



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 16, 2021

- 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, Councilman Anderson and Council President Howard
Roll Call: 7 Present
- Prayer:** Council President Matthew Howard
- Minutes:** February 2, 2021 Regular Meeting
Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 7 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.

Live and Emailed Resident Requests and Comments:

Sarah Buduson, Channel 5 News stated that she knows from her conversation with Mayor Sellers that he is unable to speak specifically about the Morrison case. She asked more broadly, should the residents be concerned an ambulance will not get there when they need it?

Mayor Sellers thanked her for her question and shared that they had a long discussion on Friday. He stated that he will respond on the City's behalf. He explained that there is pending litigation going on with the Morrison case and their policy is, and always will be, do not comment during periods of litigation. Mayor Sellers stated he is more than willing to speak to her after the case is resolved. He stated he will defer to the City Law Director to explain what the City's position is.

Ms. Buduson asked if there is anything he would like residents to know about calling 911.

Attorney Beasley stated that she wrote in her email on Friday that they do not comment on pending litigation.

Ms. Buduson asked again if there is anything they would like residents to know about calling 911 in their City.

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Attorney Beasley stated their position is not to comment on pending litigation regardless of how she frames the question. She stated that is their response and thanked her.

Ms. Buduson thanked everyone for their time.

Mayor Sellers thanked Ms. Buduson.

Patricia Young, Resident stated she is concerned about the water that appears to be bubbling up out of what appears to be a manhole near 19600 Miles Road. She asked when it is being repaired.

Mayor Sellers stated that there is a water main break on Miles Road and Cleveland Water has been notified of it. Cleveland Water stated they will dispatch when they can get someone over there to do it. He explained that the City has been salting Miles Road as best as they can but Cleveland Water is the entity that does the repairs. He remarked that typically when it gets cold every City is going to get water main breaks so the City of Cleveland is likely addressing many of them. He stated they just have to wait until Cleveland Water works their way down to Miles Road.

No emailed comments submitted to Clerk of Council.

Order of the Day:

1. Ord. 2021 - 024 **COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF MICHAEL KOVACH OF CROOKED RIVER LAND HOLDINGS, LLC, REPRESENTING THE SAME, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A FREESTANDING MONUMENT SIGN FOR CROOKED RIVER BUILDING SUPPLY, LLC LOCATED AT 19106 MILES ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 762-11-011.
Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

2. Ord. 2021 - 025 **COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF SALLY LEVINE OF LEVINE ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN LTD, REPRESENTING PAMELA JACKSON ALSO KNOWN AS PAMELA RENCHER, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A HOME ADDITION AND DECK LOCATED AT 22519 VERA STREET, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-09-054.
Motioned by Councilwoman Hagwood, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Council President Howard
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

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- 3. Ord. 2021 - 026 COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF JESSICA RUFF OF RUFF NEON AND LIGHTING MAINTENANCE, INC., REPRESENTING GALAXY CORPORATE CENTER, LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A WALL SIGN FOR CHAMPION WINDOW LOCATED AT 4829 GALAXY PARKWAY, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-28-036.
Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 4. Ord. 2021 - 027 COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF CHRISTOPHER SKODA OF SKODA CONSTRUCTION, INC., REPRESENTING JUSTIN ROMEO, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE FAMILY HOME LOCATED AT 4481 DU SABLE COURT, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-08-019.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Council President Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 5. Res. 2021 - 008 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021-005 (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 ORDER TO CORRECT THE ADDRESS OF THE LISTED PROPERTY.
Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 6. Res. 2021 - 009 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION OF HENRY NGUYEN FOR 26700 RUE SAINT ANN COURT, LOCATED IN THE CHATEAUX OF EMERY WOODS, PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 763-08-067, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3735 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.
Motioned by Councilwoman Hagwood, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

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- 7. Res. 2021 – 010** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENGAGE IN A PUBLIC BIDDING PROCESS TO ADVERTISE FOR AND SOLICIT COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR GRASS CUTTING AND CLEAN UP SERVICES ON VACANT OR OCCUPIED AND NEGLECTED PROPERTIES THAT ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilman Anderson, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 8. Ord. 2021 – 028** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO AMEND THE AGREEMENT WITH GEORGE SMERIGAN OF TACTICAL PLANNING, LLC TO PROVIDE MUNICIPAL PLANNING SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021 IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION TO FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$15,000.00), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman Edwards, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Council President Howard
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 9. Ord. 2021 – 029** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A JOINT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF CLEVELAND REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF EXISTING LAND OWNED BY TREMCO INCORPORATED AND TO SHARE THE INCOME TAXES FROM SAID DEVELOPMENT.
Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 10. Ord. 2021 – 030** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 APPOINTING JEROME THOMAS TO THE POSITION OF SERGEANT IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Anderson, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

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- 11. Ord. 2021 – 031 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 APPOINTING THOMAS SCHANZ TO THE POSITION OF SERGEANT IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, 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
- 12. Ord. 2021 – 032 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY COST SHARE AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT FOR THE ANGELA BELFIORE REAR YARD DRAIN REPAIR PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Council President Howard
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 13. Ord. 2021 – 033 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY COST SHARE AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT FOR THE JENNINGS DRIVE STORM SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Council President Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 14. Ord. 2021 – 034 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY COST SHARE AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT FOR THE RESIDENTIAL DYE TESTING EAST GLADSTONE PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 15. Ord. 2021 – 035 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY COST SHARE AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT FOR THE EMERY ROAD POND AND STORM SEWER INVESTIGATION PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

- 16. Ord. 2021 – 036 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE 2021 PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood,
Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 17. Res. 2021 – 011 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO APPLY FOR, AND ACCEPT IF AWARDED, THE SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
**Motioned by Councilman Stewart, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood,
Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 18. Res. 2021 – 012 CITY COUNCIL**
URGING THE OHIO SENATE TO IMMEDIATELY REMOVE OHIO STATE SENATOR STEPHEN HUFFMAN AS SENATE HEALTH COMMITTEE CHAIR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
**Motioned by Councilwoman Hagwood, Passage by Councilwoman White,
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 19. Res. 2021 – 013 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO SUBMIT A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT PROPOSAL BY APB & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION FOR THE SMART AND CONNECTED COMMUNITIES PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
**Motioned by Council President Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood,
Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 20. Ord. 2021 – 037 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO PURCHASE TWO (2) PEDESTAL FOUNDATIONS AND TWO (2) SOLAR POWERED SCHOOL SIGNAL ASSEMBLIES FOR THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ZONE OF THE

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WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT LOCATED ON CLARKWOOD PARKWAY FOR \$16,548.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

Announcements from Directors:

Fire Department – Chief Herb Waugh wished everyone a good evening. He asked that everyone continue to stay safe and check your smoke and CO detectors during cold weather shut-in to ensure they are operable.

Fire Department – Captain Vedder had nothing to report.

Community Development Manager – Raymon Turner had nothing to report.

Building Department – Commissioner Ben Brown had nothing to report.

Police Department – Chief Wes Haynes thanked Council for the passage of items 10, 11 and 20.

Chief of Staff – Kelli Wilson had nothing to report.

Finance Department – Director Karen Howse had nothing to report.

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Mitchell wished everyone a good evening and Happy Black History Month! She is really elated that after a month Mrs. Mosley was brought home and would love to get a call from those that are thinking of her. She asked that everyone be safe and that it is wonderful that she has masks that she's been able to provide to her residents.

Councilman Stewart had nothing to report.

Councilwoman White asked Mayor Sellers if there are any updates regarding the COVID vaccines. He replied that they have been sharing information as soon as they get it from the Governor such as the locations where vaccines are being administered. He reported that the State has pushed it down to the local health boards and they run their individual setups.

Councilman Anderson stated he appreciates the progress on the sewers on Jennings Drive. He remarked that he was tempted to say something when News Reporter Sarah Buduson was in the meeting but he is glad he did not because they are on a fishing expedition. He stated he does not have anything bad to say about the Fire Department, particularly EMS. He shared that EMS has had to service him and they arrived at his home within four minutes and arrived within five minutes for an

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incident with his granddaughter. He commented he is satisfied with his Fire Department and has no complaints.

Councilwoman Edwards asked that everyone stay safe and stay home as much as possible. She commented that she has started to double-up her mask. She shared that someone told her if you dial 211 and ask the question about COVID vaccination they may be able to provide locations where people can go.

Councilwoman Hagwood had nothing to report.

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

Council President's Comments:

Council President Howard wished everyone a good evening and thanked all for attending. He commented that there was an excess of six inches of snow in most areas and he noticed the Service Department did the best they could in clearing the streets. He asked that everyone try to be safe and look out for one another.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Sellers thanked everyone for taking the time to participate in the meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Council President, Seconded by Councilwoman White

Adjournment at 8:39p.m.

03-02-2021

APPROVED


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