



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS

Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES APRIL 20, 2021

Call to Order: Mayor Bradley D. Sellers at 7:03p.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: Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell

Minutes: April 6, 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: Two emailed comments read into the record by Clerk of Council.

Kerano Tucker, Ward 3 Resident

My name is Kerano Tucker and I live in Cinema Park Subdivision, My questions are:

- (1) Will the city provide chemical service to control the weeds (dandelions) along Miles and coming into the development and area connecting to my property?*
- (2) I noticed last year in Aug/Sept the streets in our subdivision have cracks, when are they going to be repaired (we're paying the ASSESSMENT)?*
- (3) Is the contractor coming back to repair (grass seed) in my back yard and my neighbor's?*
- (4) Is the contracting company that replaced all handicap ramps and curbing areas going to re-seed areas?*

Mayor Sellers responded that (1) the resident is speaking of the portion of Cinema Park that is between the houses and Miles owned by Cinema Park LLC which has gone defunct. He reported the lot is still in their name and the County has not foreclosed on it yet so the City has been cutting it. He stated he does not know if Service Director Ted Sims has that on the weed spreading line but he is trying to keep the number down until there is resolution of ownership on that property. He stated he will speak to Director Sims tomorrow. (2) The City has repaved

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all of Cinema Park streets and you are starting to see cracks in the asphalt but you're going to see those. He stated they usually go out and do some crack sealing on the really bad ones. He explained the assessment has nothing to do with the paving that occurred in Cinema Park last year; that was paid out of the General Fund. The assessment was for when the road was constructed the first time, the sewers, electricity and street lights. That is what the assessment is for, not the repaving of the road. He reported that City Engineer Dan Gerson is sourcing out an annual Crack-Seal Program as part of the road repair for the year. (3) There was some damage done to peoples' backyards due to salt leaking from the Service Garage. Mayor Sellers reported that they are tearing out the backyards and doing some reseeding. (4) The City received grant funding to put in handicap ramps and curbing a while ago. He stated some of the seeding did not come up fully so he will have City Engineer Gerson contact the company that did the curbing work to come back and check the reseeding.

Ward 3 Resident

What started out as a great idea has gone bad! Again, this spring, there is a serious concern for the safety of unsupervised children that are turning this park and the entire neighborhood into one big playground/jungle gym. There is consistent disturbing of the peace, destruction of both private and public property, in addition to trespassing...that is spilling over onto, the private property of the Cinema Park homeowners. These unsupervised children have no boundaries. Additionally, what appears to be illegal activity, taking place in the park has been observed.

In this dilemma, individual homeowners are highly apprehensive to speak, with the parents and or guardians of these children and the children visiting the homes of those parents or guardians with their concerns, for the children's safety and the care of the neighborhood. No one really wants to put their name or face on this concern, for fear of the possibility of reprisal. Various members of the community will hopefully attend tonight's meeting to express some of their concerns and what they have witnessed.

Legally, what can the city do to protect the children and property of the residents residing within the Cinema Park Development? What are Councils' thoughts on using enhanced policing; the enforcement of various City ordinances, additional signage at the park, to help to protect; the children, private property, and the property values of the residents residing within the Cinema Park Development? Currently, does the city have an ordinance that requires children under a certain age to be supervised by an adult, while visiting a municipal park? Whatever assistance the City can provide to help alleviate these issues, is greatly appreciated.

Thank You

Mayor Sellers responded that Cinema Park had done what it was supposed to do with young families and with young families comes young children. The city park ultimately becomes the home base for the kids in the neighborhood from ages 6-13. He reported the issues with public property the City has had is tree limbs broken from kids swinging on them, Kool-Aid poured in the water fountain, kicking over of an electrical outlet etc. For the City, it has not been much damaged, they are just really active kids. He stated the kids are mannerable when he speak to

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them. He asked Chief Haynes for his feedback.

Chief Haynes stated he experiences the same thing Mayor Seller's referenced. He stated if there is a particular child, the resident can provide that name and he will make a courtesy call to the parents.

Councilwoman White shared that she spoke to a resident that lives in the area last week. The resident stated that the children are running in their yards and playing on their grass and it is a nuisance to her. She explained to the resident that the children have an 8:00p.m. curfew and she called the Homeowners Association to speak to a Victoria but has not received a call back.

Mayor Sellers replied that they have to get a handle on the situation because he understands people not wanting children running on their lawns. He explained there is an ordinance for a curfew for those of certain ages. He stated they will increase their supervision but it will take some effort from the residents in the development. He asked that Chief Haynes step up the presence early.

Chief Haynes stated if there are in-person Homeowner Association Meetings, he will make himself available to attend one.

Mayor Sellers stated there is a group trying to disband the HOA but he does not know how far that has gone.

Patricia Young, Ward 3 Resident reported that she saw kids sitting in the fountain before there was water in there and a neighbor reported that the kids were playing with electrical boxes. She stated that the people in this community send their kids to the park and around the corner to other peoples' houses that don't watch their own kids! She has never seen parents that just let their children roam the neighborhood totally unaware of what they are doing. Ms. Young remarked that a child is going to get electrocuted or drown over there. She stated it is nothing funny to sit in your house and be disturbed by all of this!

Mayor Sellers responded that Service Director Sims had the electrician put on a water-tight GFI with a cover on it to alleviate the electric problem. He stated kids will be in water! They will throw pennies in and stick their hands in; they are kids and kids are inquisitive. He stated it takes a collaborative effort because these are kids that live in the development as well.

Order of the Day:

- 1. Ord. 2021 - 066 COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
 ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF ALDO DURE OF BE NEXT AWNINGS & GRAPHICS INC., REPRESENTING MICHAEL CIPRIANI OF CIPRIANI INVESTMENT COMPANY LTD., FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE FOR ACE TAX REFUND LOCATED AT 23018 EMERY ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-15-024.
Motioned by Council President Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

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- 2. Ord. 2021 - 067** **COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF CIONE BELKNAP OF AGILE SIGN & LIGHTING MAINTENANCE INC., REPRESENTING WEC 98G-32 LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TWO (2) WALL SIGNS FOR FAMILY DOLLAR LOCATED AT 4042 WARRENSVILLE CENTER ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44122, PPNS 761-12-013, 761-12-014 AND 761-12-034.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Council President Howard
Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 2 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 3. Ord. 2021 - 068** **COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF ASHLEY WASSON OF MARK D. MCCLUGGAGE, AIA, CCS, REPRESENTING JEROME CHAVES OF CHAVES CONSTRUCTION CO. OF MIAMI, FOR AN EXTERIOR UPGRADE WITH BRANDING AND SIGNAGE FOR KFC LOCATED AT 22855 EMERY ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 761-22-034.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 4. Ord. 2021 - 069** **COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF TH, LLC DBA TWISTED HEADZ SMOKESHOP, REPRESENTING EMERY GREEN ENTERPRISE LLC, FOR SIGNAGE LOCATED AT 23081 EMERY ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-01-026.
Motioned by Council President Howard, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards
Roll Call: 4 Ayes; 3 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried- FIRST READ
- *Mayor Sellers initially called Item No. 4 as PASSED. Attorney Beasley called for point of clarification and Clerk of Council Joyner read back the roll call. Item No. 4 was CORRECTED as a FIRST READ.**
- 5. Ord. 2021 - 070** **COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF DON PALERMO OF AUTOBODY PRODUCTS, INC., REPRESENTING PALERMO REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES, LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF TWO (2) WALL SIGNS LOCATED AT 20000 MILES ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 762-14-009.

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

- 6. Ord. 2021 - 071 COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF JEFFREY LUBICH OF HORIZONS INCORPORATED, REPRESENTING THE SAME, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TEMPORARY SIGN LOCATED AT 18531 SOUTH MILES ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 762-16-007.
**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White,
Seconded by Council President Howard
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 7. Ord. 2021 - 072 COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF GWEN PRIDE OF ROYAL BLENDZ BARBERSHOP LLC, REPRESENTING SHORE REALTY GROUP LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A WALL SIGN LOCATED AT 4608 GREEN ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-15-068.
**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White,
Seconded by Council President Howard
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 8. Ord. 2021 - 073 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
ACCEPTING A CERTAIN BID FROM NORTHCOAST LAWNSCAPES FOR THE 2021 HIGH GRASS AND RELATED NUISANCE ABATEMENT SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood,
Seconded by Council President Howard
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 9. Ord. 2021 - 074 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
ACCEPTING A CERTAIN BID FROM FAMILY TREE LANDSCAPE LLC FOR THE 2021 HIGH GRASS AND RELATED NUISANCE ABATEMENT SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Anderson,
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

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- 10. Ord. 2021 - 075 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A RISK MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH INTRINSIC RISK CONSULTING, LLC TO PROVIDE SAFETY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Council President Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 1 Nay; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 11. Ord. 2021 - 076 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN EQUIPMENT LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BEACHWOOD FOR THE TEMPORARY USE OF A FIRE ENGINE TO BE UTILIZED IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS FOR EMERGENCY FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES, 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
- 12. Ord. 2021 - 077 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 PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE UPDATE TO PART ELEVEN PLANNING AND ZONING CODE AND PART THIRTEEN BUILDING CODE OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO EXTEND THE AGREEMENT TO JUNE 30, 2021, 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
- 13. Ord. 2021 - 078 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT AND ADDENDUM WITH OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY FOR THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS MUNICIPAL CENTER BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, NOT TO EXCEED \$11,676.00.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

Announcements from Directors:

Police Department – Chief Wes Haynes had nothing to report.

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Chief of Staff – Kelli Wilson had nothing to report.

Community Development Manager – Raymon Turner reported that the Exterior Maintenance Program kicked off April 1, 2021 and will run until November 1, 2021. He stated that he and Building Commissioner Brown have been working closely on that and have received phone calls. He reported that people have picked up applications but none have been submitted yet.

Human Resources Department – Nicole Johnson thanked Council for passing Item No. 10.

Finance Department – Director Karen Howse had nothing to report.

Building Department – Commissioner Ben Brown thanked Council for the passage of Item No. 8 and Item No. 9 that will allow the City to move forward with the High Grass Nuisance Abatement Program. He also thanked Council for the passing of Item No. 12 that will allow him to update the Building and Housing Code.

Building Department – Operations Manager had nothing to report.

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

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Mitchell wished everyone a good evening and thanked the residents for attending the meeting. She extended a shout out to our neighbor, Village of North Randall that is continuing to grow. She shared that they are moving their Administration into the old Elgin Furniture building. Councilwoman Mitchell asked that everyone think about the Derek Chauvin verdict and that one decision at a time causes people to pause and stop before hurting someone.

Councilwoman White thanked the Cinema Park residents for coming out and sharing their comments and concerns. She encouraged them to reach out to her if they need to.

Councilman Stewart thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Councilman Anderson thanked Chief Haynes for addressing an issue that occurred in his ward and his in-depth follow up.

Councilwoman Hagwood had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Edwards reminded everyone that they are in election season and Warrensville Heights has a levy coming up. She stated if they would like to vote by mail for the May 4, 2021 Primary Election, they need to submit absentee ballots. She reported there is a second Primary Election on August 3, 2021 so if they want to vote by mail, they will need to put in both requests.

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Council President's Comments:

Council President Howard wished everyone a good evening. He jokingly commented that the Cinema Park children putting Kool-Aid in the water fountain was "ingenious." He stated it was wrong but it could have been something a lot worse. Council President Howard stated that the children need to be watched more as a community. He asked that everyone look into House Bill 22 involving expansion of the obstruction of justice. He reported that some of the language is concerning enforcement of people videotaping police, making it a felony. He asked that people reach out to the constituency base that is following this, the State Representative or the Governor's Office to voice their concerns. Council President Howard stated there will be a Committee of the Whole scheduled for the Law Department to provide Public Records Training. He announced that the Economic Development Committee will meet this Thursday, April 22, 2021 via Zoom. He thanked the School District for the meetings they have had thus far concerning the old school buildings. He reported that the plan for the John Dewey building in Ward 5 is to hold the building in case they have to house students there. Council President Howard reported that they plan to redo the baseball fields and hopefully tearing down the tennis court.

Finance Director Karen Howse thanked Councilwoman Edwards for mentioning the street light renewal levy. She specified that it is a one mill renewal levy that is for five years.

Mayor's Comments:

Mayor Sellers thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He commented that there are good things going on in the community and some they need to bring some direction to. He stated he thinks there is some direction now for Cinema Park and some issues are being worked out in the Clarkwood and Granada area on multiple fronts. Mayor Sellers stated there is a street levy that has been renewed for over 20 years that pays for 20% of all street lights and traffic lights. It is important when residents ask about the school crossing lights that need to function and work. He reported that they are going to get 2-4 inches of snow in the next 24 hours so be prepared for that. He announced that the virtual State of the City will be available April 28, 2021. Mayor Sellers reported that the County is opening up its offices on June 1, 2021. He commented the City just wants to move forward. He announced that Councilwoman Shontel Brown who is running for the congressional seat will be having a community clean-up soon. He stated that he knows Superintendent Jolly is looking forward to tearing down the middle school and Board of Education to start construction of those facilities. He reported the high school construction has been delayed six months due to the steel shortage. Lastly, he thanked Civil Service Commissioners Phyllis Tullos and Ed White.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilwoman Mitchell

Adjournment at 8:55p.m.

05-04-2021

 APPROVED



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