



## CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 2, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Bradley D. Sellers at 7:00p.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 with stipulation to recognize if she arrives in the Zoom Meeting by Councilman Anderson, Seconded by Councilwoman White**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**Prayer:** Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell

**Minutes:** January 19, 2021 Regular Meeting  
**Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**  
**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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**Live and Emailed Resident Requests and Comments:** No live comments. No emailed comments submitted to Clerk of Council.

**Councilwoman Hagwood arrived in the Zoom Meeting at 7:05p.m.**

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### **Order of the Day**

**1. Ord. 2021 - 017      MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT THE  
NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2021 ENERGIZED  
COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDS.

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**Motioned by Council President Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards  
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**2. Ord. 2021 - 018**

**MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A RENEWAL 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, 2021 THROUGH FEBRUARY 9, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards  
Seconded by Councilwoman White  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**3. Ord. 2021 - 019**

**MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A RENEWAL 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 \$44,840.00 FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 10, 2021 THROUGH FEBRUARY 9, 2022 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5 OF THE CITY'S CHARTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood  
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**4. Ord. 2021 - 020**

**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 Edwards, Passage by Councilwoman White  
Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**5. Ord. 2021 - 021**

**COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**

ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF STEVE DZURANIN OF MOODY-NOLAN, INC., REPRESENTING THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL INCLUDING GRADING, UTILITIES, PAVEMENT AND LANDSCAPING LOCATED AT 4270 WARRENSVILLE CENTER ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 761-17-001.

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**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White  
Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**Superintendent Jolly** thanked Council for approving the project and stated that it is going to be an outstanding building for the community. He shared the building will be three stories with a restaurant, fire academy, Alumni and Sports Hall of Fame etc. He shared they will build on the investments of the past such as the recreation center that will remain and the science hallway. He stated it will be a “jewel” for the community and something they’ll be proud of for the next 50 years. He stated he looks forward to the buildings completed in August 2022. Superintendent Jolly added that approximately 450 children are in the elementary school and school started last week. He reported they have to be careful due to COVID but about 50% of students are back and they are happy and pleased to be back.

- 6. Res. 2021 - 004**     **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AS APPROPRIATE, TO SELL OR DISCARD CERTAIN ITEMS FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS THAT ARE NO LONGER IN USE.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood  
Seconded by Councilman Anderson  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 7. Res. 2021 - 005**     **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 LEASE OF OPERATIONAL SPACE IN THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS SERVICE GARAGE LOCATED AT 18909 MILES ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER OF 762-05-023.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards  
Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 8. Res. 2021 - 006**     **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO APPLY FOR, AND ACCEPT IF AWARDED, THE 2021 CUYAHOGA COUNTY SOLID WASTE DISTRICT COMMUNITY RECYCLING AWARENESS GRANT, 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**

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- 9. Res. 2021 - 007      MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
 SUBMITTING THE QUESTION OF THE RENEWAL OF THE 1.00 MILL RENEWAL TAX LEVY FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AND MAINTAINING STREET LIGHTING PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5705.03, 5707.19, AND 5705.191, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Council President Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood**  
**Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 10. Ord. 2021 - 022      MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PREMIER SOLUTIONS AGREEMENT AND ADDENDUM WITH COMDOC, INC. IN ORDER TO PURCHASE HARDWARE AND SOFTWARE, AS WELL AS RECEIVE PROGRAMMING SERVICES, SOFTWARE INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman Hagwood, Passage by Councilwoman White**  
**Seconded by Council President Howard**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**Add on:**

- 11. Ord. 2021 - 023      MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TRANSFER THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4457-4459 NORTHFIELD ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO 44128 PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBERS 761-19-001, 761-19-002 AND 761-21-020 TO THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS LAND BANK.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman Hagwood, Passage by Councilwoman White**  
**Seconded by Council President Howard**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**Motion for an Executive Session pursuant to ORC.121.22(G)(2) to discuss pending court matters**  
**Motioned by Council President Howard, Passage by Councilwoman White**  
**Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs - Motion Carried**

**Executive Session to occur after Announcements.**

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**Announcements from Directors:**

**Fire Department – Chief Herb Waugh** stated he appreciates the legislation that was passed to sell off the items that are not being used in the Fire Department. He stated they will keep Council updated on

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the items that are sold and/or scrapped. He thanked Finance Director Howse for getting that set up with them.

**Finance Department – Director Karen Howse** wished everyone a good evening. She reported the Finance Department is in the process of preparing for the 2020 audit. She shared it is scheduled for the auditors to complete their field work and reporting starting the end of February and first week in March. She stated that each of the Departments will be contacted and some have already been in preparation. She stated due to the pandemic, most if not all the audit procedures will be done virtually but they may be here one day for the larger documents they need to review.

**Community Development Manager – Raymon Turner** stated he cannot recall if it was Councilwoman Mitchell or Councilwoman Hagwood that asked about widening the Creek, developing a flood plain and if there will be trees planted with the Brentwood Project. He stated he contacted Jeff Jowett, the team lead for Watershed and once the project is completed, they will put in live stakes which are plants that stick in the ground and develop roots along the bank. He explained after that they will be planting trees around the perimeter and it will not look like a project had taken place.

**Civic & Senior Center Director – Director Jennifer Lastery** announced that the theme of this year's Black History Program is *Finding Joy in Our Greatness*. She reported it will be held Wednesday, February 24, 2021 virtually and there will be singing and speakers.

**Building Department – Commissioner Ben Brown** had nothing to report.

**Police Department – Chief Wes Haynes** had nothing to report.

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

**IT Department – Director Eric Posa** thanked Council and the Mayor for the consideration of the IT contracts.

**Announcements from Council:**

**Councilwoman Mitchell** stated that 95 years ago, the nation started celebrating the accomplishments and the existence of what was then known as Negro people for History Week which became Negro History Month. She stated this is something we need to celebrate every day. She reiterated that there are some people that don't want to acknowledge that African-American citizens are people. She shared an example is State Senator Stephen Huffman who last summer made the statement blatantly that the "colored population" doesn't wash their hands as well as other groups. She reported that last month this person was appointed Senate Health Committee Chair and they must do something because it is unacceptable for someone to think let alone say that. She stated that this month is probably the best month for people not born in the skin that she's in to realize this is unacceptable and this person needs to step down.

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**Councilman Anderson** had nothing to report.

**Councilman Stewart** commended Councilwoman Mitchell for taking a stand against that “racist individual” that was appointed as Health Committee Chair. He stated they are living in a time where such comments are commonplace and it is getting bad out here so they have to take a stand. He reported that the insurrectionists are getting a slap on the wrist sharing that a 22 year old woman that coordinated it was just released to her mother but yet a 9 year old African American girl was pepper sprayed and handcuffed by three racist officers in Rochester, NY. He stated that he will support Councilwoman Mitchell 100 percent with whatever she needs. He commended Superintendent Jolly for the excellent work he and the School Board are doing. He remarked that the children are in very good hands and he supports them 1000 percent. He shared that Superintendent Jolly took him on a tour of the elementary school and he was speechless as it is state-of-the-art and they should be proud.

**Councilwoman Edwards** stated that it was good to see everyone and hope they are doing well. She shared that if anyone plans to vote by mail it is not too early to request an absentee ballot application so spread the word.

**Councilwoman White** stated that it was nice to see everyone. She asked Councilwoman Edwards the date of the election and **Councilwoman Edwards** responded that the primary election is scheduled for May 4, 2021 and Early Voting will start in April.

**Law Department**-Director Teresa Metcalf Beasley had nothing to report.

**Council President’s Comments:**

**Council President Howard** stated he is looking forward to the Resolution being drafted by Councilwoman Mitchell and they need to stand “against this foolishness” because it has got to stop. He remarked a person cannot accept foolishness and say they are not a part of the problem. He stated everyone has to do their part, whether big or small and this is their part. He announced Council will have a work session on Saturday, February 27, 2021. Council President Howard stated he will send out an email to start a thread on the ideas Council would like to discuss at the work session. He reported that the budget hearings are scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2021 from 11a.m.-3p.m.

**Mayor’s Comments:**

**Mayor Sellers** thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He stated as the COVID-19 vaccine comes into the community, he wants to educate people about the do’s and don’ts. He commended Superintendent Jolly for getting Warrensville Elementary School open and working through the traffic logistics. He congratulated Superintendent Jolly, Board President Traci Mitchell and the other School Board members for their hard work in ensuring that Warrensville schools are headed in the right direction.

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**Council adjourned from Regular Meeting Agenda to Executive Session at 7:40p.m.**

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**Motion to Adjourn Executive Session and Reconvene to Regular Meeting Agenda by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried  
Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 8:21p.m.**

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**Adjournment**

Motion to Adjourn by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood  
**Adjournment at 8:22p.m.**

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