



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 19, 2019

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

Attendance: Councilwoman Hagwood, Councilwoman Edwards, Councilwoman White, Councilman Stewart, Councilman Howard, Councilman Anderson and Council President Mitchell

Roll Call: 7 Present

Prayer: Councilwoman Hodge-Edwards

Minutes: February 19, 2019 Regular Meeting
Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Anderson
Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs

Residents' Requests and Comments:

Traci Mitchell, President of Warrensville Heights School Board, 19118 Shakerwood Road. She stated she is here on behalf of the Warrensville Heights City School Board to provide two updates on the building flood at the high school. She reported the adjusters have come in and approved the work so it will begin at the latter part of this week and completed by early March. She stated that the adjusters are still reviewing the bids for their preferred vendor for the gym floor and the work will begin as soon as they receive approval. She added that they are estimating the completion of the gym floor by early May. She invited everyone to attend the School Board meetings; the next meeting is tomorrow evening at 6:30p.m. in Room 154 of the high school. She thanked the Mayor.

Francine Wahome, 19606 Harvard Avenue. She stated people have asked her about the townhouses on Emery and they want to know if you can purchase them, rent or are they for people age 55 and over. She asked where they can go for information.

Mayor Sellers asked Ms. Wahome which townhouses she was referring to and she replied the ones toward CVS. He stated those are the Newport Square townhomes and those are rentals. He stated there should be a number to call posted by the gate.

Jerome DuVal, Economic Development Director stated that he will provide Ms. Wahome with the number.

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Ed Chambers, 19506 Kings Highway. He discussed that we had a Municipal Bond Levy that passed very highly. He reported a situation where they importuned the bond people to set a certain amount of bond aside for the citizens of Warrensville Heights to purchase. He stated there was supposed to be three purchases period; one has already passed and he learned today that there will only be one left in the Fall of this year. He stated his main concern is the precision they were going to use to sell the bonds. He remarked that he did not want them to sell the bond to people on a slope of the curve but buy in on a linear curve or a straight line curve. He stated if you buy on a straight line curve you get the benefit of all the fraction of the pot. He stated on the straight line curve you are getting the amount that you purchase versus the length of time that you have the bond and that will give you better yield by purchasing it that way. He explained the yield is non-taxable and so most people buy bonds for income not for growth. He remarked that most times when you go in to this sort of thing you buy it for growth and income but a municipal bond is really for income.

He stated if you want to go further on that it will be a good idea to get Mr. Patinsky, a general advisor at UBS (Union Bank of Switzerland) to give you an article in your newsletter so a citizen can read it and understand it, not solely by him speaking about it. He explained because he is not an employee of that system it is a good idea to get Mr. Patinsky.

Mayor Sellers asked if anyone knew how many bonds they are selling in this last--
Ray Freeman, Vice-President of Warrensville Heights School Board interjected the answer of \$5,000, and then he stated \$1,000.

Teresa Metcalf Beasley, Law Director asked if that is the total amount.

Ray Freeman replied the minimum was at \$5,000 unless they changed it.

Mr. Chambers confirmed that the minimum purchase amount is \$5,000.

Ray Freeman added that he does not know what the total amount is but he can find out.

Order of the Day:

The Council requested to suspend the rules by unanimous consent.

The Motion:

The members of City Council requested to suspend the rules by unanimous consent which was read by Attorney Beasley.

Motioned by Councilwoman Hodge-Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood

Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

1. Ord. 2019-016

Mayor Bradley D. Sellers

Authorizing the Administration to apply for, and accept if awarded, the 2019 Fire Department Individual Equipment Grant and execute any required agreements for said grant, and declaring an emergency.

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- 2. Ord. 2019-017** **Councilman Howard (as Planning Chair)**
Accepting the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the application of David Cooper of Harsax, Inc., representing Interstate East, Ltd., for the construction of a new approximately 20,200 square foot building to be located at 26901 Miles Road, Warrensville Heights, Ohio 44128, PPN 763-42-005.
- 3. Ord. 2019-018** **Mayor Bradley D. Sellers**
Amending Ordinance Number 2019-015 in order to revise and add salary ranges for various positions within the Fire Department of the City of Warrensville Heights, and declaring an emergency.
- 4. Ord. 2019-019** **Mayor Bradley D. Sellers**
Authorizing the Administration of the City of Warrensville Heights to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (Sergeants) for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020, and declaring an emergency.
- 5. Ord. 2019-020** **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, 2018 through December 31, 2020, and declaring an emergency.
- 6. Ord. 2019-021** **Mayor Bradley D. Sellers**
Authorizing the Administration of the City of Warrensville Heights to enter into a Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (Patrol Officers) for the period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020, and declaring an emergency.
- 7. Ord. 2019-022** **Mayor Bradley D. Sellers**
Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Ohio Workers' Compensation State Fund Management Service Agreement with Paramount Preferred Solutions, Inc. from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019, and declaring an emergency.
- 8. Ord. 2019-023** **Mayor Bradley D. Sellers**
Authorizing the Administration of the City of Warrensville Heights to enter into a Personal Services Agreement with BTE Enterprises Company, LLC to

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provide professional consulting services to supplement the Economic Development Department.

9. Ord. 2019-024

Mayor Bradley D. Sellers

Authorizing the Mayor to trade in a 2010 Ford 150 Truck previously used by the Fire Department to Montrose Ford and receive \$11,000.00, and purchase a 2016 Ford 150 truck for use in the Fire Department of the City of Warrensville Heights, and declaring an emergency.

10. Res. 2019-011

Mayor Bradley D. Sellers

Authorizing the Administration of the City of Warrensville Heights to enter into negotiations with Thorson Baker & Associates to provide engineering services to assist the City of Warrensville Heights with various phases of the construction process involving the Warrensville Heights City School District, and declaring an emergency.

Announcements from the Directors:

Fire Department – Chief Waugh had nothing to report.

Economic Development – Director Jerome DuVal stated there was a project that came to the community four months ago which was a competitive grant process through the County’s Block Grant. He reported that the City was awarded \$50,000, the full amount they were seeking and he is excited to say that Warrensville Heights will be the home of a new Exercise Park located right in front of Eastwood. He displayed a concept drawing and he acknowledged Raymon Turner, the Community Development Manager who really put a lot in to the grant.

Chief of Staff – Kelli Wilson had nothing to report.

Police Department - Lieutenant Cook had nothing to report.

Communications/Activities Department –Director June Scharf stated that Jerome DuVal provided a “soft announcement” about the Exercise Park but there will be more publicity to come.

Building Department – Commissioner Ben Brown had nothing to report.

Service Department – Director Ted Sims had nothing to report.

Civic & Senior Center – Director Jennifer Lastery announced that the Black History Month Program on February 20th will begin at 6:00p.m. with refreshments and we are going to be celebrating black gospel music starting promptly at 7:00p.m. She shared she is excited about

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the event and that all are welcome. She stated on February 26th from 2:30-4:00p.m., AARP will be doing a presentation on fraud watch so all seniors that are looking to learn about fraud and how to avoid it are welcome to attend. She reported that March 20th, they are going on the Cavaliers fan bus to the Cavs versus Milwaukee Bucks game. She stated that they are excited about the game and tickets are \$50 so you can come down to the Center and sign up as soon as possible.

Strategic Initiatives – Director Carnetta Fellows had nothing to report.

Finance Department – Director Karen Howse reported that the auditors are present and have started their audit today and they will be working through the balance of this month. She stated she wanted to make a formal announcement but will also be sending an email to that effect.

Law Department – Director Teresa Metcalf-Beasley had nothing to report.

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Edwards thanked Mr. Chambers for coming to the meeting and sharing good information with us, talking to us about opportunities we may not have considered.

Councilman Stewart had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Hagwood had nothing to report.

Councilman Howard reported that the Clarkwood Estates Association will be reconvening March 28, 2019 at 7:00p.m. He stated he has the Association President in attendance tonight, Ms. Joanie Cooper and Mayor Sellers will be our guest speaker at the meeting. Also, he stated that he was contacted by a young man at the Construction Employers Association and asked to be a part of his forum. He stated that it is also being hosted by the Warrensville Alumni Foundation Ace Mentoring Program, Maple Heights Mayor Annette Blackwell and by Highland Hills Mayor, Michael Booker. He explained that their purpose is to get more young people involved in construction and building trades. Councilman Howard shared that he went through a five year apprenticeship program and it changed his life. He stated that he did not know where he was going and that at one time he wanted to be a ball player, a rapper and a DJ but he was not the best at it

<<Laughter>>

He stated that he had to make other plans and he stressed the importance of having a fall back plan like being a barber or beautician. He stated that he is going to share his experiences and believes the event will have a very nice turnout. He announced the date will be Tuesday,

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February 26, 2019 at Warrensville Heights High School from 5:30-7:00p.m. so if you know someone who is interested have them come out.

Councilman Anderson had nothing to report.

Councilwoman White had nothing to report.

Council President Mitchell thanked everyone for coming out and all the residents that asked questions and shared information. She wished everyone a Happy Belated Valentine's Day and thanked the Mayor and staff for the candy bars. She stated that it is really wonderful that the Eastwood Park was approved. She shared in 1969 the community approached the former Brentwood Hospital and requested that the land be a park in the neighborhood and not the parking space that they had planned. She commented that to see what was originally planned to be a parking space become a place where the community can come and exercise is wonderful for our Friendly City. She thanked the Economic Development Department for their efforts in pursuing that. Council President Mitchell remarked that we are now in mid black history month and you may notice that people are starting to ramp up for the 2020 election but contrary to what people believe, Shirley Chisholm was not the first black person to run for president nor was Jesse Jackson nor former President Obama. She stated that we now have Senator Booker and Senator Harris running but the first black person to run for President was George Edwin Taylor in 1904. She stated that she just wanted to leave us with that black history fact.

Mayor's Comments:

He thanked everyone for attending to find out what is going on in the City. He recognized members that serve on the various boards in attendance, Ms. Rudolph from Civil Service Commission; Ms. Rox and Ms. Strong from Planning Commission; and President Mitchell and Vice-President Freeman from the Board of Education.

He stated that he wants people to know about all the good work being done at the School Board so if anyone has a chance be supportive of what is going on there. He remarked that Superintendent Jolly called him this week to start having planning meetings where the schools are and talk about what will happen in the areas of Eastwood, Westwood and John Dewey. He reported there is a demolition planned on at least two of the schools, possibly a third. He stated the timing is right in whether they have an investment going in to the Eastwood area and that he is sure you will want to weigh in on what is going on in the John Dewey area. He reported that he and the Superintendent will be coming up with dates for community meetings and looks forward to the community being energetic, engaged and providing feedback. He stated he will make sure everyone is informed of the dates. He explained that at these meetings they will have some people come in, take them through the exercise and figure out the direction to go

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from there. Mayor Sellers shared he is interested in finding out what the community will and will not entertain; that will help the City in its planning and zoning as well as help the school decide its future of those two sites. He reported that Randallwood and the old County Library are now down and construction is expected to start this Spring in late March or April.

He reported that in our Sister City North Randall, the Holiday Inn and Days Inn are coming down bit by bit.

<<Applause>>

He reported the way they are doing it is tearing it down and separating the materials. He stated they are hopeful that it will be down by the end of March and it looks like it could be. He shared that he stopped by there the other day to take a couple pictures to show to people that do not live here.

He stated that these public meetings are always the place for information and we will give you as much as we have. He stated that if you belong to the Senior Club, the Senior Meetings are also a place to get a breadth of information.

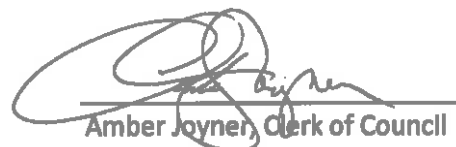
He thanked Mr. Chambers for his great rendition of the history of this community at the Democratic Club meeting. He stated that he is angry that he did not tape it because Mr. Chambers walked through a history of things in this City; how we got from point A to point Z, trying to figure out the pathway. He stated there were a number of judges in the audience, outside community members and people running in other races across this county. He shared that it was stunning to see their faces as they learned how this City came to be. He shared that he does not think anyone left early and Mr. Chambers spoke for 45 minutes and it could have went on forever. He explained Mr. Chambers spoke about events you would not have thought occurred and the places they occurred involving the group of people who were here fighting to make sure the City we know today exists in the state that it does.

Additionally, he thanked Mr. Chambers for informing those in attendance about municipal bonds. He stated that people like municipal bonds because it is a safe investment so Mr. Chambers wanted to make sure we were aware of this opportunity even though it might not be for everyone.

Adjournment at 7:29p.m.

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