



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MAY 17, 2022

Call to Order: Mayor Bradley D. Sellers at 7:04p.m.

Attendance: Councilwoman Hagwood, Councilman Williams, Councilwoman White, Councilman Stewart, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Howard and Council President Anderson
Roll Call: 7 Present

Prayer: Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell

Minutes: May 3, 2022 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 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.

Residents' Requests and Comments:

Beverly Lee, Ward 5 Resident stated that two or three weeks ago he and his neighbor attended a Council Meeting to express their concerns and he is returning to say "thank you" because most of them have been resolved. He stated he has not heard anything about the parking sign and the curb where his address was that needs to be repaired.

Mayor Sellers replied that Service Director Sims will address the parking sign and the curb will be repaired as the city is under contract and so repairs are coming.

Service Director Sims stated that they are getting some signs made up.

Cheryl Butcher shared that she is the Regional Director in Northeastern Ohio for The Musketeer Association LLC to stop human-trafficking. She reported that they have been out canvassing the neighborhoods as Ohio is the 3rd state in the country and Cleveland the 3rd in the state for human-trafficking. She reported there will be an event on May 29, 2022 at Lee and Harvard Civic Center. There will be a live production on how sex-trafficking happens and there will be survivors speaking. She added that there are nine programs the association is bringing to the Cleveland area, including gun violence prevention.

Rukiye Z. Abdul-Mutakallim stated she is the CEO and Founder of the Musketeer Association LLC. She stated human-trafficking has become a cesspool that is taking our children on the streets. She encouraged everyone to come to the event they are having on May 29, 2022.

Ray Freeman, School Board Member, Ward 3 Resident stated that high school seniors will be graduating on May 26, 2022 at 6:00p.m. it will be located at the new Childhood Center from the Mt. Zion Fellowship. There was a Dress for Success day held for the 10th graders and Superintendent Jolly had mentors come in to speak with them. The new high school is scheduled to be completed July 21, 2023.

Order of the Day

- 1. Ord. 2022-065** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ADOPT A TAX BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned Council president Anderson, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED
- 2. Ord. 2022-066** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 436 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Council President Anderson, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED
- 3. Ord. 2022-067** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2020-185 IN ORDER TO REVISE THE SALARY RANGES OF VARIOUS POSITIONS OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned Councilwoman Hagwood, Passage by Councilman Williams, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED
- 4. Ord. 2022-068** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF \$2,930,000 OF NOTES, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING (i) A PORTION OF THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING, FURNISHING AND EQUIPPING THE CITY’S MUNICIPAL BUILDING, (ii) COSTS OF ACQUIRING RECREATION CENTER FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED FROM PROCEEDS OF A LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT DATED AS OF FEBRUARY 28, 2011, AS SUPPLEMENTED, INCLUDING BY AN ELEVENTH SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT DATED AS OF DECEMBER 10, 2020, (iii) IN ANTICIPATION OF THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTING ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING GRADING, DRAINING, CURBING AND PAVING, CONSTRUCTING AND

INSTALLING SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, STORM SEWER IMPROVEMENTS, WATERLINE IMPROVEMENTS, OTHER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND LANDSCAPING, ALL TOGETHER WITH THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO, TOGETHER COMPRISING THE EMERY WOODS PROJECT, AND (iv) COSTS OF IMPROVING THE CITY'S TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM BY ACQUIRING AND INSTALLING SIGNALS AND RELATED EQUIPMENT AND DEVICES TO DIRECT AND CONTROL THE FLOW OF VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC ALONG RICHMOND ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motioned Councilwoman White, Passage by Council President Anderson, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood

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

ERROR: Clerk of Council did not call Councilman Howard.

5. Ord. 2022-069

COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)

ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF JAMES BROWN OF JB ORIGINAL DESIGN COMPANY LLC, REPRESENTING SANTOKH CORPORATION, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ONE (1) WALL SIGN AND TWO (2) PANEL SIGNS FOR MOGUL SALON SUITES LOCATED AT 4613 GREEN ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-15-022.

Motioned Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Howard

Seconded by Councilman Williams

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

6. Ord. 2022-070

COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)

ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF DARYL MAPSON OF TRIBE ARCHITECTS, REPRESENTING WILLIAM BYRD, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN ADDITION TO THE HOME LOCATED AT 19303 WICKFIELD AVENUE, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44122, PPN 761-01-115.

Motioned Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilman Howard

Seconded by Councilwoman White

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

7. Ord. 2022-071

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION OF ERIC PATTERSON, REPRESENTING THE SAME, FOR A VARIANCE TO STORE TWO (2) TRAILERS IN HIS DRIVEWAY LOCATED AT 26750 EMERY ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-32-009.

Motioned Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Howard

Seconded by Councilman Williams

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

- 8. Ord. 2022-072 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
 ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION OF LEE LUXEMBURG OF K. HOVNANIAN HOMES, REPRESENTING DANIELLE MILLS, FOR A VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT A TWO (2) FAMILY HOME LOCATED AT 4744 GREEN ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-10-078.
Motioned Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Howard
Seconded by Councilman Stewart
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED
- 9. Ord. 2022-073 COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
 ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF LEE LUXEMBURG OF K. HOVNANIAN BUILD ON YOUR OWN LOT DIVISION, LLC, REPRESENTING DANIELLE MILLS, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO FAMILY DWELLING LOCATED AT 4744 GREEN ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-10-078.
Motioned Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Howard
Seconded by Councilman Williams
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED

Announcements from Directors:

There were no announcements.

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell acknowledged everyone that worked on the Senior Luncheon. She was unable to attend but heard from attendees how wonderful it was. She thanked Pearl Means for her contributions to the community and how it is wonderful to grow up with someone that stands strong in what she believes in. She sent a prayer to her former colleagues and residents of Buffalo as she used to work at Tops Markets and it is an atrocity when people take action on their hate. We cannot let hate win. She congratulated Danielle Mills for the approval to build her home in Warrensville Heights and Council President Anderson who is gaining a hard working resident as she was living in Ward 2.

Councilman Walter Stewart thanked everyone for coming out. He gave a special thank you to the women that came and spoke about human-trafficking. He stated he sees signs of it every day in his ward. He reported sending out an email this morning pertaining to something like that happening two weeks ago. He reported that he got a sad message this morning about a girl being raped in the same building that he saw these signs. He asked Police Chief Haynes if there is human-trafficking in Warrensville.

Police Chief Haynes responded that the Warrensville Heights Police Department along with the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department has been doing stings within the community.

Councilman Stewart responded that he knows that but asked again if there is human-trafficking in the city.

Chief Haynes stated they have been working with the Sheriff's Department and there have been some arrests.

Councilman Stewart stated he was in a meeting and was told Chief Haynes stated there was no human-trafficking in the City of Warrensville.

Chief Haynes stated he didn't recall that.

Councilman Stewart stated he sees signs of it every day.

Councilwoman Dorise Hagwood thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Councilwoman Elona C. White stated it is nice to see everyone and welcomed Danielle Mills to *The Friendly City*.

Councilman Johnny L. Williams Jr. stated the Senior Luncheon was his "virgin voyage" and it was an honor and a privilege to be a part of it. He commended Civic & Senior Center Director Jennifer Lastery and those who helped her set up. He stated he is going to make it his mission to express at every meeting how important it is to not only vote but to be an influencer of voting. He stated whether you believe it or not, our democracy is imperil. He recognized Finance Director Karen Howse for earning the Government Financial Office Association Award for the auditing of 2020.

<<Applause>>

Councilman Matthew Howard wished everyone a good evening. He congratulated Danielle Mills on her project and acknowledged that she worked hard. He commented that the corner is going to be beautiful. He thanked his colleagues that attended the work session last week as they got a lot of things moving. He welcomed YMCA Executive Director Michael Carter and his daughter to the meeting. He congratulated Ms. Means and her family and acknowledged the success of the Senior Luncheon. He hopes the number of attendees grows next year.

Law Department

Law Director Teresa Metcalf Beasley had nothing to report.

Council President's Comments

Council President Stanley Anderson thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He congratulated Finance Director Howse on the award and his good friend Pearl Means. Also, he congratulated Danielle Mills and welcomed her to McCann St.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Bradley D. Sellers thanked everyone for taking the time to come out. He thanked the Musketeer Association for coming to the meeting to enlighten the crowd. He stated in response to the comment made earlier, he commended Police Chief Haynes on the job he does in the city 24/7. He stated that Chief Haynes and his staff are out in the city doing things that they do not know about. He remarked that human-trafficking is everywhere reiterating that Cleveland is 3rd in the state. He stated he is going to make sure he rides for his people because they ride for the people in this city. He remarked they are all public servants and people are depending on them to get things done. He acknowledged the members of Civil Service Commission in attendance Ken White, Phyllis Tullos and

Edward Hicks. He acknowledged Janice Rox and Renee Strong in attendance from Planning Commission. He stated Danielle Mills was vetted quite a bit and was tested while seeking approval to build her home but that it was for a reason. He stated he and Council President Anderson live on McCann St. and do not want any smoke. Everyone gets a fair shot and they do not want any surprises. He acknowledged YMCA Executive Director Michael Carter and Finance Director Karen Howse for their outstanding work. He acknowledged Pearl Means and stated he appreciated her and residents like her run the city. He stated the city is blessed to have the leaders that they do here. He acknowledged Superintendent Jolly and the School Board for their hard work and the importance of us all working in conjunction with one another. He shared that the Memorial Day Parade is coming up and the Summer Fest will be in August.

Adjournment

**Motion to Adjourn by Councilwoman Dorise Hagwood
Adjournment at 7:39p.m.**

06/21/2022
APPROVED


Amber Joyner, Clerk of Council