



# CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS

## Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

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

**Attendance:** Councilwoman Elona C. White, Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell, Councilman Matthew Howard and Council President Stanley Anderson  
**Roll Call: 4 Present**

**Motion to Excuse Councilwoman Dorise Thompson-Hagwood, Councilman Johnny L. Williams Jr. and Councilman Walter Stewart by Council President Anderson and Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**  
**Roll Call: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**Prayer:** Councilman Matthew Howard

**Minutes:** August 16, 2022 Regular Meeting  
**Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Council President Anderson**  
**Roll Call: 4 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' Requests and Comments:**

**Barbara Heard, Ward 1 Resident** stated that she's lived in the city for 44 years raising children and grandchildren and she's loved it. She shared that during the pandemic and after Shaker Heights police officers were responding to calls in Warrensville Heights stating that Warrensville Heights officers were tied up on other matters. She asked if the city still has that partnership with Shaker Heights.

**Police Chief Haynes** responded that they do have a mutual aid agreement with Shaker Heights, Highland Hills, North Randall and Orange Village. If Warrensville Heights officers are tied up on something major, mutual aid is requested.

**Mayor Sellers** stated it's very prevalent now since city departments are down in manpower.

**Ms. Heard** stated that there used to be a Street Club on her street that was effective. She stated now that they don't have a club there numerous concerns with people that aren't following the ordinances such as parking on the front grass and the sidewalks. She asked at what point will the city tow vehicles.

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**Chief Haynes** replied that many new residents are not aware of our ordinances so as a courtesy they are advised of what they cannot do. If residents continue to violate then the police issue a citation. He cannot tow a vehicle unless it has three parking citations.

**Ms. Heard** asked about the rubbish cans that have been on the curb for three weeks.

**Building Commissioner Brown** stated his inspectors go out and if there are rubbish cans on the tree lawn, they tag the door and issue a fine. He asked about the property she is referring to and Ms. Heard stated she thinks it is 19304 Shakerwood Rd.

**Mayor Sellers** stated that Street Clubs are started by people in the neighborhood. He stated some neighborhoods have started Homeowners Associations.

**Councilwoman White** stated that she and Councilwoman Hagwood usually have a ward meeting together so Ms. Heard can provide her information to receive an invite.

**Councilman Howard** stated he has a very strong homeowners association in his ward; it functions outside of him but he is still part of it. He explained they designate people to be street reps.

**Councilwoman Mitchell** stated that the Eastwood Homeowners Association was formed in 1979 so that is how motivated they were. She stressed that the key is to keep people engaged.

### **Order of the Day**

#### **1. Ord. 2022-100**

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

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

**Motioned Councilman Howard, Passage by Councilwoman White,  
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell**

**Roll Call: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – FIRST READ**

**Mayors Sellers** explained that every city is scrambling for police officers and they have a police officer that they're ready to bring on today. He stated for the ordinance to go into effect five votes are needed but there are only four councilmembers present. He shared that one was scheduled to be out-of-town, one was in a car accident and the other had a family emergency. He stated this matter will be a first read and go to a second read at the next Regular Council Meeting on September 20, 2022 unless Council decides to have a Special Meeting. He commented that he is mentioning a Special meeting because police officers are on high demand. If all of these items pass this evening, they will all be on a first read.

#### **2. Res. 2022-033**

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

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ACCEPT THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEN TO THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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**Motioned Councilwoman White, Seconded by Council President Anderson  
Roll Call: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – FIRST READ**

**3. Ord. 2022-101**

**MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE 2021 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL (T.I.R.C.) TO CONTINUE ALL OF THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) AGREEMENTS EXCEPT FOR THE AGREEMENT WITH PROGRESSIVE INTERCHANGE REAL ESTATE, LLC.

**Motioned Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Howard  
Roll Call: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – FIRST READ**

**4. Ord. 2022-102**

**MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT THE 2022 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL (T.I.R.C.) TO CONTINUE ALL OF THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AND TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) AGREEMENTS.

**Motioned Council President Anderson, Passage by Councilwoman White,  
Seconded by Councilman Howard  
Roll Call: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – FIRST READ**

**5. Ord. 2022-103**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

TO APPROVE CURRENT REPLACEMENT PAGES TO THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motioned Council President Anderson, Passage by Councilwoman White,  
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell  
Roll Call: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – FIRST READ**

**6. Ord. 2022-104**

**MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIRE FIGHTERS LOCAL 1591 FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motioned Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White,  
Seconded by Councilman Howard  
Roll Call: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – FIRST READ**

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- 7. Ord. 2022-105**      **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE EMPLOYER  
 DIRECT HEALTH SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE CLEVELAND CLINIC  
 FOUNDATION IN ORDER TO CONTINUE THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS “BE WELL”  
 PROGRAM THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White,**  
**Seconded by Councilman Howard**  
**Roll Call: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – FIRST READ**

**ADD-ON:**

- 8. Ord. 2022-106**      **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**  
 AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS  
 TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS  
 CONFERENCE/INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS, LOCAL 546M OF  
 DISTRICT COUNCIL THREE FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH  
 DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.  
**Motioned Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White,**  
**Seconded by Councilman Howard**  
**Roll Call: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – FIRST READ**

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**Announcements from Directors:**

**Community Development – Manager Raymon Turner** reminded everyone that the second Shred Day is Saturday, 24, 2022 from 11a.m.-2p.m.

**Announcements from Council:**

**Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell** wished everyone a good evening and thanked all for attending the meeting. She hoped that everyone was present to hear the representative from the Warrensville Library Branch because there’s so many great things happening in our library system. She commented that people used to go to Beachwood, Orange and Shaker Heights to use a computer that is state-of-the-art but now people from those communities are coming to Warrensville for meetings and resources. This is who we are. She stated she liked hearing about the numbers of people using the library services and would love to see more of that because they are not a monolith. She told Ms. Heard that it was nice to meet her as she went to school with Dawn. She stated it is always a pleasure to hear from longtime residents.

**Councilwoman Elona C. White** thanked everyone for coming out and stated it is always a pleasure.

**Councilman Matthew Howard** had nothing to report.

**Law Department**

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

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### Council President's Comments

**Council President Stanley Anderson** thanked Councilman Stewart in his absence for putting together the Warrensville Library Branch presentation during Caucus. There was a lot of good information provided. He stated he often gets calls from constituents complaining that they've lived in the city for 30 or 40 years and the city doesn't provide anything for them. He has told them the city cannot bring everything to their door. They have to step outside and discover what the city has to offer. He stated his has driven through the city looking at the rubbish cans on the tree lawns and if he were a truck driver, some cans he wouldn't touch. He has seen cans with the lids aren't closed because there are sticks, metal etc. coming out of them. He shared that he shreds his materials and bags them to put in the rubbish can so materials aren't flying everywhere when the truck drivers lift the can. He added that residents also pile up stuff around the rubbish cans. The drivers should not have to come off of the truck. He stated a little cooperation from the community would help a lot.

### Mayor's Comments

**Mayor Bradley D. Sellers** thanked everyone for their patience and attending the meeting. He recognized Michael Carter in attendance from the YMCA. He commented that the YMCA and Warrensville Library Branch provide many options for the community. He thanked Kenneth White, Phyllis Tullos and Edward Hicks from Civil Service Commission for their due diligence in vetting candidates. He stated he spoke with the City Engineer regarding Green Rd. and if everything goes to plan it should be open by this weekend. The final layer of asphalt needs to be put down on both sides. He reported South Miles was shut down but is now back up in both directions. The city is now working with the Ohio Public Works Commission and the Northeastern Ohio Sewer District to secure the funding to replace the culvert under South Miles. He stated if they're lucky the work will be done by January. He stated the State of Ohio and Sewer District are going to pay 90% of the construction. He reported that the new middle school/high school are progressing and will be completed in May as oppose to July. The old high school will be torn down so you'll be able to see the new high school from Northfield Rd. The students will start school in the new building August 2023. He stated construction of Clarkwood Pkwy. from Green Rd. to Northfield Rd. was divided into three phases. The first and second have been completed, the third phase has started and should be done sometime this fall. The city is expecting Safe Routes to School funding to pay for lighting, crosswalks, sidewalks etc. He stated if residents go to the Solid Waste District website there is a video of how to set out rubbish cans for trash and properly recycling items. Lastly, he asked that residents take advantage of Shred Day.

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### Adjournment

**Adjournment at 7:34p.m.**

*09/30/2022*

APPROVED

  
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