three times a month. He questioned why the cameras are not used to find out who is pulling the fire alarm. He reported that there is a problem with a lot of teenagers being in the building giving an example of 10-15 students that were standing around for at least an hour.

Chief Haynes stated that it is AIY Management's responsibility to have the cars towed because it is private property. He stated if the Police Department went to every apartment complex, they would be towing 200-300 cars a month. He remarked that he stays on top of AIY and is aware that they have Miller's Towing that goes through there.

Mr. Perry responded that the sign is just for show because every time the truck comes on to the property, he has asked them why they will not tow and they say it is up to Management.

Chief Haynes disagreed and stated that he has gotten calls from residents that have woken up in the morning and discovered their cars have been taken by Miller's Towing.

Mr. Perry remarked that if the Chief has a chance, he should come over to 4421 and he can show him about 12 abandon cars that have been there for a year.

Mayor Sellers stated that we have to use our leverage with AIY because we cannot just go on private property and take cars.

Melvin Jones stated that he has lived in Warrensville for more than 50 years and lives in Ward 3. He stated he came to say thank you to the Service Department. He commented that Service Director Ted Sims saw the water buildup on Garden Boulevard and called him personally to let him know he would take care of it. He stated that his driveway is perfect where he can go in and out with no problem. He thanked the Mr. Sims and the rest of the Service Department.

Ruby Nelson stated she resides at 4361 Clarkwood Parkway and she came here this evening to make a picture [she asked residents to stand] to show that there is a whole group of people that feel afraid and unsafe in their homes. She commented that these is a whole group of people of different ages. She states she is 81 years old and happy to live where she does but she is not able to walk as fast and does not feel as safe. Ms. Nelson remarked that when she goes to the doctor and is asked if she feels safe, there is a hesitation. She remarked that the contracts that the Special Police have are different because when residents see them out sitting in a car and they question it, the reason is because that is all there contract tells them they have to do. She stated summer is coming and residents really feel like they need more support.

Mayor Sellers stated that he does not take how residents are feeling lightly and that the matter will be addressed.

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Diane Collin stated that she lives at 4461 Clarkwood Parkway and is concerned about the cars speeding in the area. She stated the speed limit is only 25mph but it appears as if they are driving 45-50mph. She shared that one gentleman hit a pole due to his speeding.

Mayor Sellers commented that the new school will open up between August and October 2020 and at the same time, Clarkwood is going to be rebuilt from Green to Northfield. He stated that all of that will be ripped out so residents will be inconvenienced for a while then will not have to worry about the speeders again.

Chief Haynes shared that the gentleman was intoxicated when he hit the pole.

Mary Lee Wells stated she lives on Clarkwood Parkway and her concern is the circular busses they used to have for those that live in Warrensville and work at Amazon and the Casino. She asked if there is a chance of getting the circular busses to return.

Mayor Sellers explained that RTA used to receive a large sum of money from the state of Ohio. Ohio has cut off RTA and therefore RTA has cut us off. He stated that we need to lay on RTA but need the help of Amazon as they respond more to employers than municipalities.

Ms. Wells stated that a fellow resident informed her that Warrensville Heights Police and apartment complex security have been watching certain gentlemen leaving Amazon and walking back to their apartments. The resident questioned why time was being spent watching these men when they are just returning to their apartments after their shift at Amazon.

Crystal Underwood commented that she resides on Emery Road and stated the street looks nice with the flags and as a night owl, she sees Warrensville Heights Police driving up and down the street all the time. She thanked everyone.

Patricia Young stated she was present on behalf of the Cinema Park Homeowners Association Inc. She thanked Service Director Sims for taking care of light number 88 and taking care of the landscaping at 11143. She also thanked Building Commissioner Ben Brown for coming out to her home on Dandridge Drive and addressing her concern. Ms. Young stated that they have been paying \$10,000 for the two parcels owned by Cinema Park, LLC. and asked if that contract will be stopped so the City will cut the grass for them.

Mayor Sellers stated that their HOA has to tell them to stop the contract.

Ms. Young thanked Mr. Brown for a copy of the traffic studies. She reported that the first one was completed in 2006 and the second one in 2015 before the opening of Amazon and it ended at 5:15p.m. Ms. Young reported that there are still traffic uses at 5:15p.m.

Mayor Sellers stated it is a County road so no change will occur without their input.

Ms. Young stated she has noticed a new *High Accident* sign on Miles before you get to Emery and there is already one there.

Mayor Sellers stated the County could have put that sign out.

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Ms. Young stated she has questions about the parcels and foreclosure process. She remarked that she called the County and they have no record of a foreclosure.

Mayor Sellers responded that there is a document that comes here for tax purposes that goes to the Prosecutor's Office. He explained that the Development Department then signs off on it and it is at a sum of about \$200,000. He remarked they will move in it but it will take about eight months.

Order of the Day:

The Council requested to suspend the rules by unanimous consent.

The Motion:

The members of City Council requested to suspend the rules with exception of Item 9 by unanimous consent which was read by Assistant Law Director Keisha Hughes.

Motioned by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards

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

- 1. Ord. 2019-060 CITY COUNCIL**
TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- 2. Ord. 2019-061 COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF MICHELLE BEDEN PAYNE AND TARA SIMPSON OF LEARNING CENTER FOR LITTLE SCHOLARS, LLC, REPRESENTING OVERLOOK COURT LIMITED, FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A CHILD DAYCARE CENTER LOCATED AT 4640 RICHMOND ROAD, SUITE 100, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO 44128, PPN 763-27-013.

- 3. Ord. 2019-062 COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF MICHAEL DEMPSEY OF DEMYAK PROPERTIES, LLC, REPRESENTING THE SAME, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF FENCING, PARKING AND AN EQUIPMENT STORAGE AREA TO BE LOCATED AT 21201 AND 21223 AURORA ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO 44128, PPNS 762-28-003 AND 762-28-004

- 4. Ord. 2019-063 COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF DAVID WILKES OF HI-LITE MAINTENANCE,

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INC., REPRESENTING PARKWAY BUSINESS PLAZA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TWO (2) WALL SIGNS FOR 3B SUPPLY AND SECURASTOCK, LLC LOCATED AT 4400 RENAISSANCE PARKWAY, SUITE 5, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-05-003.

- 5. Ord. 2019-064 COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF LOU BELKNAP OF AGILE SIGN & LIGHTING MAINTENANCE, INC., REPRESENTING STORAGE ZONE OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF FIVE (5) SIGNS FOR CUBESMART LOCATED AT 24900 EMERY ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-20-009.
- 6. Ord. 2019-065 COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF LOU BELKNAP OF AGILE SIGN & LIGHTING MAINTENANCE, INC., REPRESENTING 4670-4700-4760 RICHMOND ROAD, LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF FIVE (5) SIGNS FOR DAVITA KIDNEY CARE LOCATED AT 4760 RICHMOND ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-27-005.
- 7. Ord. 2019-066 COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF PAUL DIGIORGIO OF CHAGRIN VALLEY BEVERAGE, LLC, REPRESENTING OVERLOOK COURT LIMITED, FOR THE OPERATION OF A BEVERAGE STORE TO BE LOCATED AT 4620 RICHMOND ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO 44128, PPN 763-27-013.
- 8. Ord. 2019-067 COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF KEVIN FENG OF NETWORK BUILDING & CONSULTING, LLC, REPRESENTING AMERICAN TOWER COMPANY, FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF SIX (6) REMOTE RADIO UNITS LOCATED AT 22021 EMERY ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO 44128, PPN 761-21-004.
- 9. Ord. 2019-068 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ADOPT A TAX BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2020, 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**

- 10. Ord. 2019-069 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH SUPERION FOR JUNE 1, 2019 THROUGH MAY 30, 2020 TO CONTINUE RECEIVING ANNUAL SUPPORT SERVICE, UPDATES AND CLOUD BASED STORAGE FOR THE FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- ~~**11. Ord. 2019-070 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS PULLED FROM AGENDA**
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~~
- 12. Ord. 2019-071 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE Warrensville Heights LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM AND GENEVA WARD FOR THE SALE OF PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 763-08-027 (LOT 20) LOCATED AT THE CHATEAUX OF EMERY WOODS DEVELOPMENT IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 13. Res. 2019-018 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO DONATE \$10,000.00 TO THE OHIO UNIVERSITY HERITAGE COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE’S ASPIRING DOCTORS PROGRAM TO ASSIST WITH VARIOUS UPCOMING PROJECTS.
- 14. Res. 2019-019 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO DONATE \$10,000.00 TO THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS BRANCH OF THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY TO ASSIST THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS’ BRANCH LIBRARY’S EARLY READER SUMMER CAMPS.
- 15. Res. 2019-020 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO DONATE \$10,000.00 TO THE CLEVELAND CLINIC FOUNDATION IN SUPPORT OF THE

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SOUTH POINTE HOSPITAL'S CANCER PREVENTION AND OUTREACH PROGRAM.

ADD-ONS:

- 16. Ord. 2019-072 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH NBBJ TO CONDUCT A STUDY IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES IN THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS' TOWN CENTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 17. Res. 2019-021 CITY COUNCIL**
TO SUPPORT THE WEEKLY YOUTH PROGRAM HELD IN WARD 4 OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS.
- 18. Res. 2019-022 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENGAGE IN A PUBLIC BIDDING PROCESS TO ADVERTISE FOR AND SOLICIT COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EASTWOOD PARK LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 19. Res. 2019-023 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENGAGE IN A PUBLIC BIDDING PROCESS TO ADVERTISE FOR AND SOLICIT COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR THE 2019 ROADS REPAIR PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Announcements from the Directors:

Fire Department – Captain Ellita Vedder had nothing to report.

Economic Development – Direct Jerome DuVal thanked Council for passing two items on the agenda, specifically the bid for the Exercise Park to keep the Eastwood initiative moving forward.

Personnel Department – Director Nicole Johnson wished everyone a good evening. She thanked everyone that submitted summer applications for our youth. Ms. Johnson stated she is in the process of interviewing now for the 8-week process. She reported that there are two positions available at City Hall: Finance Clerk in the Finance Department and Housing Inspector

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in the Building Department. She referred attendees to the tangibles on the ledge and that information is also on the City website.

Police Department – Chief Wes Haynes thanked all the residents from Clarkwood and Granada for attending the meeting and voicing their concerns about the Police Department’s presence. He commented that they do take the residents’ safety seriously and is going to review the GPS on all of his vehicles and have the data for them going back a month and a half. He explained as a result of the shooting incident that occurred at 4440 Granada on April 13th, a nuisance has been issued to AIY and the resident of that apartment. He remarked that these were young individuals in their early 20s.

Mayor Sellers asked Chief Haynes to explain what “issuing a nuisance” means.

Chief Haynes stated if something serious in nature occurs at an apartment complex or bar, notice is given to the property owner and renter that they are being watched and we will not tolerate their conduct. He stated if the Police continue to keep going there, then they move towards the eviction process and criminal charges. Also, he reported that he will contact AIY for the abandon vehicles over there. He stated that if he has to go over and cite them he will to have the car removed. He reiterated knowing that Miller’s Towing is over there and the Police Department will enforce it.

Communications & Activities – Director June Scharf announced that it is her one-year anniversary and thanked everyone for their support. She stated she wants everyone to know that she is appreciative of the people in the community and that this is an exceptionally warm and welcoming group of people. She commented that she is happy to be able to serve everyone on a daily basis. She announced that the Memorial Day Parade is on Monday, May 27th at 10:00a.m. and you should be there. She recommended becoming engaged with the City via social media as there are frequent updates on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram and it is the most immediate and direct way to receive information.

Building Department – Commissioner Ben Brown had nothing to report.

Service Department – Director Ted Sims reminded everyone that next Monday is a holiday so trash collection will be delayed one day. He stated that signs will go up on Saturday.

Civic & Senior Center – Program Coordinator Sandy Noble stated there is an activity at the Center every month. She reported in May, there will be a Paint & Sip and you bring your own sip! She explained there is an artist that comes in and guides you through the painting process and you do not have to worry about being talented; it is a fun time! Ms. Noble reported in June, it is ladies only and they are having lunch on the Orient Express and clarified that there is not an actual train ride but is virtual. She explained participants will be having lunch at the Center and do some things related to traveling in Europe. She reported in July, they are having a Movie & Game Night and it is a potluck. She added that there will also be an opportunity to go on the

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Goodtime III on July 31st. She announced in September there will be a men only activity where they can watch football, play cards and eat well. She stated that you need to sign up for these activities at the Center because food is involved. She encouraged everyone to take advantage of all the activities and noted that there are fees involved because they have to be self-sustainable. Also, Ms. Noble mentioned that they have the Clubhouse that can be rented and it is a really nice facility. She stated the Center has a transportation bus will take you to a medical appointment and for shopping at Walmart.

Strategic Initiatives – Director Carletta Fellows she thanked Council for supporting our Community Partners.

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Edwards congratulated Councilman Stewart for starting the Youth Program in his ward and commented that it sounds like it is very rewarding to our youth. She remarked that we need to be making an investment to our youth because they are our future. Also, she acknowledged longtime resident, Mr. Love and his years of service, dedication and donations he has made to the youth to make them feel good about themselves. She thanked Steve Loparo for his 30 years of service. Also, she commented that she is looking forward to all the new businesses that are coming to our community.

Councilman Stewart thanked everyone for coming out tonight, especially thanking the residents of Ward 4. He stated the residents that attended the meeting are just a fraction of the fear that is really out there. He stated that he truly appreciates the response of the Mayor and the Police Chief and he feels very optimistic. He stated that he thinks they are moving in the right direction. Councilman Stewart thanked Mr. Brownlowe, the President of the Granada Garden Tenants Association and Ruby Nelson, the Vice-President for attending the meeting. He also thanked Ms. Lena Nance, the 2019 Ward 4 Senior Honoree for her presence. He introduced the Youth Program Director, Francesca Demming and stated he could not do the program without her. He shared that she provided a long list to AIY of what was needed to sustain the program and they delivered on 98% of the requests so he thanked her again for all her efforts.

<<Applause>>

Councilwoman Hagwood announced that her birthday is on Saturday. She asked the Mayor, her colleagues and the City Council Team to keep Mr. Love in their prayers. She remarked if you do not believe in the power of prayer, just keep him in your positive thoughts. She remarked that you do not know what tomorrow may bring so she closed her comments by saying “I love you.” and thanked everyone for coming.

Councilman Howard wished everyone good evening and thanked them for coming out. He stated that he is appreciative of Mr. Clarence Love and has known him all his life. He stated Mr.

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Love has been in his parents' and older brothers' lives and as he is getting older, he notices that fewer people are still around that know his parents. He commented that he has never had a bad experience with Mr. Love and has said it publicly that he loves him. He reported that he and Councilwoman Hagwood had an opportunity to speak at former Mayor Clinton Hall's funeral and share their experiences with him. He stated that Mrs. Hall sent a thank you card. [He read it to everyone]. As Planning Commissioner, he reported that the May meeting was long with a total of nine applicants; seven actually made it on to the agenda. He commented that we do have a lot of new business coming to the City of Warrensville, including a new daycare center. He thanked Lewis Brownlowe and Ruby Nelson for attending the meeting and remarked that it is good to see the faces that they brought forward because it personalizes the issues that they have. He commented that when you look people in the eye you cannot tell them no; you have to give them a special type of attention. He asked that everyone keep School Board President Traci Mitchell in their prayers as she recently had knee surgery and it did not go in her favor. He remarked that he is looking forward to the next Finance Committee meeting and looking forward to discussing what it is that was passed today. He stated he also wants to discuss the issues of speeders on McCann and an issue that Councilwoman Dorise Hagwood has had. He announced that the Clarkwood Residents Association will meet on Thursday, May 23rd at 7:00p.m.

Councilman Anderson wished everyone a good evening. He commented that one thing he has noticed driving through the community for the last seven or eight months are people wanting to park on their lawns. He stated he has observed two cars in the driveway but they park one wheel on the driveway and one on the lawn. He reported that it is becoming more and more commonplace so he felt the need to share the concern.

Councilwoman White wished everyone a good evening and remarked that it is always a pleasure to see each and every one of them. She acknowledged former Ward 4 Councilwoman Ruby Nelson and stated it is always a pleasure to see her. She wished Councilwoman Dorise Hagwood a Happy Birthday. She welcomed the new businesses to the Friendly City. She shared that she attended the last Paint & Sip and you do not have to know how to paint; it was a really good time! She encouraged people to go to the event on Friday, May 31st from 7-10p.m.

Law Department

Assistant Director Keisha Hughes wished everyone a good evening and had nothing to report.

Council President's Comments

Council President Mitchell wished everyone a good evening and thanked them for coming out. She commented that we had some highs, lows and celebrations this evening. She wished Councilwoman Hagwood a Happy Birthday in advance. She thanked the majority of the residents that stayed for the rest of the meeting. She acknowledged to the residents that shared and commented that "the squeaky wheel gets the grease." She thanked Commissioner

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Brown for listening to some of the concerns in her neighborhood such as the swimming pool that you cannot swim in any longer and the garage that needs to be fixed; he is always on top of it and does wonderful work! She thanked the Service Department with acknowledgement to Steve Loparo. She shared that Lloyd Richardson, resident for more than 40 years passed away on May 15th and was also a track coach with the School District. She commented that he was also a track coach at Shaw and his son Steven works at the middle school. She announced that his service will be on Friday morning at Aldersgate United Methodist Church. She stated she will always love and continue to love him in spirit because he is that person that keeps you on your toes. She stated everything she does as a Councilwoman, she hears his voice as he reminds her of why we are the Friendly City and why we do what we do. Lastly, she thanked everyone that is attending for the first time and invited them to come again. She reminded attendees that Council Meetings are only on the third Tuesday of the month during June, July and August.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Sellers thanked everyone for coming out. He acknowledged the people that serve on various boards in attendance: Ms. Rox and Ms. Strong from Planning Commission; Ray Freeman from the School Board; and Carrie Rudolph from Civil Service Commission. He wished Councilwoman Hagwood a Happy Birthday. He recognized the work of Mr. Love who is dedicated his life to living here, making sure people are held accountable and doing things he to uplift the community. He gave kudos to Steve Loparo that has been here for so many years yet is able to leave in good health and do other things. He announced that the Memorial Day Parade will be kicking off our summer events on May 27TH at 10a.m. beginning at Wickfield to City Hall. He stated that we do not take offense to concerns of residents and it is important to keep the lines of communication open. He encouraged residents to check back to make sure that we have the answers they are looking for.

Adjournment at 8:27p.m.

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