



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 4, 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: January 21, 2020 Regular Meeting
Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 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:

Francine Wahome stated that she observed a suspicious looking box sitting in the lot next door and she called the Police Department, identifying herself and providing the address. She reported that the Police Department took care of it. Ms. Wahome asked if that was okay and Police Chief Haynes responded it was and they appreciated her call.

**Motion for an Executive Session based on ORC.121.22(G)(2) to discuss Real Estate
Motioned by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs - Motion Carried
Adjournment to Executive Session at 7:04p.m.**

**Motion to End Executive Session and return to Regular Meeting Agenda.
Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Seconded by Councilwoman White**

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**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 7:36p.m.**

Councilwoman Hagwood acknowledged owner of The Cut Above 2.0 Gwendolyn Todd and her daughter in attendance at the meeting.

Ms. Todd thanked Councilwoman Hagwood for putting hands on her daughters at a very young age and watching them grow. She stated she appreciated Councilwoman Hagwood for being her Councilwoman and Councilman Anderson for being a customer and friend. She added that HR Director Nicole Johnson and Fire Chief Waugh are also customers. She stated she loves Warrensville and thanked God for the opportunity to bring the shop into the next generation.

Mayor Sellers asked everyone to give Ms. Todd and her daughter an applause for their roots in the City.

<<Applause>>

Councilman Anderson congratulated Ms. Todd and stated he has been a customer since 1984. He remarked that Ms. Todd is a quiet leader in the community and that she has allowed him to use her shop as a campaign headquarters.

<<Laughter>>

He thanked Ms. Todd for being a part of the community.

Order of the Day:

1. Ord. 2020 - 010

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SOFTWARE LICENSE AND SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BELLEFEUIL, SZUR & ASSOCIATES, INC. IN ORDER TO REPLACE THE CURRENT FINANCIAL SOFTWARE SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilman White, Seconded by Council President Mitchell

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

2. Ord. 2020 – 011

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A RETENTION AGREEMENT WITH ZASHIN & RICH CO., L.P.A. (JON M. DILENO, LEAD ATTORNEY) FOR EMPLOYMENT LAW SERVICES, 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

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3. Ord. 2020 - 012 **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2020 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDS.
Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

4. Ord. 2020 - 013 **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH DNS TECHNOLOGIES, INC. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS MONITORING FOR THE NETWORK OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 10, 2020 THROUGH FEBRUARY 9, 2021, 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 - 014 **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH DNS TECHNOLOGIES, INC. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE INFORMATION CONSULTING AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE NETWORK OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 10, 2020 THROUGH FEBRUARY 9, 2021, 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

6. Ord. 2020 - 015 **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TERESA METCALF BEASLEY OF MCDONALD HOPKINS LLP AS LAW DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilman Stewart
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

7. Res. 2020 - 012 **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO APPLY FOR, AND ACCEPT IF AWARDED, THE 2020 CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

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COMMUNITY RECYCLING AWARENESS GRANT, 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

8. Res. 2020 - 013

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENGAGE IN A PUBLIC BIDDING PROCESS TO ADVERTISE FOR AND SOLICIT COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR SELF CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motioned by Councilman Anderson, Passage by Councilwoman White,
Seconded by Council President Howard**

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

9. Res. 2020 - 014

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE SUBLEASE OF A PORTION OF THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 4743 RICHMOND ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER OF 763-31-006, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 1 Nay; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

Announcements from the Directors:

Fire Department – Chief Herb Waugh thanked Council for passing the item for the self-contained breathing apparatuses. He acknowledged The Cut Above 2.0, stating that he appreciates their service in the community. He commented that the interior of the business is nicely decorated and has a nice atmosphere.

Economic Development – Director Jerome DuVal wished everyone a good evening.

Human Resources Department – Director Nicole Johnson wished everyone a good evening.

Chief of Staff - Kelli Wilson had nothing to report.

Police Department – Police Chief Haynes had nothing to report.

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Building Department – Commissioner Ben Brown wished everyone a good evening.

Service Department – Director Ted Sims had nothing to report.

Civic & Senior Center – Director Jennifer Lastery announced that the new brochure from the Center is out and there are some out on the table if anyone did not receive one in the mail. She stated the brochure includes programming from January-June. She announced the Annual Black History Program will be Wednesday, February 26th at 6:30p.m. with refreshments and the program will start at 7:00p.m. She reported that the movie Harriet will be shown at the Civic Center on March 4th at 1:00p.m. She stated the fee is \$1.50 and light refreshments will be provided.

Finance Department – Director Karen Howse announced that the three levies Police, Fire and Permanent Improvement Levy are each for five years are coming up for renewal. She stated it is not new money but simply a renewal. She explained the Police and Fire levies are for continued support of their apparatuses, public safety gears and things of that nature. She described the Permanent Improvement Levy is to help maintain our capital assets such as our buildings, infrastructure and etc. She commented these are very important levies. She stated if anyone has questions, do not hesitate to give her a call.

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Edwards wished everyone a good evening.

Councilman Stewart thanked all for attending the meeting.

Councilwoman Hagwood wished everyone a good evening

Councilman Mitchell thanked everyone for coming out. She stated to Ms. Wahome that it is a good thing that she called because you never know what could have been in the suspicious box. She thanked Ms. Wahome for calling the police. She acknowledged Ms. Todd from The Cut Above 2.0 stating “clearly you are a cut above.” Councilwoman Mitchell thanked Ms. Todd for all that she does and that we appreciate it. She acknowledged the Warrensville Heights Girls and Boys Basketball Teams stating they are amazing and exciting to watch. She asked that everyone makes sure those they know are registered to vote and that they exercise that right on St. Patrick’s Day, 3-17-20.

Councilman Anderson wished everyone a good evening. He commended Chief Waugh and his crew for coming out to his home when he smelled something at 2:00a.m. and discovered the carbon monoxide detector was moving around. He commented that the fire crew was there within minutes, were very professional and assured him that everything was fine. He stated he appreciated them taking care of things.

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Councilwoman White thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Law Department

Law Director Teresa Beasley thanked Council for passing the legislation reappointing her as Law Director and she looks forward to working with them for another year.

Council President's Comments

Council President Howard wished everyone a good evening. He announced the 2020 Charter Review Commission had their first meeting yesterday evening. Council President explained that the Charter is how we run this City; a group of laws and rules that we govern ourselves by. He explained that each Council member has an appointee from his or her ward and the Mayor chooses two people. He stated that the committee meets in Council Chambers and goes through the entire Charter and determines if changes should be made. He wished everyone a Happy Black History Month and reminded everyone that Black History Month starts January 1st and ends December 31st.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Sellers thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He thanked everyone for their patience while he, Council and members of his Administration were in Executive Session. He recognized the following people in attendance: Ms. Tullos from Civil Service Commission; Ms. Rox from Planning Commission; President Traci Mitchell and Member Mimi Gaiter from the School Board; and Assistant Finance Director Lorle Reid. He announced that Civic Service Commissioner Carrie Rudolph had submitted her resignation so that position will need to be filled. He thanked Council for passing the legislation and he looks forward to delving into the lease arrangements. He stated he is also looking forward to the Black History Program at the Civic & Senior Center. He reported that the Warrensville Heights High School Girls Basketball Team will be starting the State Tournament in about a week and a half. He commented that he attended a game last night and a young lady scored 53 points, hitting 14 3-pointers. He announced the young lady now has the Ohio High School Association record for the most 3-pointers in a single game.

<<Applause>>

He stated the team has two more games this season so encouraged people to go out and support them.

Adjournment at 8:01p.m.

2-18-2020

APPROVED



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