



## CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 21, 2021**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Bradley D. Sellers at 7:00p.m.

**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 by Councilwoman White,  
Seconded by Councilman Anderson  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**Prayer:** Council President Matthew Howard

**Minutes:** December 7, 2021 Regular Meeting  
**Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**Departmental Reports:** Mayor Sellers stated that if Council has 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:**

**Pastor William D. Campbell, Ward 6 Resident** stated he has an issue with Leonard Washington in the Building Department. He stated that Mr. Washington uses the laws for his own purpose. Pastor Campbell stated he received a notice pertaining to a bunch of his broken down vehicles in his neighbor's yard. Mr. Campbell reported there have been numerous issues with Mr. Washington. Mr. Campbell shared that he has a 2021 GMC truck which cost him almost \$80,000 and a 2020 trailer. He stated neither are broken down or being worked on in any yard. He alleged that Mr. Washington came down the street, made a U-turn in front of his house and his wife got scared. He stated he is being intimidated and it is totally wrong.

**Mayor Sellers** replied that the Building Commissioner is not here this evening but he is completely mistaken if he believes someone is targeting him. Mayor Sellers stated it is illegal to have a trailer no matter the age of it and the law has been on the books for decades. If he thinks anyone was sent over to harass him he is completely mistaken. Mayor Sellers stated no one is pleased when they receive an infraction. He stated that although the home next door to

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him is in probate it is considered vacant and Pastor Campbell cannot park his vehicle(s) there. He stated Building Commissioner Brown will contact him.

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**Order of the Day**

**1. Ord. 2021-207**

**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 WARRENSVILLE FD, LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE FOR FAMILY DOLLAR LOCATED AT 4042 WARRENSVILLE CENTER ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44122, PPN 761-12-036.

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

**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

**2. Ord. 2021-208**

**COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF CHRIS SKODA OF SKODA CONSTRUCTION, REPRESENTING GLORIA AITKEN, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME LOCATED AT 4479 SAINT GERMAIN BOULEVARD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-08-024.

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

**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

**3. Ord. 2021-209**

**COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**  
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF CHRIS SKODA OF SKODA CONSTRUCTION, REPRESENTING CLIFFORD BROWN, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME LOCATED AT 4505 SAINT GERMAIN BOULEVARD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-08-015.

**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards,  
Seconded by Councilman Stewart**

**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

**4. Ord. 2021-210**

**MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
AMENDING SECTION 315.19 PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE ALLOWABLE WEIGHT OF VEHICLES THAT CAN BE PARKED IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards,  
Seconded by Council President Howard  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

**5. Ord. 2021-211**

**MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AMENDING SECTION 194.99 VIOLATIONS; PENALTY OF CHAPTER 194 MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016 OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO INCORPORATE GENDER NEUTRAL LANGUAGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White,  
Seconded by Council President Howard  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

**6. Res. 2021-049**

**MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO APPLY FOR, AND ACCEPT IF AWARDED, A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT THROUGH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE 2021 CUYAHOGA COUNTY MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards,  
Seconded by Councilman Anderson  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

**7. Res. 2021-050**

**MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO APPLY FOR, AND ACCEPT IF AWARDED, A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT THROUGH THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT FOR THE 2022 CUYAHOGA COUNTY SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motioned by Councilman Stewart, Passage by Councilwoman White,  
Seconded by Councilman Anderson  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

**8. Res. 2021-051**

**MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION OF MICHELLE GRAHAM FOR 15107 RUBY LANE, LOCATED IN CINEMA PARK, PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 762-08-064, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3735 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards,  
Seconded by Council President Howard  
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

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- 9. Ord. 2021-212**      **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
 TO AMEND THE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENDITURES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Council President Howard**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 10. Ord. 2021-213**      **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
 APPOINTING LAURA MASI CLINE AS HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Anderson, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 11. Ord. 2021-214**      **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CLEANING AGREEMENT WITH JAN PRO, INC. TO PROVIDE CLEANING SERVICES FOR THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS LOCATED AT FROM JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman Edwards, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Council President Howard**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 12. Ord. 2021-215**      **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A RESPOND SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SHOTSPOTTER, INC. TO INSTALL THE SHOTSPOTTER RESPOND SYSTEM FOR DETECTING GUNSHOT-LIKE SOUNDS AND THE LOCATIONS OF SAID SOUNDS IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS FOR THE CITY'S POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR A PERIOD OF TWO YEARS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$128,700.00 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman White**  
**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

#### OLD BUSINESS

- 13. Ord. 2021-206**      **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE, DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO DIRECTLY BENEFIT SUCH PARCELS, REQUIRING THE OWNER OF THE IMPROVEMENTS ON SUCH PARCELS TO MAKE SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU

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OF TAXES, ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT TAX INCREMENT EQUIVALENT FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS, AND RELATED AUTHORIZATIONS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTIONS 5709.40, 5709.42 AND 5709.43, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

1<sup>ST</sup> READ: 12/07/2021

2<sup>ND</sup> READ: 12/21/2021

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

**Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards**

**Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

**Announcements from Directors:**

There were none.

**Announcements from Council:**

**Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell** wished everyone a good evening. She welcomed new Human Resource Director Laura Cline to *The Friendly City*. She stated before the year ends, she wants to acknowledge a councilwoman that has been a friend to her for two generations, Councilwoman Edwards. She stated she has been proud to be on this journey with her. Councilwoman Mitchell commented that one of the healthiest people she knows is still in ICU with COVID so asked that people please be careful.

**Councilman Walter Stewart** wished everyone a good evening and that they have a safe holiday. He commented everyday he is getting a list of names of people that have COVID and it is very unusual. He shared that he is seeing some very unsettling things and a massive surge is expected after the holidays.

**Councilwoman Elona White** welcomed Laura Cline to *The Friendly City* and thanked everyone for attending. Merry Christmas to all!

**Councilman Stanley Anderson** reminded everyone to practice social distancing. He welcomed Laura Cline to the city. He asked that everyone take care of themselves and be safe this holiday season. He hoped to see them back next year. Also, he commented that Building Inspector Leonard Washington is a man of integrity and does a great job. He stated he will speak to Pastor Campbell and see how he can address the complaint.

**Councilwoman Kimberly Edwards** thanked everyone for attending including her daughter Imani Edwards and her fiancé Marquis. She welcomed Laura Cline and wished her the best in her new position. She stated she is excited about ShotSpotter and hopes it will be a tool to help with response time and shooters will be caught leaving the scene. She wished everyone a happy holiday season.

**Law Department**

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

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### Council President's Comments

**Council President Matthew Howard** thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He announced that Friday, December 31, 2021 at 10a.m. there will be a swearing-in ceremony for newly elected officials in Council Chambers. He welcomed Laura Cline to the city. He thanked the residents for attending the Council meetings as it makes the community safer and more people are aware of what's happening. He wished everyone happy holidays and that they be safe.

### Mayor's Comments

**Mayor Bradley D. Sellers** thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He wished everyone happy holidays and the best for the new year. He recognized Phyllis Tullos and Edward White in attendance from Civil Service Commission. He asked that School Board Vice President Ray Freeman come up and speak about the high school/middle school construction project.

**Ray Freeman, School Board Vice President** shared that the project is going ahead of schedule but there has been concerned about the cost of steel and concrete for the athletic complex. They are trying to work out the kinks as there's an overage of 4 million dollars. He stated the whole project will be done in July 2023. He stated the high school will be on the right side of Northfield Rd. and the middle school on the left side. There will be an auditorium that will probably have a mini clinic from Cleveland Clinic inside of it. He reported that the district is trying to acquire a property on Northfield Rd. and Mount Zion Church is in negotiation with them. They are very excited.

Mayor Sellers welcomed Laura Cline to the Human Resource Department of the city. He stated he agrees with Councilwoman Edward's comments regarding ShotSpotter and that it has been around for years. He reported that the license reader cameras will also be going up and are tied into a major network across the county. They want to make sure the City of Warrensville Heights becomes a place where you don't want to engage in criminal activity. Lastly, he acknowledged Janice Rox in attendance from Planning Commission.

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### Adjournment

**Motion to Adjourn by Council President Howard**  
**Adjournment at 7:50p.m.**

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