



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES APRIL 7, 2020

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

Attendance: Councilwoman Hagwood, Councilwoman Edwards, Councilwoman White, Councilman Stewart, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Anderson and Council President Howard
Roll Call: 7 Present

Prayer: Councilman Walter Stewart

Minutes: March 17, 2020 Regular Meeting
Motion to Approve by Council President Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 2 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:

Janice Rox asked what steps are being taken to protect employees such as the Police Department, Fire Department and other first responders during the pandemic. She asked if there have been any employees that have gotten sick.

Mayor Sellers responded that there has not been an employee sick with COVID-19. He reported they have taken steps within all of the City buildings by closing them all to the public. He stated there are employees working from home and some on a rotated scheduled. He stated the City is complying with the State recommendations from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. He stated that the Fire Department are following the protocols of the Cleveland Clinic and Board of Health and the Police Department are following the protocols of the State of Ohio.

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Order of the Day:

1. Ord. 2020 - 034

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW AN AGREEMENT WITH SUPERION FOR FEBRUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2021 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.

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

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

2. Ord. 2020 – 035

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BTE ENTERPRISES COMPANY, LLC TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES TO SUPPLEMENT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR.

Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards

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

3. Ord. 2020 - 036

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

ACCEPTING A CERTAIN BID FROM NORTHCOAST LAWNSCAPES FOR THE 2020 HIGH GRASS AND RELATED NUISANCE ABATEMENT SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood

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

4. Ord. 2020 - 037

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

ACCEPTING A CERTAIN BID FROM BONNER MANAGEMENT GROUP FOR THE 2020 HIGH GRASS AND RELATED NUISANCE ABATEMENT SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Council President Howard

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

5. Ord. 2020 - 038

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF

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WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS AND ENACTING UNCODIFIED REGULATIONS WITH RESPECT TO EMPLOYEE PAY AND FRINGE BENEFITS, PUBLIC MEETINGS, AND GENERAL OPERATIONS IN ORDER TO RESPOND TO THE 2020 COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motioned by Councilman Stewart, Passage by Council President Howard,
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**

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

6. Res. 2020 - 022

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM CHLORIDE (ROCK SALT) THROUGH THE ODOT WINTER ROAD SALT CONTRACT FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2020 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motioned by Councilman Anderson, Passage by Councilwoman White,
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**

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

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Edwards asked if Council can inform their residents that there will be no in-person voting. She stated that the ballots mailed in have to be post-marked by April 27th. She asked that everyone stay safe.

Councilman Stewart stated that he knows that by the grace of God we will get through the pandemic. He stated he has been helping the School District with giving out food and the Ward 4 Youth Program has received donations from two Giant Eagle grocery stores. He stated the Youth Program received a donation from the Solon School District and they receive a donation from Bruegger's Bagels every week. Councilman Stewart commented that it has been really nice working with the School District because they are very dedicated. He remarked that he sees the changes in the children's faces because they are not smiling and look uncertain. He commented that we have a management company in Ward 4 that want to use this situation as a way to not do anything so that is a challenge. He stated we have a President that is doing everything wrong and eventually we are going to hear the word "genocide" come up. He commented that he does not know what the President's agenda is but it is not to help the American people.

Councilwoman Hagwood had no comments at this time.

Councilwoman Mitchell reported that the voting date has changed a couple times since March 17th. She shared that initially people thought they had until June then were unsure. She stated she sent out about 150 text messages, emails and a lot of phone calls to make sure everyone believes what they

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see. She stated she will take ballots downtown to Board of Elections because she wants to make sure people are able to exercise their right to vote. She remarked how much she loved Congresswoman Fudge's Town Hall meeting on April 2nd to hear questions people had and the responses.

Councilman Anderson stated that he is attempting to schedule a meeting with Meals on Wheels of Cleveland about servicing his residents. He stated that he is hearing discouraging feedback about how people do not qualify and he would like to know why.

Councilwoman Elona White had no comments.

Law Department

Law Director Teresa Beasley stated residents should also be reminded that there are three renewal levies on the ballot.

Councilwoman Edwards added that there are voting applications at the Civic Center and emphasized letting residents know because not everyone has a computer/printer.

Councilman Stewart stated that he has been speaking to his residents about voting and letting them know he will take their applications down to Board of Elections once they complete it.

Councilwoman Mitchell stressed the importance of having people complete the 2020 Census. She suggested as meals are being passed out to people, remind them to complete the census.

Council President's Comments

Council President Howard stated that since Council has agreed to have virtual meetings, they need to have a trial run before the next meeting. He stated he wants to make sure Council is familiar with it and there are no hiccups. He shared that Warrensville Heights City School District had a food bank last Wednesday and he thinks they are doing one next Wednesday April 15th as well. He stated he volunteered to help out and they served approximately 200 cars; it was a very good event. He commented that the City's food bank runs differently but possibly they can consider a joint venture in the future. He encouraged other Council members to volunteer with the food bank which will enable them to reach more people. Lastly, he emphasized the importance of neighbors helping neighbors.

Mayor's Comments

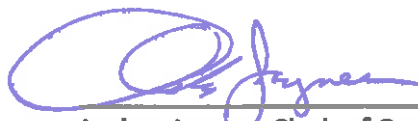
Mayor Sellers thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He stated there is a Finance Committee Meeting on Thursday and they will discuss the state of businesses in the City and the plan going forward.

Law Director Beasley reported that there will also be a Charter Review Committee meeting next week.

Adjournment at 7:24p.m.

4-21-2020

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