



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 17, 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: September 3, 2019 Regular Meeting
Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Council President Mitchell
Roll Call: 6 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:

Lily Belvy-Holt stated she was present to formally thank the Mayor, Councilwoman White, Commissioner Brown and Service Director Ted Sims for putting the dumpsters back where they belong on Banbury. She remarked that they are in the back, the grass is growing and the residents are pleased. She provided a message from a neighbor that it would be helpful to get the holes in the parking lot patched. She thanked them again for their help because the dumpsters were really an eyesore.

Mayor Sellers thanked Ms. Belvy-Holt for bringing the matter to the City's attention and working with them.

Commissioner Brown reported that the Building Department has communicated with the management company and they did exterior maintenance inspections over there so he will make sure they identify the parking lots in need of work.

Denise Williams thanked the Service Department for cutting down the tree on the tree lawn that she spoke about at the August Council meeting. She reported that she rides her bicycle on

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Northfield Rd. between Chagrin Blvd. and Libby Rd. and the trash on the street is “absolutely horrific.”

Mayor Sellers asked where on Northfield Rd. the trash is because there are four communities along that stretch.

Ms. Williams stated from Ridgewood Ave. to the high school there is no trash but once she gets to the Racino, there is trash. She asked if that is Warrensville Heights.

Mayor Sellers stated it is not. He remarked the City of Warrensville Heights is going to have extra enforcement but it is a group effort.

Traci Mitchell, School Board President announced that the District got a “C” on the state report card and an “A” for the progress made over this year.

<<Applause>>

She stated the Board is really excited to see the work of Superintendent Jolly and his team. She invited everyone to attend the School Board meetings the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at WHHS, Rm. 154 and see the great work that they are doing.

Mayor Sellers commented that we are blossoming at our elementary schools; they received “As” and “Bs”, a “C” for the middle school and a “D” for the high school. He remarked to not be fooled by the “D” grade because they are still getting the requisite services and the academic agenda is being pushed at the high school. He commented that the “D” is reflective of investments that were not made 8-10 years ago when we had a different Superintendent. He stated you have to “invest early” and the “As” in the elementary schools surely “push forth” so at some point that is going to be the high school group. He remarked it took them a long time to find Donald Jolly and we are starting to get results now. The rise from an “F” to “D” to “C” makes Mr. Jolly a prime candidate for other jobs so there is a conversation the community needs to have to discuss what is important.

Albert Hill, Cinema Park resident asked if the paving of the roads is complete.

Mayor Sellers replied it is except for a couple places where cement has to be replaced.

Mr. Hill stated that he thought the concrete as you enter the driveways was supposed to be a part of that work.

Mayor Sellers reported that work is coming.

Mr. Hill asked about the time frame to complete the work.

Mayor Sellers replied there are two other streets being worked on and when those are completed they will move on to his.

Mr. Hill asked about the latest news concerning the traffic control.

Mayor Sellers reported that the City has done two traffic studies so there will not be a third. He stated they have spoken with the County and are waiting for them to fulfill their responsibility as it is a County road.

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Mr. Hill asked if anyone has looked at the two traffic lights at Emery Rd. and the one by the Social Security office in terms of synchronizing.

Mayor Sellers stated that the second traffic study the City did took those two lights in to account.

Ed Chambers reported that he has very high speed traffic on his street, Kings Highway. He commented that the speed limit is supposed to be 25mph but they are driving at 50mph and 60mph. He remarked he is afraid to cut his lawn because he could turn his back and a car will come by "like a bullet." He commented that from Midway Ave. to Wickfield Ave. there are 8 stop signs and people will go through every stop sign. He remarked that he thinks it is a great idea to have everyone come together in a "one-stop shop" when going to the new City Hall. He stated he hoped Ms. Mitchell and the rest of the Board will be able to join in on that.

Patricia Young, Treasurer of Cinema Park HOA asked about the status of the foreclosure on the two parcels and if there has been any information from the County.

Mayor Sellers responded the parcels have been foreclosed on, the grass has been cut, the sprinklers are taken care of and they are working on the repair of the lights.

Francine Wahome stated she already spoke to Councilwoman Hagwood and Council President Mitchell about the lights on Lanbury Ave. and Harvard Ave. She shared that she fell outside of WHHS after the last School Board meeting after tripping over a raised block. She inquired with Police Chief Haynes if there is still a security light at the playground at Eastwood Elementary School to see what is happening there. She explained that it was by the fence.

Police Chief Haynes replied that he will check but is only aware of the security camera on the back of the building.

Janice Rox thanked Chief Haynes for the Police dispatcher that fielded her call, preventing another dispatcher from getting the call. She thanked Service Director SIm for his department's quick response to having the tree branches cleared from her tree lawn. She commented they did a wonderful job and shared that she went out and hugged both men to say thank you.

Order of the Day:

- 1. Ord. 2019-125 COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF GREG SEIFERT OF GEIS COMPANIES, LLC, REPRESENTING HEMINGWAY AT RICHMOND III, LLC, FOR A SPECIAL USE PERMIT TO OPERATE A MUNICIPAL CENTER AND INSTALL A POLICE DEPARTMENT SALLY PORT LOCATED AT 4743 RICHMOND ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO 44128, PPN 763-31-006.

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**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards,
Seconded by Councilman Howard
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**2. Ord. 2019-126 COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO
APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF JOHN GRIGOLI OF EPIC SIGN & GRAPHICS,
INC., REPRESENTING HARMONY ACRES, INC., FOR THE INSTALLATION OF
A WALL SIGN FOR CENTURA X-RAY LOCATED AT 4381 RENAISSANCE
PARKWAY, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-06-004.
Motioned by Council President Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman
Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**3. Ord. 2019-127 COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO
APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF SCOTT FRIDRICH OF NORTHCOAST
SIGNWORKS, REPRESENTING THE SOCIETY OF EXPLOSIVES ENGINEERS,
INC., FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A DOUBLE SIDED ALUMINUM
ILLUMINATED SIGN LOCATED AT 26500 RENAISSANCE PARKWAY,
WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-06-009.
Motioned by Council President Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman
Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**4. Ord. 2019-128 COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF VINCE DIIONNO OF BLINK SIGNS,
REPRESENTING RICHMOND ROAD PARTNERS, LLC, FOR THE
INSTALLATION OF A WALL SIGN FOR CHOICE CABINET LOCATED AT 4856
RICHMOND ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-28-
009.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards,
Seconded by Councilman Howard
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**5. Ord. 2019-129 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS
ACCEPTING A CERTAIN BID FROM ROYAL LANDSCAPE GARDENING, INC.
FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF EASTWOOD PARK LOCATED IN THE CITY OF
WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO**

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A CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$230,008.10, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilman Anderson
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

6. Ord. 2019-130

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

APPOINTING ROETZEL & ANDRESS LEGAL PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Anderson, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

7. Res. 2019-038

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO DONATE \$1,500.00 TO THE OHIO UNIVERSITY HERITAGE COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE – CLEVELAND TO ASSIST WITH THE ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Council President Mitchell
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

8. Res. 2019-039

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF A 1.0 MILL RENEWAL LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING POLICE EQUIPMENT AND PAYMENT OF POLICE PERSONNEL PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.03, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

9. Res. 2019-040

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF A 0.50 MILL RENEWAL LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, ENLARGING, IMPROVING AND EQUIPPING MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AND BUILDINGS AND ACQUIRING REAL ESTATE PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.03, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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**Motioned by Council President Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Howard
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

- 10. Res. 2019-041 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
REQUESTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER CERTIFY THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF A 1.0 MILL RENEWAL LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING FIRE APPARATUS AND PAYMENT OF FIREMEN TO OPERATE THE SAME PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 5705.03, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
**Motioned by Council President Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

Announcements from the Directors:

Fire Department – Chief Herb Waugh wished everyone a good evening. He stated he appreciated Council approving the Fire Department for the Firehouse Sub Grant at the August meeting. He announced they will not be going forward with that because the department got awarded by Homeland Security for 2018 for \$143, 955 to purchase the equipment needed.

<<Applause>>

Economic Development – Director Jerome DuVal wished everyone a good evening. He announced that Shred Day is Saturday, September 28th at WH Middle School in the parking lot. He reported that the Exterior Maintenance Program is approaching conclusion and there is \$8,000 left from a \$30,000 pool. He stated that the program will conclude on October 31st. He remarked that their 100 Business Forum was successful and they had great speakers. He thanked the business community for being so supportive. He announced he will be speaking at the City Club of Cleveland on Friday representing the City on Ideastream and it will go live from 11:30.m.-1:30p.m.

Personnel Department – Director Nicole Johnson had nothing to report.

Chief of Staff - Kelli Wilson had nothing to report.

Police Department – Chief Wes Haynes thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He assured Mr. Chambers that he will address the speeding issues on the streets he referenced.

Communications & Activities – Director June Scharf reported the city magazine is online right now and will be in mailboxes this week or next week. She stated she wants to amplify the success of the schools and referenced a 2 minute video that was posted on the City's social

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media. She informed everyone that the 100 Business Forum was recorded and will be a part of the podcast. She announced upcoming podcasts will be *Conversations with Kimble* to talk to the Kimble company about recycling issues in the City and an interview with DaVita Kidney Care.

Building Department – Commissioner Ben Brown had nothing to report.

Service Department – Director Ted Sims reported that October 1st, the new pick-up program will start for leaves. He instructed residents to make sure there are no branches or rocks in their bag as it gets caught in the vacuum.

Civic & Senior Center – Director Jennifer Lastery wished everyone a good evening. She announced that tomorrow is *Wellness Wednesday* and Ahuja will be there discussing how to stay healthy during the flu season from 4:00-6:00p.m. On September 29th, the Center will be hosting the Browns v Ravens football game at 1:00p.m. and the cost is \$15. They would like those interested to register for the event. She reported that there will be a trip to see the Donna Summer musical at the Playhouse and the cost is \$58 on October 20th at 1:30p.m.

Strategic Initiatives – Carletta Fellows stated if there is someone in need of a car seat or car seat check-up to upgrade, there will be an event at buybuy BABY on September 21st from 10:00a.m.-2:00p.m. on Richmond Road. She reported that University Hospitals will be giving out car seats and booster seats on a case-by-case basis at that event.

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Edwards wished everyone a good evening and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Councilman Stewart thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Councilwoman Hagwood thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She invited everyone to attend the Ward 1 and Ward 3 Community Meeting Thursday evening at 6:30p.m. at the Civic & Senior Center. She encouraged those who “know a hero” to take a flyer for the Veterans Day Luncheon on November 7th. She thanked the people that have helped her so far to make the event happen. She remarked that this event is not about her but the veterans that have sacrificed their lives for you.

Councilman Howard thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He announced that the Clarkwood Estates Residents Association will have their monthly meeting at 7:00p.m. on September 26th at the Civic & Senior Center. He stated they will be getting an update from the Police Department. He reported that the *Meet the Candidates* event will be this Saturday, September 21st sponsored by the Tri-City Democratic Club at Eastwood Elementary School. He stated the doors open at 12:30p.m. and the forum will start promptly at 1:00p.m. He made a

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comment about the Ring App and that as well as home security, the app has a chat room to report crimes. He remarked sometimes crimes are reported here that are not actually happening in Warrensville Heights so we have to be careful about false reports.

Councilman Anderson wished everyone a good evening. He thanked his colleagues, Mayor Sellers and his staff for supporting him at the Ward 6 Community Meeting earlier this month. He commented that some of his residents have expressed interest about getting the Ring App. He announced on September 24th at 1:00p.m., a representative from the Ohio Attorney General's Office will be speaking at the Senior Club meeting to discuss fraud and scams.

Councilwoman White wished everyone a good evening and thanked them for attending the meeting. She commended Councilwoman Hagwood for spearheading the Veterans Day event and stated she appreciates her. She announced that September 19th at 6:30p.m., the Ward 1 and Ward 3 Community Meeting will be at the Civic & Senior Center and all are welcome to attend.

Law Department

Law Director Teresa Beasley had nothing to report.

Council President's Comments

Council President Mitchell wished everyone a good evening. She commented that the word "passion" carries a lot of weight and there is a lot of passion in this room. She remarked that the 8 residents that spoke did so with passion and conviction and we appreciate it. She stated "when you see something, say something because it means something." She commended Councilwoman Hagwood for her passion for the veterans and how they are touched by the event every year. She thanked Service Director Sims for removing her resident, Ms. Richardson's tree. Council President Mitchell advised everyone to come to the Ward 2 Community Meeting on Saturday, September 21st at 11:30a.m. at the Eastwood Elementary School and to stay for *Meet the Candidates* if they are able.

Item 8, Item 9 and Item 10 were read in error as Ordinances and they are Resolutions. Ord. 2019-131, Ord. 2019-132 and Ord. 2019-133 were renumbered as Res. 2019-039, Res. 2019-040 and Res. 2019-041.

***Vote for Items 8, 9 and 10 to be referred in the Official Record as Resolutions NOT Ordinances
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Howard,
Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried***

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Mayor's Comments

Mayor Sellers thanked everyone for attending the Council meeting this evening. He recognized Mr. White, Ms. Rudolph and Ms. Tullos of the Civil Service Commission in attendance at the meeting. He acknowledged School Board President Traci Mitchell and Vice President Ray Freeman for being in attendance. He recognized Ms. Rox from Planning Commission in attendance at the meeting. Lastly, he wished everyone a good evening.

Adjournment at 8:03p.m.

10-1-2019

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