



## CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Bradley D. Sellers at 7:03p.m. via Zoom Meetings Application

**Attendance:** Councilwoman Hagwood, Councilwoman White, Councilman Stewart, Councilwoman Mitchell and Council President Howard  
**Roll Call: 5 Present**

**Motion to Excuse Councilwoman Edwards and Councilman Anderson by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**  
**Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**Prayer:** Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell

**Minutes:** September 7, 2021 Regular Meeting  
**Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Council President Howard**  
**Roll Call: 5 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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**Residents' Emailed Requests and Comments:**

**Cynthia Weatherspoon, Ward 4 Resident** stated that she has lived in the 4361 Building in Granada Gardens for about three years. She shared that residents on the third floor are being charged \$50.00 for someone else's trash. Also, she stated residents received a threatening letter that if the new air conditioners they received are turned below 67 degrees, they may incur a \$4000 fine to replace the air conditioner if damaged.

**Building Commissioner Ben Brown** reported there was a Building Committee Meeting on September 13, 2021 to discuss the charges. He shared that the property owner plans to install face recognition cameras throughout the building, including rubbish areas so they can identify specifically who is leaving rubbish in the hallways. The cameras should be installed within the next several weeks. He stated that the city has no control over what Integra Management puts into their lease agreements and what they provide for their tenants. He stated her questions may be better answered by Legal Aid Society of Cleveland that deals with Ohio tenant-landlord

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law. Ms. Weatherspoon responded that she tried to reach Legal Aid Society that morning and “everything’s pandemic” and they’re not answering their phones.

**Councilman Stewart** reported that the phone lines were not working for tenants to call and complain about the trash being left in hallways before a notice was issued about the \$50.00 fine.

**Mayor Sellers** asked why the bags are being left on the floor because he remembers there being shoots and **Ms. Weatherspoon** responded that no one is working on the weekends so bags get backed up in the shoot. She stated some bags also are too large for the shoot. He asked that Building Commissioner Brown set up a meeting to find out what their staffing plan is.

**Council President Howard** stated he is against the residents incurring the \$50.00 fine. There is nothing he can do to change that decision but he wanted to go on record publically that he is against it.

**Alma Jones, Ward 4 Resident** stated she is also a resident of the 4361 Building in Granada Gardens and feels just as strongly as Ms. Weatherspoon does. She reported that she has lived in Granada Garden with her brother for three years. In her first year of living there, the trash room was very accommodating but going into her second year she began to see roaches and bed bugs so they started to just take it out to the dumpster. She reported when calling the tenant phone line she does not get a response. She shared that Integra Management widened the rubbish shoots but they added a door which narrowed it. So, people are putting their bigger bags on the floor.

**Mayor Sellers** stated they have to figure out how the mechanics work so they will set up a meeting. **Council President Howard** stated he’d like to be in attendance and Mayor Sellers replied okay.

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**Motion to Move Tuesday, November 2, 2021 Regular Council Meeting to Wednesday,  
November 3, 2021 due to Election Day  
by Council President Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman White  
Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED.**

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#### **Order of the Day**

##### **1. Ord. 2021 - 142**

##### **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

APPOINTING MICHAEL TSEVDOS TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

**Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

**Police Chief Haynes** announced they are going to swear in a new officer, Michael Tsevdos who comes to us from Bentleyville. Mr. Tsevdos has also worked at Summit County Sheriff Department, Akron University and with the VA Police Department where he was a trainer in K9. He shared that Mr.

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Tsevdos was recommended by the Civil Service Commission and was approved by Mayor Sellers who is also the Safety Director.

**Mr. Tsevdos** introduced his fiancée Erica who is also in the criminal justice field and one of his best friends' parents that have come to support him as he is sworn into the Warrensville Heights Police Department. He stated he hope that he can bring everything to their agency that they're expecting.

### **SWEARING IN OF OFFICER MICHAEL TSEVDOS**

*[Applause]*

**Mayor Sellers** welcomed Officer Michael Tsevdos to the City of Warrensville Heights.

*[Applause]*

- 2. Ord. 2021 - 143      MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO OPERATING AGREEMENT WITH THE YMCA OF GREATER CLEVELAND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Council President Howard**  
**Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 3. Ord. 2021 - 144      COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
 ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF MARK HANNAH OF L3 SIGN & IMAGE, REPRESENTING RENA GOLAN OF DSG PROPERTIES, INC., FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE FOR THE CAPE BEAUTY SALON LLC LOCATED AT 20109 HARVARD AVENUE, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44122, PPN 761-09-014.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Stewart, Seconded by Council President Howard**  
**Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 4. Ord. 2021 - 145      COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
 ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF JONATHON BERNS OF JES DEVELOPMENT LTD., REPRESENTING THE SAME, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE FOR ONYX CREATIVE INC. LOCATED AT 25001 EMERY ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-04-016. 5.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Council President Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman White**  
**Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

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- 5. Ord. 2021 - 146**      **COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF OLGA OSIPOFF, REPRESENTING OVERLOOK SQUARE LLC, FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF A FREEWAY CHANGEABLE SIGN LOCATED AT 4620-4640 RICHMOND ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-27-013. 6.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Council President Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**  
**Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 6. Res. 2021 - 039**      **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO DONATE \$1,500.00 TO THE OHIO UNIVERSITY HERITAGE COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE – CLEVELAND TO ASSIST WITH THE ANNUAL TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman White**  
**Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

**ADD-ONS**

- 7. Ord. 2021 - 147**      **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC. (LIEUTENANTS) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman White**  
**Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 8. Ord. 2021 - 148**      **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO AMEND THE 2021 APPROPRIATIONS TO VARIOUS ACCOUNT NUMBERS IN THE GENERAL FUND AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Council President Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood**  
**Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

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- 9. Ord. 2021 - 149      MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROCARE SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH STRYKER SALES LLC TO SERVICE THE LIFE PAK 15 MONITORS FOR THE RESCUE SQUADS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS DURING THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 TO SEPTEMBER 6, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Councilman Stewart, Passage by Council President Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood**  
**Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 10. Ord. 2021 - 150      MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
 ACCEPTING A CERTAIN BID FROM THE TRIMOR CORPORATION FOR PHASE TWO OF THE CLARKWOOD PARKWAY RECONSTRUCTION AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$607,975.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Council President Howard**  
**Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 11. Ord. 2021 - 151      MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
 ACCEPTING A CERTAIN BID FROM C.A. AGRESTA CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE 2021 ROAD REPAIR PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT NOT TO EXCEED \$737,144.00, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Council President Howard, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood**  
**Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

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**Announcements from Directors:**

**Police Department- Chief Wes Haynes** thanked Mayor Sellers and Council for voting to appoint Michael Tsevdos to police officer. He thanked Mr. White, Ms. Tullos and Mr. Hicks from the Civil Service Commission for their hard work in providing good candidates for the safety forces. He reported this year, the department has brought on four officers and they still have a long way to go because there is a shortage. He reported that the State came in to inspect their jail and the city got “flying colors” without any discrepancies. The jail passed all 117 areas in the evaluation.

**Announcements from Council:**

**Councilwoman Mitchell** stated it is always nice to know where the residents are coming from so their legislation follows the needs of the community. She thanked Ms. Weatherspoon and Ms. Jones for their comments. She advised people to be safe with the COVID variants because they are hitting

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people pretty hard. She asked that everyone keep the family of Rev. Stanley Miller in their prayers as he was laid to rest on Friday.

**Councilman Stewart** thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He thanked the residents of Ward 4 for coming out and voicing their very serious concerns. He stated it is a challenge but he is remaining optimistic. He reported that there will be a tentative date for next year to restart the Granada Gardens Tenant Association meetings.

**Councilwoman Hagwood** wished everyone a good evening and thanked everyone for supporting City Council.

**Councilwoman White** thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

#### Law Department

**Director Teresa Metcalf Beasley** had nothing to report.

#### Council President's Comments

**Council President Matthew Howard** thanked everyone for attending the meeting and thanked the residents who spoke providing their input. He stated he is looking forward to the follow-up meeting and being a part of the solution. He congratulated Michael Tsvedos on the appointment to police officer and that he looks forward to him writing speeding tickets. He asked that everyone be safe.

#### Mayor's Comments

**Mayor Sellers** thanked everyone for taking the time to attend the meeting. He stated he appreciated the enthusiasm of the residents making their issues known. He stated some of these issues are about mechanics but others are outside of the city's jurisdiction. Again, he welcomed Officer Michael Tsvedos because there are other cities he could have chosen. He thanked Civil Service Commission members, Mr. White, Ms. Tullos and Mr. Hicks for their time and effort in vetting individuals so they're not accepting anyone but a person who fits in with character of the city. He acknowledged YMCA Executive Director Michael Carter in attendance and stated he looks forward to continuing the city's partnership with the organization. He shared that enrollment has increased at the elementary school so it is a good problem to have. Lastly, he shared that the First Suburbs Consortium will be celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary and will be hosting its annual meeting at the municipal center on Thursday, September 23, 2021 at 5:00p.m.-7:30p.m.

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#### Adjournment

**Adjournment at 7:57p.m.**

*10-05-2021*

APPROVED



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