



## CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 20, 2026

**Call to Order:** Mayor Bradley D. Sellers, at 7:01 p.m.

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

**Roll Call: 6 Present**

**Motion to Excuse Councilman Stewart by Councilman Howard  
Seconded by Councilwoman White  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**Prayer:** Councilwoman Dorise Thompson-Hagwood

**Minutes:** January 6, 2026 Regular Meeting  
**Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White,  
Seconded by Councilman Howard  
Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 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:**

Davita Russell a former vice president of Cleveland Heights City council who is now running for State Rep of district 18, wanted to introduce herself and what she has accomplished to council and the residents.

Councilman Howard thanked the former councilwoman noting they typically don't really do this but one of her opponents came and spoke, and that it is a blessing to hear her background and all that she has done.

Taniqua Walker owner of A Promise to Care gave a brief update on the issues she is having with Ohio Jobs. Ms. Walker thanked Director Harris for her effort and spoke how they want her to train 93 nurse aid positions but not pay anyone until they are all filled.

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**Order of the Day**

1. **Ord. 2026 - 004 ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR KEISHA HUGHES ON BEHALF OF THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AMENDING RULE 10.03 OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM AGE FOR EMERGENCY HIRE APPOINTMENTS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND LOWER THE MINIMUM AGE OF ALL APPOINTMENTS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY, 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**

2. **Ord. 2026 – 005 ASSISTANT LAW DIRECTOR KEISHA HUGHES AMENDING PART ONE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM AGE FOR EMERGENCY HIRE APPOINTMENTS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND LOWER THE MINIMUM AGE OF ALL APPOINTMENTS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY, 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 – 006 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CUSTOMER AGREEMENT WITH CONTRACTSAFE LLC IN ORDER TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT TO JANUARY 31, 2028, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

**4. Ord. 2026 – 007 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL TESTING NETWORK, INC. IN ORDER TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT TO DECEMBER 31, 2026, 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**

**5. Res. 2026 – 002 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNNY WILLIAMS, JR.**  
CONFIRMING THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR AND CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**6. Ord. 2026 – 008 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNNY WILLIAMS, JR.  
(Planning Commission Chair)**

ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF ROMAN GORODETSKIY OF TRIPPY'S SMOKE SHOP, REPRESENTING EMERY GREEN ENTERPRISE LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE LOCATED AT 23081 EMERY ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-01-200.

**Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White,  
Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood  
Seconded by Council President Williams Jr.**

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

**7. Ord. 2026 – 009 COUNCIL PRESIDENT JOHNNY WILLIAMS, JR.  
(Planning Commission Chair)**

ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF DESIREE VAUGHN OF MND INVESTMENTS AND PROPERTY PRESERVATION LLC, REPRESENTING THE SAME, FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO OPERATE AN AUTO DETAIL SHOP LOCATED AT 19206 MILES ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 762-12-006.

**Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White,  
Passage by Council President Williams Jr.**

**Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**

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

**8. Ord. 2026 – 010 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL H. WILDERMUTH IN ORDER TO UPDATE THE TERMS OF COMPENSATION, 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**

**9. Ord. 2026 – 011 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR CONVEYANCE WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION TO ACCEPT THE TRANSFER OF VACANT LAND LOCATED AT 19304 KINGS HIGHWAY, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO 44122, PPN 761-08-071.

**Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White,  
Passage by Council President Williams Jr.**

**Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood**

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

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**10. Ord. 2026 – 012 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO PAY THE INVOICE FROM OHIO CAT RENTALS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,700.00 FOR THE RENTAL OF A FRONT LOADER FOR USE BY THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**11. Ord. 2026 – 013 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
APPOINTING ANTOINE EDMOND AS THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**12. Ord. 2026 – 014 LAW DIRECTOR BRENDAN HEIL**  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS LAND REUTILIZATION PROGRAM AND MICHELE HAMPTON FOR THE SALE OF PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 763-08-036 LOCATED AT SAINT GERMAIN BOULEVARD, SUBLOT 28, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO 44128, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**13. Ord. 2026 – 015 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE TO CONDUCT THE AUDIT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS' BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING

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DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White,**

**Passage by Council President Williams Jr.**

**Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**

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

**14. Ord. 2026 – 016 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO PAY THE INVOICE FROM KIMBLE RECYCLING & DISPOSAL, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,014.77 FOR RESIDENTIAL WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING SERVICES IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White,**

**Passage by Council President Williams Jr.**

**Seconded by Councilman Anderson**

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

**15. Ord. 2026 – 017 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO PAY THREE (3) INVOICES FROM CARGILL, INCORPORATED IN THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF \$36,886.28 FOR THE PURCHASE OF SODIUM CHLORIDE (ROCK SALT) PURSUANT TO THE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND FOR USE IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White,**

**Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood**

**Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**

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

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**Announcements from Directors:**

**Nothing to Report**

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**Announcements from Council:**

**Councilwoman Mitchell** welcomed attendees, and offered congratulations to 'Spike' and the team, and thanks guests for attending. Councilwoman Mitchell shared information about free legal advice clinics restarting at local libraries, including an upcoming clinic at Chagrin Falls Park on March 28, with check-in at 10:00 a.m., and note that materials are available for those interested. Councilwoman Mitchell concluded by acknowledging a loss in the community, announcing the passing of Cora Lee Hill McGee, mother of several community members, and provided details for her celebration of life on January 24, asking for prayers for the McGee family.

**Councilwoman Hagwood** congratulated Spike for his promotion saying that they have worked together respectfully and has supported her throughout the years making her look like a superstar. Commending Mayor Sellers on his selection. Councilwoman Hagwood concluded saying she didn't have a ride to the council meeting but luckily one of her residents called just when she was to walk to the meeting to ensure that she shows up to represent her people and she was able to attend to appoint Spike.

**Councilwoman White** congratulated the new service director and ensured her trust in him and said its always good to see members of the service department in attendance. Councilwoman White thanked everyone for coming out

**Councilman Anderson** congratulated Mr. Edmond on his appointment and that he looks forward to working with him. Councilman Anderson thanked everyone for coming out and said he would like to keep advocating people to come and fill the chambers up every meeting.

**Councilman Howard** congratulated Antoine Edmond on becoming the new service director and thanked everyone in the service department and his family. Asking that they continue to give him the support he'll need as he transition into his new role. Councilman Howard thanked Ms. Russell for coming out and sharing everything that she does in the community and in the surrounding areas.

**Law Department**

Nothing to report

**Council President's Comments**

**Council President Williams Jr.** offered encouragement and well-wishes to Taniqua Walker, DaVita Russell, and Spike, emphasizing strength, teamwork, and community support. Council President Williams then shifted to concerns about national leadership, expressing frustration with the current administration and a lack of accountability. He stressed the urgent need for higher voter turnout—

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particularly among renters and young people only a 10% turnout in the last 5 years—calling on community leaders and families to mobilize voters and honor the sacrifices made for voting rights.

#### **Mayor's Comments**

**Mayor Bradley D. Sellers:** thanked everyone for taking the time to come out, Recognizing the Civil Service team Ms. Tullos with the police department being almost at capacity also with the fire department. Mayor briefly spoke on the legislation that was passed that will shape the rules of hiring among this departments which allow for more flexibility. Mayor Sellers thanked Renee Strong of the planning commission for being in attendance. Mayor mentioned how Ms. Walker is trying to work through the system for her business which is located in the city to satisfaction as it relates to the state program being administered by the county. Mayor Sellers noted that Ms. Russell is aiming to be the new state rep as Juanita O. Bynum transitions off. Mayor told Ms. Russell its nice she is showing up and representing some of the best unions in the area and is a school bus driver which is a very important job as well. Mayor congratulated Antoine Edwards and that the service department is built on the pride of the community and that they are one of the first of three groups in this community that will be seen. They're going to see the service department, how this community is kept, how it's maintained. That is going to be a place that second place you're going to touch people is with the police department and Chief Haynes and his staff. And the third place you're going to touch people besides coming city hall or school is going to be with the fire department when EMS comes with the fire situation. Those are folks that represent this community. Mayor welcomes Spike's new ideas and vision he has for the future of the service director. Mayor wrapped up his comments saying this has been the longest 365 days in his life with it being the day the current President took the Oath of Office and the urgency that voting brings along with it.

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#### **Adjournment**

**Motion to Adjourn by Council**

**Adjournment at 7:49 p.m.**

APPROVED:

February 3, 2026

Date



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