



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS

Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 1, 2022

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

Attendance: Councilwoman Dorise Thompson-Hagwood, Councilman Johnny L. Williams Jr. Councilwoman Elona C. White, Councilman Walter Stewart, Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell, Councilman Matthew Howard and Council President Stanley Anderson
Roll Call: 7 Present

Prayer: Councilman Matthew Howard

Minutes: October 18, 2022 Regular Meeting
Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Council President Anderson
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:

There were none.

Order of the Day

1. Ord. 2022-114

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO AMEND THE 2022 APPROPRIATIONS TO THE GENERAL FUND UNDER THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR UNFORESEEN EXPENDITURES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

2. Ord. 2022-115

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMERCIAL SNOW AND ICE MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT WITH IMPULLITTI LANDSCAPING, LLC FOR THE 2022-23 WINTER SEASON FOR \$28,194.84 PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5

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OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Council President Anderson,
Seconded by Councilman Williams**

Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 2 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED

3. Res. 2022-041

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

ADOPTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY 2017-2022 ALL-HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN AS THE OFFICIAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS.

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

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 announced that the Senior Club meeting has been rescheduled to November 15, 2022; it will be the last meeting of the year. She shared November 17, 2022 at 6:30p.m. is the Giving Thanks Gospel Concert so come out and join them as they welcome the Thanksgiving season.

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell wished everyone a good evening and thanked attendees for coming out. She stated if they have not voted grab some friends that may not be able to go to the polls and ride down. There is a constant flow of people at the Board of Elections and they need to have their voices out there. She commented that it's interesting that the State of Ohio passed legislation that people who work at the elections have to fill out paperwork as if they're full-time employees. She remarked all they're going to do is shred the paperwork after the election. That slipped right under the rug and it's done just to make it difficult for people to participate. As many people as possible need to vote. She stated it is important that people know what the rules are for putting out the trash cans early or mattresses the day after rubbish collection. It is just not acceptable. She thanked Ward 2 resident, Janice Rox for being a community leader because she knows how passionate she is about these issues. She announced there will be a letter writing campaign for anyone who is concerned about how others behave in the city. She shared Police Chief Haynes had asked for letters for two reasons. Family Dollars are trying to sell alcohol and they already know that they can't even keep the aisles clear! In order to have some type of strength, they need to have the strength of the community behind them. She stated the second reason is egregious and she'd like to thanked Building Commissioner Brown, Councilman Howard and Police Chief Haynes for addressing the matter. She reported the Sunday before last she spotted approximately 50 cars in the Harvard Rd. parking lot at 3:00p.m. Councilwoman Mitchell stated the former Quiet Storm bar has not obtained a liquor license yet people were in and out of that place like they were giving away free beer! She stated to his credit, Police Chief Haynes had his officers record images on their body cameras to get footage of this. People who were just sloppy drunk

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without a permit. She stated this is unacceptable and Police Chief Haynes had agreed to accept letters so advised them to tell their neighbors. They need to start voicing who they are and where they are.

Councilman Walter Stewart thanked attendees for coming out. He asked that everyone be safe and have a good evening.

Councilwoman Dorise Thompson-Hagwood wished everyone a good evening and thanked them for coming out and advised them to stay safe.

Councilwoman Elona C. White wished everyone a good evening. She commented that Trunk or Treat was a success and she had never seen that many children out. The event was so well-managed and people enjoyed themselves; it was spectacular. She thanked the Mayor and his staff.

Councilman Johnny L. Williams Jr. gave kudos to the Directors because he was wowed by the Trunk or Treat event. It really touched his heart to see the eyes of the young people, the safe environment and the lighting made it a wonderful event. He shared a term he hadn't heard before until recently was "election denier." He stated he had never been more fearful about democracy and their ability to vote. He stated he is not a hyperbolic person but it is not hyperbole to say they are on a downward trend. He commented that there is a lack of policing the ballot box. There are 19 states in which Governors are running for election who are election deniers. He shared there are 10 states in which the Attorney Generals running are election deniers. There 12 states where the Secretaries of State are running for office who are election deniers. All of them may not get through but some of them will and they are looking to disrupt their ability to vote. He reported there are 190 potential representatives running for the U.S. House of Representatives that are election deniers. They don't believe the 2020 Election was valid. He shared there are 14 potential Senators who are election deniers running for office. He stated he has never been a fearful person but he has never been more fearful relative to their voting. He stated he wanted this information as a matter of record.

Councilman Matthew Howard thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He shared there is a new voting location on Northfield Rd. at the new Early Childhood Learning Development Center that used to be a church. He stated he failed to make this announcement at the Clarkwood Estates HOA meeting. He shared he's been in contact with councilmembers from other municipalities and there had been conversation about Amazon. He reported that they are allowing flex drivers to deliver packages around the clock so a resident can have someone walking up their driveway at 2:00a.m., 3:00a.m. or 4:00a.m. in the morning. He stated just because someone has on a vest doesn't mean that they work for Amazon. He stated news regarding this issue may be popping up in the community. He reported that California outlawed Affirmative Action a number of years ago and 10 or 12 other states have followed suit. That is something that they need to look out for. He shared he will not be at the next meeting but he hopes everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving.

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Law Department

Law Director Teresa Metcalf Beasley had nothing to report.

Council President’s Comments

Council President Stanley Anderson had nothing to report.

Mayor’s Comments

Mayor Bradley D. Sellers thanked everyone for taking the time to come out. He acknowledged the members from Civil Service Commission in attendance, Phyllis Tullos and Edward Hicks. He recognized Janice Rox and Renee Strong from Planning Commission. He commented that Trunk or Treat went outstandingly well. He thanked the OSU Heritage College Medical School for spearheading Trunk or Treat along with the Cleveland Clinic. He thanked his staff, particularly the Service Department. He stated it is the best place to be in the city for Halloween. He remarked that not only the children but the parents come up and tell you they like it because it’s quick, safe and they feel comfortable participating. He shared that next year there will be enhancements and additional amenities. He heard that 85% of the children were from Warrensville and that other communities are having Trunk or Treats now but not as many people are participating. He encouraged people to vote because everything has an impact. He stressed the importance of electing people who are sensible because there are people that cannot disseminate fact from fiction. He commented that the turnout from the Democratic Party has been outstanding and they’ll have to see how things turn out.

Adjournment

Adjournment at 7:21p.m.

11-15-2022

APPROVED


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