



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

- Call to Order:** Mayor Bradley D. Sellers at 7:00p.m. via Zoom Meetings Application
- Attendance:** Councilwoman Hagwood, Councilwoman Edwards, Councilwoman White, Councilman Stewart, Councilwoman Mitchell and Council President Howard
Roll Call: 6 Present
- Motion to Excuse Councilman Anderson by Councilwoman Hagwood
Seconded by Council President Howard
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs - Motion Carried**
- Prayer:** Councilwoman Dorise Hagwood
- Minutes:** September 1, 2020 Regular Meeting
**Motion to Approve by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by
Council President Howard
Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 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: All comments read into the record by Clerk of Council.
Submitted by Ward 2 resident Belinda Hill:

"I spoke with Andrea Mitchell on several occasions and spoke with Elona White and left a message regarding excessive speeding on Meadowlark Lane. My friend had his car demolished by someone hitting it while it was parked in front of my home. My daughter and I both had our sideview mirrors damaged by cars exceeding the speed limit and fleeing the scene. I also have an autistic grandson and fear for his life due to the speeding and traffic. Drivers use this street as a shortcut to Cleveland and other outlying areas to avoid traffic and lights. I have lived here since April, 1992. I have seen the steady flow of traffic increase over the years. I saw on Channel 5 noon news that Akron is using a Speed Table on Edgewood in their city. I believe it was in the Akron Beacon Journal also. What must we do to give that a try on Meadowlark Lane? Andrea Mitchell suggested I get some neighbors together and on the Zoom council meeting but I will try but this is short notice. How do I get on the conference call, if I want to get on? I hate to see

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someone get killed or seriously injured before any action is taken before anything is done regarding the speeding on Meadowlark Lane. Thanking you in advance”

Police Chief stated that he was unaware of the speeding on Meadowlark and they can enforce the traffic over there with Police Officers. He stated he will get on that tonight. He requested that Clerk of Council Joyner forward her information to him.

Order of the Day

- 1. Ord. 2020 - 119 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPOINT SEAN MCLAUGHLIN TO THE POSITION OF FIREFIGHTER IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman Hagwood, Passage by Council President Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED
- 2. Ord. 2020 - 120 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPOINT JARED OWEN TO THE POSITION OF FIREFIGHTER IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED
- 3. Ord. 2020 - 121 COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATTHEW HOWARD**
 TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned to TABLE by Councilwoman Mitchell, Seconded by Councilman Stewart
Point of Discussion by Councilwoman Hagwood
 She inquired if it was Item Number 3 being voted on. Mayor Sellers confirmed it was and she thanked him.
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – TABLED
- 4. Ord. 2020 - 122 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2020 APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – FIRST READ

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Point of Clarification by Councilwoman Hagwood

She asked Assistant Law Director Hughes about Council's clarification on the appropriations. She asked if there is an option to re-vote for there to be a passage vote. Assistant Law Director responded that the vote is completed at this point and be moved to a second read.

5. Ord. 2020 - 123

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

TO CONFIRM AND RATIFY THE GIFT OF LIFE PROGRAM FOR THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS.

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

Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED

Add ons:

6. Ord. 2020 - 124

COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (AS PLANNING CHAIR)

ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF RAYMON TURNER, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MANAGER OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, ON BEHALF OF MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS, REPRESENTING THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, TO REPEAL AND REPLACE PART ELEVEN PLANNING AND ZONING CODE OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY.

Motioned to TABLE by Council President Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell

Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – TABLED

7. Ord. 2020 – 125

COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (AS PLANNING CHAIR)

ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF JOSEPH AYENI OF UNIQUE MOTORS, LLC, REPRESENTING PEARL PLAZA MINI STORAGE, INC., FOR THE OPERATION OF A USED CAR WAREHOUSE AND ONLINE BUSINESS LOCATED AT 20714 AURORA ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 762-27-014.

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

Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 1 Nay; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED

8. Ord. 2020 – 126

COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (AS PLANNING CHAIR)

ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF LEO BELKIN OF CLEVELAND AUTO STORE, LLC, REPRESENTING DMITRY BELKIN OF 5422 E. 96TH LLC, FOR THE OPERATION OF AN INDOOR AUTOMOBILE DEALERSHIP LOCATED AT 4400

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RENAISSANCE PARKWAY, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-05-003.

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

Roll Call: 4 Ayes; 2 Nays; 0 Abs – FIRST READ

- 9. Ord. 2020 – 127 COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (AS PLANNING CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF DAVID BRINK OF ALLEN INDUSTRIES, INC., REPRESENTING JLP HARVARD PARK LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE FOR VALUE CITY FURNITURE LOCATED AT 4095 RICHMOND ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-33-002.
**Motioned by Councilwoman Edwards, Passage by Councilwoman White,
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED
- 10. Ord. 2020 – 128 COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (AS PLANNING CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF WILLIAM AND CHRISTINE BYRD, REPRESENTING THE SAME, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A FRONT PORCH (23 FEET BY 8 FEET) LOCATED AT 19303 WICKFIELD AVENUE, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44122, PPN 761-01-115.
**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White,
Seconded by Councilman Stewart**
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED
- 11. Ord. 2020 – 129 COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (AS PLANNING CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF SAMUEL COSTIUC OF SIGNARAMA, REPRESENTING JLP HARVARD PARK LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE FOR T MOBILE LOCATED AT 4025 RICHMOND ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44122, PPN 763-33-002.
**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell,
Seconded by Councilwoman White**
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – FIRST READ
- 12. Ord. 2020 – 130 COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (AS PLANNING CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF DAVID PARKER OF FLOODS RESTAURANT, REPRESENTING BINTA PATEL OF SAINATH TWO LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A DECK WITH BENCHES FOR SEATING LOCATED AT

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4353 NORTHFIELD ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 761-19-011.

**Motioned by Councilwoman White,
Seconded by Council President Howard
Roll Call: 2 Ayes; 4 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION DENIED**

- 13. Ord. 2020 – 131 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION OF KURT UPDEGRAFF OF WESTON, INC., REPRESENTING WESTON 26111 MILES ROAD LLC, FOR A VARIANCE TO INSTALL FRONT YARD PARKING LOCATED AT 26101 MILES ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-41-018.
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards,
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 14. Ord. 2020 – 132 COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (AS PLANNING CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF KURT UPDEGRAPH OF WESTON, INC., REPRESENTING WESTON 26111 MILES ROAD, LLC, TO INSTALL FRONT YARD PARKING LOCATED AT 26101 MILES ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-41-018.
**Motioned by Councilwoman Edwards, Passage by Council President Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 15. Res. 2020 – 050 COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL**
RECOGNIZING WELCOMING WEEK IN THE STATE OF OHIO TO TAKE PLACE SEPTEMBER 11, 2020 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 18, 2020.
**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White,
Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

Announcements from Directors

Finance Department – Director Karen Howse reported that they are on track with their timeline for the new financial software. She stated they will go live earlier than anticipated in October. Director Howse stated she will provide a more specific date and information on training when she is aware. She reported that she received notice that the City has received additional COVID-19 relief funding from the County in the amount of \$251,000. She shared that soon the Department will have to prepare an audit of how they have used the money received thus far. She reported that they are moving along well with converting to Regional Income Tax

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Agency and CCA has been wonderful with cooperating and providing the information to transfer over.

Fire Department – Chief Herb Waugh wished everyone a good evening. He thanked Council and Mayor Sellers for the passing of legislation for the two firefighters. He commented that they will be excellent additions to the Fire Department. He announced there is a Rescue Squad being built and in its final phase, ready for delivery by the end of the month. He encouraged everyone to be safe and maintain social distancing from others.

Mayor Sellers informed everyone that it will be Economic Development Director Jerome DuVal's last Council Meeting as he has accepted another position.

Economic Development – Jerome DuVal thanked Mayor Sellers for the opportunity to serve this great City and all the teachable moments he has had in the past five years under his leadership, specifically how to become a better negotiator and approach deals. He thanked his Direct Supervisors, Chief of Staff Kelli Wilson and Police Chief Wes Haynes for the work they have been able to do to move the City forward. Director DuVal thanked City Council for their support, guidance and putting the City first. He commented that this is a small City doing big things and the work they have done will further this City decades to come. He wished the City continued success. He announced that he will be relocating to New York to work in the Governor's Office and he does not want anyone to be a stranger if in the area.

Police Department – Chief Wes Haynes wished Director DuVal good luck in his new venture and stated it was a pleasure to work beside him, not as his boss. He said he will miss working with him and their friendship.

Announcements from Directors:

Building Department – Commissioner Ben Brown wished everyone a good evening. He congratulated Director DuVal on his new position and wished him and his family the best in New York. He commented that he worked closely with Director DuVal and it was a pleasure. He stated he learned a lot from him because he knows "a little bit about everything."

Chief of Staff Kelli Wilson announced there will be a social distanced event for Director DuVal at the Senior & Civic Center between 12:30p.m. -2:00p.m. at to please RSVP. She stated that it was great working with Jerome.

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell stated it would make sense that it is a chilly night because her heart is a little chilled. She stated one of the most coordinated people she has ever worked with is leaving. She commented on the conversations she has had with him and his advocating for the City at National League of Cities. She thanked him for everything. Councilwoman Mitchell thanked Chief Waugh on the brand new hires and Mr. White for his service on Civil Service

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Commission. She addressed Ms. Hill on Meadowlark and how hazardous it is when people are driving on the hill. She commented she has heard from several residents about this issue and is appreciative that Police Chief Haynes plans to address it.

Councilman Walter Stewart congratulated Jerome, stating he has been a great inspiration and been a vital part in moving this City forward with his vision for this City. He emphasized the importance of voting and that we are getting close to November. He stated this is probably the most important election coming up since he has been voting. He commented he was disappointed on Labor Day weekend because he saw too many large gatherings without people wearing masks and social distancing.

Councilwoman Elona White wished everyone a good evening. She wished Director DuVal the best of luck and that he has been “a special force” in the City of Warrensville Heights and she hopes he does well in New York.

Councilwoman Dorise Hagwood wished everyone a good evening. She wished Director DuVal and his family “health, happiness and continued success.” She announced that tomorrow is Councilman Stanley Anderson’s birthday and she asked that everyone continue to keep him and his family in their prayers. She asked that everyone stay safe and be well.

Councilwoman Kimberly Edwards wished everyone a good evening. She thanked Police Chief Haynes for his immediate follow-up to one of the concerns with his residents. She stated it has been a pleasure to know Director DuVal and he has been an asset to the community. She wished him continued success in all of his endeavors.

Law Department

Assistant Law Director Keisha Hughes congratulated Director DuVal on his new position and wished him all the best. She wished everyone a good evening.

Council President’s Comments

Council President Howard stated not too many men understand and appreciate wearing a bowtie like Mr. DuVal. He stated he knew Director DuVal was smart when he first met him because of his bowtie and he has exceeded his expectations. Council President Howard thanked Director DuVal for all that he has done for the City and that he is extremely proud of all his work and dedication to the City. He stated Director DuVal did not grow up here but he showed that he belongs here and will always have a home here. He stated that if Director DuVal every needs anything to reach out to him. He commented that he is “sad to see him go but glad to see him grow.” He reported that Safety Committee will meet to discuss the Meadowlark and Longbrook issue. He reported Council will have a Work Session this Saturday at 11:00a.m. via Zoom and he will be sending out an agenda.

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Mayor's Comments

Mayor Sellers thanked everyone for joining the meeting and that he appreciates the updates from everyone. He thanked Director DuVal for the work he has done in the City. He shared he met Director DuVal years ago in another forum and at a time when he needed a new voice to come in and lead Economic Development. He explained that Jerome DuVal came from a very big organization and came to our small City with the understanding of what we are trying to do. He stated Director DuVal has done an excellent job and worked extremely hard to make sure his experience could be utilized in a number of fashions. He thanked him for organizing the Food Bank and all of his other efforts. He commented he has been a great advocate for the entire organization and we are all sad to see him go. He shared that Jerome has a great family and would be at every City event that we had. He commented we will miss him and his family and there will be tough shoes to fill.

**Motion to Adjourn by Council President Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Adjournment at 7:52p.m.**

10-6-2020

APPROVED


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