



## CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 19, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Bradley D. Sellers at 7:05p.m.

**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:** October 5, 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.

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### **Residents' Emailed Requests and Comments:**

**Meredith Turner, Shaker Heights resident** stated she came to *The Friendly City* to remind everyone that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. On November 17, 2018, Aisha Fraser was murdered by her ex-husband and Aisha's Law, House Bill 3 has been languishing in the Ohio General Assembly for over two years. She asked if Council will support Aisha's Law by calling the chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee, Jeff LaRe at 614-466-8100 and demand that he call a hearing and roll call vote to move Aisha's Law forward.

No emailed comments.

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### **Order of the Day**

- 1. Ord. 2021-159** **COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION 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 4353 NORTHFIELD ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 761-19-011.

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**Motioned by Councilwoman Edwards, Passage by Councilwoman White,  
Seconded by Council President Howard  
Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 1 Nay; 1 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

- 2. Ord. 2021-160**      **COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF NICK BRADAC OF OSPTS/THE OSBORN ENGINEERING COMPANY, REPRESENTING THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC COMPLEX LOCATED AT 4270 WARRENSVILLE CENTER ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 761-17-001.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Council President Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman White  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 3. Ord. 2021-161**      **COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF SKODA CONSTRUCTION, INC., REPRESENTING ISHMAEL MARTIN, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE FAMILY HOME LOCATED AT 26826 RUE SAINT GABRIEL COURT, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-08-079.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 4. Ord. 2021-162**      **COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF SKODA CONSTRUCTION, INC., REPRESENTING JOHN HORTON, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE FAMILY HOME LOCATED AT 4444 SAINT GERMAIN BOULEVARD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-08-044.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Council President Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman White  
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

**Mayor Sellers** acknowledged the Horton family in attendance and asked if they want to stand and speak. **Mr. Horton** thanked Council for voting to pass the construction in Warrensville Heights. He commented that he has been looking at the Emery Woods development since it began and he's retired and glad to be here. **Mrs. Horton** stated she is looking forward to building, becoming neighbors and it is their "forever home."

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- 5. Ord. 2021-163**      **COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF OVERLOOK SQUARE LLC, REPRESENTING THE SAME, FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF PANELS ON THREE (3) EXISTING FREESTANDING SIGNS LOCATED AT 4620-4630-4640 RICHMOND ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-27-013.  
**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. 2021-164**      **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 INTERSTATE DEVELOPMENT LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE LOCATED AT 21901 EMERY ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 761-21-008.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Council President Howard, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 7. Ord. 2021-165**      **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A MASTER SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PARAMOUNT PREFERRED SOLUTIONS, INC. TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS A THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR OHIO WORKERS' COMPENSATION FROM JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2023.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 8. Ord. 2021-166**      **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA FOR THE REHABILITATION OF MILES ROAD FROM EAST OF GREEN ROAD TO THE EAST CORPORATION LIMIT AND WARRENSVILLE CENTER ROAD FROM I-480 TO THE NORTH CORPORATION LIMIT IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, 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**

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- 9. Ord. 2021-167**      **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
 APPOINTING JEFFREY GATES AS THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilman Stewart**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 10. Ord. 2021-168**      **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO PURCHASE FITNESS EXERCISE EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,766.18 FROM SPECIALTY FITNESS EQUIPMENT, LLC FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS LOCATED AT 19700 MILES ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO 44128.  
**Motioned by Councilman Stewart, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilman Mitchell**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 11. Ord. 2021-169**      **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE A DONATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000.00 TO THE BOB NANCE BASKETBALL ACADEMY TO HELP SUBSIDIZE THE COST OF THE ACADEMY’S BASKETBALL TRAINING FOR CHILDREN RESIDING IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Councilman Stewart, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilman Mitchell**  
**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 12. Ord. 2021-170**      **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH FLOCK GROUP, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE, INSTALLATION AND USE OF LICENSE PLATE READERS THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,750.00 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, 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**
- 13. Res. 2021-041**      **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO TRANSFER THE VACANT LAND LOCATED AT 19317 LONGBROOK ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO 44128, PPN 761-15-023 TO THE CUYAOGA COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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**Mayor Sellers** reported that will be the third lot that has been transferred from the Brentwood area. The land bank will be building two houses that will go through Planning Commission and this is the third. **Building Commissioner Ben Brown** reported there are 17 properties in Brentwood and Mayor Sellers stated they are just getting started in repopulating Brentwood.

**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**

**Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

**Announcements from Directors:**

**Civic & Senior Center – Director Jennifer Lastery** wished everyone a good evening. She reported the last Senior Club meeting will be Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 1:00p.m., the last for the year. She announced there will be a football Watch Party at the center on Sunday, October 31, 2021. She shared the cost will be \$10 and participants have to register for the event.

**Service Department – Director Ted Sims** thanked Council for approving the purchase of the fitness equipment for the Service Department.

**Announcements from Council:**

**Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell** wished everyone a good evening and thanked all for attending. She welcomed the new Communications Director Jeffrey Gates to *The Friendly City* and welcomed future residents the Hortons. She thanked Meredith Turner for reminding them about Aisha’s Law. She shared that on WCPN there was coverage on Dollar Stores and how there has been a “massive uptick” on the building of them during the pandemic. A lot of people with disposable income are not shopping there but they are choking neighborhoods that don’t have the disposable income because a lot of people have to go there. She stated they see themselves as helping food deserts but they’re not because they don’t have fresh produce. In Ward 3 of New Orleans, there was a legislator that passed legislation to limit the amount of Dollar Stores in that section of town. She stated they need to think about creating legislation because it is nice to have an option but when it chokes their neighborhood, it doesn’t help us.

**Councilman Walter Stewart** thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He welcomed new Communications Director Jeffrey Gates and the new residents. He stated to Superintendent Jolly and Bob Nance that he fully supports the basketball academy 1000% and it is definitely needed.

**Councilwoman Dorise Hagwood** thanked everyone for attending and asked that everyone stay safe.

**Councilwoman Elona C. White** welcomed the Hortons to *The Friendly City* as well as the new Communications Director.

**Councilman Stanley Anderson** thanked Building Commissioner Brown for taking care of an issue for him today. He stated that often he gets complaints from his constituents about treatment from some

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of the local businesses. He stated his response to them is to be selective about where they spend their money. He commented it is good to hear the good news about the developments in the Longbrook area.

**Councilwoman Kimberly Edwards** stated to Councilwoman Mitchell that she shared a similar story regarding Dollar Stores with the Law Department. She stated hopefully they can have a committee meeting to address the concern because it is discouraging to see so many Dollar Stores pop up. They serve a purpose but that does not mean we have to have five of them in one community. She thanked Meredith Turner for coming out and reminding them about Aisha’s Law and stated she will be calling. She welcomed the Horton family and new Communications Director Jeffrey Gates to the community. She commented that recreational activities is what the city needs and they can count on her support.

**Law Department**

**Assistant Director Keisha Hughes** had nothing to report.

**Council President’s Comments**

**Council President Matthew Howard** thanked everyone for attending. He announced that the Clarkwood HOA has been cancelled for this month and will reconvene in November. He welcomed Communications Director Jeffrey Gates and the Horton family to *The Friendly City*. He thanked the Building Department and Service Department for helping with some of the issues in Ward 5. He thanked Meredith Turner for attending the program. He stated he is looking forward to seeing the development of the Bob Nance’s program and if they ever need a sponsor, he will see what he can do.

**Mayor’s Comments**

**Mayor Sellers** thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He recognized former Councilwoman Deborah Hill and Civil Service Commission members Phyllis Tullos, Edward White and Edward Hicks. He thanked the School Board for their presentation of the new Athletic Complex. He acknowledged Janice Rox from Planning Commission in attendance. He welcomed new Communications Director Jeffrey Gates aboard and the Horton family. He thanked Chris Skoda from Skoda Construction for keeping Emery Woods “high level.” He shared there are six or seven lots left. He welcomed Meredith Turner and acknowledged her long history in public service. **Chief of Staff Kelli Wilson** shared that the Trunk or Treat event is scheduled for October 28, 2021 from 6-8p.m. and will be located in the parking lot in front of the Ohio University Medical School. If anyone is interested in doing a trunk, they are still taking participants. They were originally going to do drive-through but it will be in-person. They are trying to pre-package all candy. Mayor Sellers stated in 2022, they are hoping to continue with all city events.

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**Adjournment**

**Motion to Adjourn by Councilwoman White.**

**Adjournment at 7:38p.m.**

11-03-2021  
APPROVED

  
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