



## CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JUNE 16, 2020**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Bradley D. Sellers at 7:01p.m. via Zoom Meetings Application

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

**Motion to Excuse Councilwoman Dorise Hagwood by Councilwoman White,  
Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs - Motion Carried**

**Prayer:** Councilman Walter Stewart

**Minutes:** May 20, 2020 Regular Meeting  
**Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by  
Councilman Anderson  
Roll Call: 6 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.

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### **Residents' Requests and Comments:**

There were no emailed requests or comments.

**Francine Wahome** asked Police Chief Haynes if there is a no-knock warrant in Warrensville. She also asked if he will be returning to the schools in the fall to speak with the children because she does not want to see any of the children that she worked with as an Intervention Specialist in a Juvenile Detention Center or the morgue. **Police Chief Haynes** explained that every time they serve a warrant in Warrensville, they notify who they are before entry. He answered that once school reopens, the Department will return to speak to the children.

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**Order of the Day:**  
**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Ord. 2020 - 072      MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION OF FRED DIBLASIO OF GEIS COMPANIES LLC, REPRESENTING THE CLEVELAND CUYAHOGA COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY, FOR A VARIANCE TO THE SETBACK REQUIREMENT FOR A MONUMENT SIGN LOCATED AT 4743 RICHMOND ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-31-006.  
**Motioned by Council President Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilman Anderson**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 2. Ord. 2020 - 073      MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO PURCHASE A 2021 FORD E450 AEV REMOUNTED AMBULANCE FROM SIV AMBULANCE FOR \$89,500.00 FOR USE IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Council President Howard**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 3. Ord. 2020 - 074      COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF CAROLINA LINGG OF AT&T MOBILITY, REPRESENTING OMNIAMERICA INC DBA AMERICAN TOWERS LLC, FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT ON A TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER LOCATED AT 26501 RENAISSANCE PARKWAY, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-06-008.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Council President Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman White**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 4. Ord. 2020 - 075      COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF MATTHEW HOWARD, REPRESENTING THE SAME, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A DECK LOCATED AT 24275 DONOVER ROAD,

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WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-02-113.

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

**Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Abs – Motion Carried**

**5. Ord. 2020 - 076**

**MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

**AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS  
TO ADOPT A TAX BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021, AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY.**

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

**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**6. Ord. 2020 - 077**

**MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LEXIS NEXIS  
TO PROVIDE COMPUTER ASSISTED LEGAL RESEARCH FOR THE PERIOD MAY 1,  
2020 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards,  
Seconded by Council President Howard**

**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**7. Ord. 2020 - 078**

**MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE  
PARTICIPATION IN A REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR THE  
ADMINISTRATION AND COLLECTION OF MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX IN THE CITY OF  
WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021, AND DECLARING AN  
EMERGENCY.**

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

**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**8. Ord. 2020 - 079**

**MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

**AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ASSISTANCE TO  
FIREFIGHTERS GRANT – COVID-19 SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAM, AND DECLARING  
AN EMERGENCY.**

**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Council President Howard,  
Seconded by Councilwoman White**

**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

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- 9. Ord. 2020 - 080**     **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ACCEPT THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT THROUGH THE STATE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$399,828.00.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Stewart**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 10. Ord. 2020 - 081**     **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$1,600,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL BUILDING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Council President Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman White**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 11. Ord. 2020 - 082**     **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$300,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING COSTS OF IMPROVING THE CITY'S TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM BY ACQUIRING AND INSTALLING SIGNALS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND DEVICES TO DIRECT AND CONTROL THE FLOW OF VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC ALONG RICHMOND ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Council President Howard, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 12. Ord. 2020 - 083**     **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO INCREASE THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ASSET THRESHOLD FROM \$1000.00 TO \$5,000.00 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Council President Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman White**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 13. Res. 2020 - 032**     **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION OF ANDRETHA WHITE FOR 15134

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RUBY LANE, LOCATED IN CINEMA PARK, PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 762-08-039, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3735 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

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

**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**14. Res. 2020 - 033**

**MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENGAGE IN A PUBLIC BIDDING PROCESS TO ADVERTISE FOR AND SOLICIT COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR SCANNING SERVICES FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**15. Res. 2020 - 034**

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATTHEW HOWARD**

ACKNOWLEDGING JUNETEENTH AS A DAY OF CELEBRATION FOR THE EMANCIPATION OF THE LAST ENSLAVED PEOPLE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS ON JUNE 19, 1865, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

### ADD ONS

**16. Ord. 2020 – 084**

**MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-057 (AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ESTABLISH A NEW FUND ACCOUNT TITLED “LOCAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND” FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERAL CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDING DISBURSED FROM CUYAHOGA COUNTY AND APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SAID ACCOUNT), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motioned by Councilwoman Edwards, Passage by Council President Howard,  
Seconded by Councilwoman White**

**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**17. Res. 2020 – 035**

**COUNCILWOMAN KIMBERLY HODGE EDWARDS**

SUPPORTING CERTAIN COUNCILWOMEN ELECTED TO SERVE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ACROSS THE STATE OF OHIO IN THEIR EFFORTS TO CREATE A SET OF MEASURED AS WELL AS INTENTIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE POLICIES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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**Councilwoman Kimberly Edwards** explained that the Res. 2020-035 is based on a letter initiated by City of Newburgh Heights Councilwoman Gigi Traore with five other Councilwomen. She stated she compiled a letter with an 8-point policy provision and sent to the Ohio Senate and House of Representatives as well as the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives in Washington D.C. She stated that she does not think these will be just words on paper but action behind the words as well as resolution. Councilwoman Edwards commented that it is important that we seek equity for Black Americans across the United States. [Councilwoman Edwards read the letter to the meeting attendees.]

**City of Newburgh Heights Councilwoman Traore** thanked Councilwoman Edwards for taking up the initiative and bringing it to her colleagues in Warrensville Heights. She reported that 31 Black Councilwomen in Ohio have signed the letter and introduced it on their floor as a part of their initiative to end racial injustice. Councilwoman Traore reported that the letter has been shared with all 150 legislators that represent the State of Ohio and she has received responses from several of those individuals. She reported there will be a meeting with the Ohio Legislative Black Caucus to talk about how this is implemented. Councilwoman Traore stated that there is an ally letter that has been drafted by White Councilwomen in Ohio with 50 signatures and will be published later this week. She thanked Councilwoman Edwards again and the rest of Council for their efforts and stated she looks forward to working with them in legislating and showing that black lives do matter

**Motioned by Councilman Stewart, Passage by Council President Howard,  
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

- 18. Res. 2020 – 036 COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL  
TO SUPPORT OHIO HOUSE BILL 535, ALSO KNOWN AS THE CROWN ("CREATING A  
RESPECTFUL AND OPEN WORKPLACE FOR NATURAL HAIR") ACT AND ELIMINATE  
WORKPLACE HAIR- DISCRIMINATION IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS.  
Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards,  
Seconded by Councilwoman White  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 19. Ord. 2020 - 050 COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)  
SECOND READ ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO  
APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF BRIANA FONTANA OF CROWN CASTLE USA, INC.,  
REPRESENTING GLOBAL SIGNAL ACQUISITION, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THREE  
(3) ANTENNAS ON A TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER LOCATED AT 4335  
CRANWOOD PARKWAY, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 762-04-  
021.**

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

**20. Res. 2020 - 026**  
**SECOND READ**

**LAW DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE AS AMENDED BY THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

**ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE AS AMENDED BY THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO AMEND ARTICLE IV THE COUNCIL, SECTION 1 NUMBER, TERM AND SALARY AND DIRECTING THE LAW DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE APPROPRIATE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR PRESENTATION TO THE ELECTORATE AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

**21. Res. 2020 - 027**  
**SECOND READ**

**LAW DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE TO AMEND ARTICLE IV COUNCIL, SECTION 8 MEETINGS AND DIRECTING THE LAW DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE APPROPRIATE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR PRESENTATION TO THE ELECTORATE AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

**22. Res. 2020 - 028**  
**SECOND READ**

**LAW DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE**

**ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE TO AMEND ARTICLE V ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES, SECTION 8 BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AND DIRECTING THE LAW DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE APPROPRIATE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR PRESENTATION TO THE ELECTORATE AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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**23. Res. 2020 - 029**    **LAW DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
**SECOND READ**            **ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE TO AMEND ARTICLE VI FINANCE, SECTION 5 PUBLIC BIDDING AND DIRECTING THE LAW DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE APPROPRIATE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR PRESENTATION TO THE ELECTORATE AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**  
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Council President Howard**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**24. Res. 2020 - 030**    **LAW DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE AS AMENDED BY THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**SECOND READ**            **ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE AS AMENDED BY THE COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE TO AMEND ARTICLE XI CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE AND DIRECTING THE LAW DEPARTMENT TO PREPARE APPROPRIATE BALLOT LANGUAGE FOR SUBMISSION TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS FOR PRESENTATION TO THE ELECTORATE AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**  
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Council President Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

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**Announcements from Directors**

**Finance Department – Director Karen Howse stated she is happy to report that Cuyahoga County has allocated \$500,000 to the City of Warrensville Heights from COVID-19 federal funding.**

**Economic Development – Director Jerome DuVal had nothing to report.**

**Fire Department – Chief Herb Waugh wished everyone a good evening. He thanked Council for passing the two pieces of legislation for the squad and the Memorandum of Understanding for the equipment as it is very important during this time. He stated that he appreciates Police Chief Haynes and the Police Department because of the things they have to do, particularly the recent peaceful protest that was had this past week. He commended his firemen because they have responded to a number of COVID-19 patients but are wearing their PPE and following the proper protocols so no one has contracted coronavirus in the Department. Chief Waugh reported that they have received positive messages from the community sharing that a resident put a message on the driveway apron that states “Your Lives Matter” with two daffodils next to it. He stated it makes them feel appreciated and proud. He added they also received a card from Carol Perry in Ward 5 and donations to the Department.**

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**Police Department – Chief Wes Haynes** thanked Chief Waugh for his encouragement and kind words. He thanked Council and the Mayor for Item 14 and remarked that it is something the Department has been preparing for and is happy to see it come to light.

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

#### Law Department

**Law Director Teresa Metcalf Beasley** thanked Council for moving forward on the Charter Review amendments and recommendations.

#### Announcements from Council:

**Councilman Anderson** commented that he is “all on board” with Item 17 and that it reminds him of a quote by Fannie Lou Hamer “I’m sick and tired of being sick and tired.” He stated that seeing the way the last man was murdered and died calling for his mother is something he has been trying to forget for 50 years. He shared that he remembers hearing that kind of thing before leaving Vietnam. He shared that when a marine was seriously wounded and in the process of dying, one of the things they would do regardless of age was call for their mother. He stated that it brings back a lot of memories that he has been trying to forget. He remarked that this cannot continue the way it is going and if Chief Haynes detects an Officer that he believes should not be there, get rid of him or her. Also, Councilman Anderson thanked Chief Haynes for the work the Police Department has done in Ward 6 on Felch, McCann, and Walford. He remarked that they should look into having charges for making a false police report against a black person and to prosecute that person to the fullest.

**Councilwoman Mitchell** wished everyone a Happy Black Music Month and Early Juneteenth. She commented that there is a lot of legislation that passed that is beneficial to our future, not just our present. She reported that on Saturday, June 27, 2020, Ward 2 will attempt its first Zoom Community Meeting and more information will be out about it. She thanked Chief Waugh for reminding everyone why we are called the *Friendly City*. She asked that everyone keep an eye out for their neighbors.

**Councilwoman Elona White** had nothing to report.

**Councilwoman Edwards** thanked her colleagues for supporting the piece of legislation she introduced. She commented that the younger generation may be the one that will make changes because they are not sitting on the sidelines and are fighting for equality. She remarked that there is something we all can do to make a change.

**Councilwoman Stewart** thanked Councilwoman Edwards and Councilwoman Traore from Newburgh Heights for the letter they shared as it was very inspirational. He remarked that he liked that they emphasized not just signing the letter but that it is a time for action. He stated “change is in the air and the pressure is not going to let up.”

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**Council President's Comments**

**Council President Howard** thanked Council for the passage of Item 4 for his deck and that he appreciated it. He thanked everyone for passing Item 15 recognizing Juneteenth. He remarked that we should have conversations about how this can be celebrated in the City. He stated that it is a shame that in 2020 we have to pass Items 17 and 18. He commented that every decision that is made for this community, we have to think of those before us that put their lives on the line, gave their lives, and those whose lives were taken.

**Mayor's Comments**

**Mayor Sellers** thanked everyone for their participation in the virtual meeting. He reported that City Hall will be open to the public on Monday, June 22, 2020, ready to service everyone. He stated that the Senior & Civic Center will remain closed as the Governor has not released senior centers to be opened yet. Mayor Sellers stated that the plan is to have the parks open on Monday as well. He reported that the New City Hall Municipal Center will be turned over to the City in August. He commented that the move-in will be by floor. He reported that he and Police Chief Haynes vet potential Officers as best as they can and surround them with good support and comprehensive training. He thanked Councilwoman Edwards for her passion about the black community. He remarked like her, he is inspired by the younger community and how ready they are to take control. He stated we need to keep them encouraged. He announced that the Council meeting will return to being in-person the first meeting in September 2020. He wished everyone a good evening.

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**Adjournment at 8:14p.m.**

*7-21-2020*

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APPROVED



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Amber Joyner, Clerk of Council

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