



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS

Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 6, 2022

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

Attendance: Councilman Johnny L. Williams Jr., Councilwoman Elona C. White, Councilman Walter Stewart, Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell, Councilman Matthew Howard, and Council President Stanly Anderson
Roll Call: 6 Present

Motion to Excuse Councilwoman Dorise Thompson-Hagwood by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Howard
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

Prayer: Councilman Walter Stewart

Minutes: November 15, 2022 Regular Meeting
Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Williams
Roll Call: 3 Ayes; 0 Nays; 3 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:

Janice Rox, Ward 1 acknowledged Service Director Ted Sims and expressed appreciation to the Service Department for all they have done for her as a resident. She shared that they took her dog away when he died and brought her a memorial rock to paint and put outside her home.

Service Director Ted Sims thanked Ms. Rox for her words and for the monetary gift for the department.

Ms. Rox acknowledged Lieutenant Mark McCary and the Fire Department for their assistance when her husband had an accident in the yard and the incident when her "mind checked out."

Lieutenant Mark McCary thanked Ms. Rox for her words and for the monetary gift for the department.

Ms. Rox acknowledged Lieutenant Randy Sobczyk and the Police Department because although she has never had to call them, she appreciated all the work they did.

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Robert Tift, Ward 3 inquired about a home that experienced fire damage on Marvin Rd.

Building Commissioner Ben Brown reported that the house caught on fire at the end of October. They did have insurance on the property and the insurance company just submitted a check for the fire damage. He stated he will reach out to the owner to see what their plan is, whether to demolish the house or raise it. He commented that it really needs to be demolished due to the amount of fire damage.

Mr. Tift replied something definitely should be done before someone gets in there and starts to squat. He thanked Building Commissioner Brown and Councilwoman White for the work they do and communicating with him. He shared that he was caught off guard when the leaves were picked up a little early. He asked if there could be pick-up for an extra week or two until the end of November.

Service Director Sims replied that the department started on October 1st and after the first snowfall they stopped picking up. Since it was a light snowfall, they started back up again and asked residents if they had leaves to bag them up to be taken care of. He stated if there are still leaves, he'll send somebody over.

Mr. Tift wished everyone Happy Holidays and then asked if the speeding can be tapped down on. He shared that signs were put up but people are still not abiding by them but most of the time it's been okay.

Order of the Day

**Motion to Suspend the Rules for Every Item with the EXCEPTION of Item No. 5, 7, 14 and 22 by Council President Anderson, Passage by Councilman Williams, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

Legislation read onto the record by Assistant Law Director Keisha Hughes

NEW BUSINESS

1. Ord. 2022-119 **COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF JOHN BRUYERE OF SOUTH POINTE HOSPITAL, REPRESENTING THE CLEVELAND CLINIC HEALTH SYSTEM, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF 20 TEMPORARY BANNER SIGNS ON 10 UTILITY POLES LOCATED ALONG HARVARD AND WARRENSVILLE CENTER ROADS NEAR 20000 HARVARD ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128.

2. Ord. 2022-120 **COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF ISHMAEL MARTIN, REPRESENTING YRM CORP, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME LOCATED AT 19225 SUNSET DRIVE, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44122, PPN 761-05-058.

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- 3. Ord. 2022-121** **COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF ISHMAEL MARTIN, REPRESENTING G&M INVESTMENTS LLC, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME LOCATED AT 22711 VERA STREET, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-10-040.
- 4. Ord. 2022-122** **COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL**
ADDING SECTION 1378.042 TENANT’S RIGHT TO ASSERT TENDER OF RENT AS A DEFENSE TO EVICTION TO CHAPTER 1378 LANDLORDS AND TENANTS OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 5. Ord. 2022-123** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE OHIO LABOR COUNCIL, INC. (LIEUTENANTS) FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
**Motioned Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Williams,
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**
- 6. Ord. 2022-124** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
RESCINDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2022-020 (AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE THREE (3) 2020 F-350 CREW CAB TRUCKS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$250,000.00 FROM VALLEY FORD TRUCK, INC. PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 7. Ord. 2022-125** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE THREE (3) 2023 F-550 CREW CAB TRUCKS FOR AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000.00 FROM VALLEY FORD TRUCK, INC. PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VI, SECTION 5 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
**Motioned Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White
Seconded by Councilman Howard
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – MOTION CARRIED**

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- 8. Ord. 2022-126** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA FOR THE RESURFACING OF EMERY ROAD FROM MERRYGOLD BOULEVARD TO THE EAST CORPORATION LIMIT IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 9. Ord. 2022-127** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
APPOINTING SQUIRES PATTON BOGGS LAW FIRM TO SERVE AS BOND COUNSEL FOR THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 10. Ord. 2022-128** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MAS FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES, LLC TO SERVE AS THE MUNICIPAL FINANCE ADVISOR TO THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 11. Res. 2022-043** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO RECEIVE REAL PROPERTY TAX ADVANCES FOR TAX YEAR 2022 AND COLLECTION YEAR 2023 FROM THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 12. Res. 2022-044** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF JANICE ROX TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 13. Res. 2022-045** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF RENEE STRONG TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
- 14. Res. 2022-046** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE DISPOSITION AND POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF THE WESTWOOD SCHOOL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 19000 GARDEN BLVD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER OF 762-04-010.

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

15. Ord. 2022-129 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS
TEMPORARILY APPROPRIATING FUNDS NECESSARY TO MEET THE FIRST
QUARTER EXPENDITURES FOR THE OPERATIONS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE CITY
OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023, AND DECLARING AN
EMERGENCY.

16. Ord. 2022-130 THE CITY COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO A
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SE BLUEPRINT, INC., AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

ADD-ONS

17. Ord. 2022-131 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS
CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TERESA METCALF BEASLEY OF
MCDONALD HOPKINS LLP AS LAW DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE
HEIGHTS FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

18. Res. 2022-047 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
MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

19. Res. 2022-048 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 2023 CUYAHOGA COUNTY
SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

OLD BUSINESS

20. Ord. 2022-116 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS
AMENDING SECTION 545.21 REMOVAL AND ABANDONMENT OF SHOPPING
CARTS OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO

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INCREASE THE RECOVERY FEE FOR IMPOUNDED SHOPPING CARTS AND ALLOW ADDITIONAL OPTIONS FOR THE CITY TO DISPOSE OF UNCLAIMED SHOPPING CARTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

FIRST READ: 11/15/2022

SECOND READ: 12/06/2022

21. Ord. 2022-117

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AMENDING SECTION 1377.08 REQUIRED DWELLING UNIT FACILITIES OF THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CODIFIED ORDINANCES IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF COMPLETE KITCHENS OR KITCHENETTES IN A DWELLING UNIT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

FIRST READ: 11/15/2022

SECOND READ: 12/06/2022

22. Ord. 2022-118

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO ESTABLISH A SIX(6) MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE AND PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR ZONING, OCCUPANCY AND/OR BUILDING PERMIT APPROVALS FOR SMALL BOX DISCOUNT STORES AND THE ISSUANCE OF SUCH APPROVALS IN THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

FIRST READ: 11/15/2022

SECOND READ: 12/06/2022

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

Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 Abs – MOTION CARRIED

23. Res. 2022-042

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SHELLI LEWIS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

FIRST READ: 11/15/2022

SECOND READ: 12/06/2022

Announcements from Directors:

There were none.

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Andrea Mitchell stated Season Greetings! She acknowledged Ms. Rox stating that she is amazing and thanked her for her kind words. She remarked to Mr. Tift that she was glad things were quieting down in his part of the neighborhood. She shared that on November 15-20, 2022, she had the opportunity to travel to the National League of Cities conference in Kansas City, Missouri. She shared that she learned about the 49 tiny home village for previously homeless veterans. It is within the city

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limits and the only village in the country to be as the other are outside of city limits. They are treated like residents of the city and have all their rights. The villages have given the veterans a confidence and has kept them engaged as part of the community. She reported that many of the veterans are able to obtain permanent housing and come back to volunteer. There are seven total villages across the nation and the impact is astounding. She shared she attended the National Black Caucus- Local Elected Officials events and there was unity, support and love in that room from across the country. She had never been to a meeting that full and all were in support their brothers and sisters in Georgia. She recommended that anyone who has the opportunity to go the conference to please go.

Councilman Walter Stewart thanked everyone for coming out and wished them a good evening.

Councilwoman Elona C. White thanked everyone for coming out including resident, Robert Tift. She wished Mayor Sellers who will be turning 60 an early Happy Birthday.

Councilman Johnny L. Williams Jr. acknowledged Janice Rox and Renee Strong stating that Warrensville is privileged to have people like them and others serving the community.

Councilman Matthew Howard wished everyone a good evening. He stated he is excited for year 2023 as 2022 comes to an end. He congratulated Janice Rox and Renee Strong regarding their reappointment to Planning Commission and welcomed Shelli Lewis. He shared that he attended the National League of Cities conference as well. He shared he attended a Racial Equity & Leadership workshop and was interested in the Community and Economic Development Committee. Councilman Howard stated he spent a lot of time with the National Black Caucus- Local Elected Officials and they had the most workshops out of all the constituency groups he's interested in. He shared some of the discussion involved contract inclusion and minority participation on all public dollars; reentry programs for ex-offenders; and SEE-Safety, Education and Economics within our community. Lastly, he shared that with the National Black Caucus, they are District 4 of the organization and the District Leader is Councilman Joe Jones from the City of Cleveland.

Law Department

Assistant Law Director Keisha Hughes had nothing to report.

Council President's Comments

Council President Stanley Anderson wished everyone a good evening. He shared that he attended the National League of Cities conference as well. He commented it is always a joy to be there and that they try to team them up with other small cities. He shared in conversation you learn a lot and gain ideas that you can bring back and try to implement them. It is a worthwhile organization. He stated he did not choose to seek any office within the organization because he feels he has enough to do right now but hats off to Joe Jones for being elected to that position. He stated he was thankful for being able to attend the conference and that everyone enjoy the holidays.

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Mayor's Comments

Mayor Bradley D. Sellers thanked everyone for taking the time to come out. He recognized Phyllis Tullos, Edward Hicks and Kenneth White from the Civil Service Commission. He recognized School Board Member Ray Freeman and Superintendent Donald Jolly who was present earlier and stated that they have worked to bring the district into a term of compliance. He shared that the new middle school and high school will open up August 2023.

Mr. Freeman reported that the old high school is being abated June 2023 and should be down July 2023.

Mayor Sellers congratulated Ms. Rox and Ms. Strong on their reappointment to the Planning Commission and stated they are vital to the community. He reported that all the union agreements have been solidified and done without a labor strike. He stated the passage of the moratorium will allow the sitting to analyze what is going on with the small box retail stores and how they would be positioned in this community. He congratulated Nicole Harris and Raymon Turner of the Community and Economic Development Department for getting the planning grant submitted to the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission to look at the John Dewey property. They will look at if it is feasible to make it an extension of Green Road Park after it's raised. He shared that the funds for the Cuyahoga County Block Grants will be used for additional lighting at the intersection of Richmond Rd. and Harvard Rd. Lastly, he wished everyone Happy Holidays!

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Councilwoman White

Adjournment at 7:47p.m.

12-20-2022

APPROVED


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