



## CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 6, 2026

**Call to Order:** Mayor Bradley D. Sellers, at 7:02 p.m.

**Attendance:** Councilwoman Doris Hagwood, Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell, Councilwoman Elona C. White, Councilman Walter Stewart, Councilman Matthew Howard, Councilman Stanley Anderson and Council President Johnny L. Williams, Jr.

**Roll Call: 7 Present**

**Prayer:** Councilman Matthew Howard

**Minutes:** December 16, 2025 Regular Meeting  
**Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White,**  
**Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**Departmental Reports:** Mayor Sellers stated that if Council has 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:**

Barbara Hurd a Shakerwood Rd. resident expressed her appreciation for the Mayor, City Council and directors' and has lived in the city for over 50 years.

**Juanita O. Bynum State Rep for the Ohio House District 18** presented the council members who won their elections with accommodations and thanked them for their endless collaborations and relationships.

**Taniqua Walker** owner of A Promise to Care reported economic challenges regarding STNA training due to contract changes with Ohio Means Jobs. OMJ changed the contract and was not paying for their training. Economic Developer Nicole Harris has been assisting in finding a solution.

The new state-funded contract reportedly withholds payment until students appear on a registry rather than upon program completion. They went to arbitration and was able to receive some compensation but not all. There were 45 training programs prior to September 2025 and as of today there are only 26. in the nursing assistance sector there were 10 now there are 5 and they are one of those 5. Ms. Walker plans to attend the board meeting and will be moving forward with arbitration. Ms. Walker has been in

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communication with Richard Star who oversees the city region, Meredith Turner from Cuyahoga County and has been in contact with Johnny Williams as well.

**Mayor Sellers** advised Ms. Walker to advocate with State Rep Bynum.

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**Order of the Day**

**1. Council President**

**Nominations:** Councilwoman Elona White nominated **Council President Johnny Williams Jr**, Seconded by Councilman Stanley Anderson.

Councilman Walter Stewart nominated **Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell**, Seconded by Councilman Matthew Howard.

**Roll Call: 4 votes for Williams Jr, 2 votes for Mitchell  
Johnnie Williams Jr is the 2026 Council President**

**Councilman Anderson left after the voting for Council President took place at 6:18 p.m.**

**2. Ord. 2026 - 001 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH TO PROVIDE PHASE II STORMWATER SERVICES IN 2026 THROUGH 2030, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**3. Ord. 2026 – 002 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH EMPLOYEE SERVICES LLC DBA ESI EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE GROUP IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2026 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White,  
Passage by Councilman Howard**

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**Seconded by Councilman Anderson**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**4. Ord. 2026 – 003 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A WORKERS' COMPENSATION COST CONTROL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH SHEAKLEY UNISERVICE, INC. TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS A THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR OHIO WORKERS' COMPENSATION FROM JANUARY 1, 2026 TO DECEMBER 31, 2027, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White,**  
**Passage by Council President Williams Jr.**  
**Seconded by Councilman Howard**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**5. Res. 2026 – 001 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO APPLY FOR, AND ACCEPT IF AWARDED AS WELL AS EXECUTE ANY REQUIRED AGREEMENTS, FOR THE RESIDENTIAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (REDD) GRANT THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR 2026 FOR A PROPOSED MULTIFAMILY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TO BE LOCATED ON NORTHFIELD ROAD IN WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, PPN 761-19-004, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White,**  
**Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood**  
**Seconded by Council President Williams Jr.**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

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**Announcements from Directors:**

Communications announced that there will be Free tax preparation services available at the Senior Center from February 13th through April 10th; appointments are required.

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**Announcements from Council:**

**Councilwoman Mitchell** wished everyone a Happy New Year and spoke of changes in the world, country and county speaking of the recent elections of the first Ugandan born mayor in New York City and the first non US born council member in the city of Cleveland. Councilwoman Mitchell shared how wonderful the drive through was that the fire department put on, on December 17<sup>th</sup>. The councilwoman spoke on the record that she misses Ted the recently retired Service Director who was very efficient and would drop what he was doing and get it done or find someone else to. Councilwoman Mitchell concluded by wishing Ms. Hurd a Happy New Year and offered Ms. Walker support in continuing to fight for what's right for her and her business.

**Councilman Stewart** thanked everyone for coming out and wished them a Happy New Year. Councilman Stewart congratulated his colleague Johnny Williams, and thanked Representative Bynum for being present. Councilman Stewart shared an update on the resident who came to the last council meeting. She had a court appearance on December 19<sup>th</sup> where she had all her paper work, the lead attorney for Integra was steady trying to move to evict them with no grounds to. Judge Papa rescheduled the hearing due to see Integra and Gold Dollar on the paper the new date would be January 9<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Brewer returned home where not even two hours from Integra started banging on the door trying to serve eviction papers even though the judge said she could stay. The next day they tried to evict her again the next day where Ms. Brewer was able to return to the court and receive the documentation that she is allowed to stay. They finally left and she will be back in court on the 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Councilwoman Hagwood** wished everyone a happy new year. New year, new grace, new mercy, a new opportunity to be a better leader. Councilwoman Hagwood noted that she was on a zoom meeting with the Rev. Al Sharpton who recognized her and the city. Concluded by thanking all the regulars for coming out and supporting council and for the encouragement, support and belief and announced that there were fliers in the front for her event that will be happening in April.

**Councilwoman White** thanked everyone for coming out and congratulated Johnny Williams on his appointment as council president for the year 2026. Councilwoman White concluded by thanking Representative Bynum for being a great representation for the district.

**Councilman Howard** wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked State Rep. Juanita Bynum and went on to explain how worthy she is a leader in the community keeping everyone informed and things like that. Councilman Howard congratulated Johnny Williams on his appointment. Councilman Howard concluded by saying his initial meeting with Gold Dollar went well, he was able to sit down and discuss some concerns and disputes but there are still many issues that need to be addressed and a long way to go.

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**Law Department**

**None**

**Council President's Comments**

**Council President Williams Jr.** let Ms. Hurd know her comments had been heard and were appreciated. Council President Williams let Ms. Walker know that what she's going through makes his blood boil and to please lean on council. Council President let State Rep. Bynum know that in his four years she has been highly communicative, she really cares and is very visible which epitomizes what elected officials should do. Council President Williams thanked his colleagues. Whether they voted for him or not, it does not matter. He will continue to be forthright and will continue to be fair and he will continue to be transparent with each of them as they move forward into 2026. He concluded by noting that he has only cried two times about this country once on 9/11 and the other on January 6<sup>th</sup> where we are in this country that he will be forthright, transparent, and candid with my colleagues and be there for the residents and asked everyone to stay safe.

**Mayor's Comments**

**Mayor Bradley D. Sellers:** wished everyone a happy new year and looking forward to a greater 2026 and congratulated Johnny Williams for being the 2026 council president. Mayor thanked everyone for coming out, State Rep Bynum, civil service, Ms. Hurd. Mayor concluded by advising Ms. Walker to lean on Rep Bynum, Ken Smith and is glad she won her arbitration hearing and for bringing it to everyone's attention.

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**Adjournment**

**Motion to Adjourn by Council**

**Adjournment at 7:43 p.m.**

APPROVED:

January 20, 2026  
Date

  
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