



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MARCH 5, 2019

Call to Order: Council President Mitchell at 7:00p.m.

Attendance: Councilwoman Hagwood, Councilwoman Edwards, Councilwoman White, Councilman Anderson and Council President Mitchell
Roll Call: 5 Present

Councilman Stewart arrived at 7:01p.m. for Council Meeting

Motion to Excuse Councilman Howard
Motioned by Councilman Anderson, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs

Prayer: Councilwoman Elona C. White

Minutes: February 19, 2019 Regular Meeting
Motion to Approve by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs

Departmental Reports: Council President Mitchell stated that everyone should have a copy of the Departmental Reports in their possession. She stated that if you have any questions to please reach out to the respective Directors.

Residents' Requests and Comments:

Traci Mitchell School Board President, 19118 Shaker wood Road. She stated she was present on behalf of the Warrensville Heights City School District. She reported that our boys are still in tournament so Superintendent Jolly and Board Vice President Freeman went over to Garfield Heights High School to support them. Also she reported that they had a great day in the district last Thursday: Mr. Jolly and three other superintendents started a collaborative of superintendents called the Ohio Mid-Sized District Leadership Collaborative. She explained that they have been working together to examine what each of the districts are doing in effort to elevate academic excellence. She reported that now there are 12-15 members and they were

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proud to host 12 of those members in our district last Thursday. She stated that the members toured all of our schools including each grade and she is happy to report that as they reviewed and assessed what our students are doing, they gave Mr. Jolly and his team very high accolades on the work that they are doing. She asked everyone to stay tuned; they are very excited about all the great work Mr. Jolly and his team are doing. We are looking for continued elevation of our academics come this next report card. She thanked Council President Mitchell.

<<Applause>>

David E. Hughley III a student at Warrensville Heights High School. He stated he is a junior and the Valedictorian of his class. He reported he is trying to implement a Chess Program at Warrensville Heights and a tournament on March 15th. He stated that they are going through financial issues right now. He stated they are trying to order chess boards and schedule the catering. He explained that he wants other students to learn critical thinking skills at an early age like he did as it has helped shape his high school career. He stated he wants to see other students improve academically, mentally and physically.

Jerome Duval asked how does he want us to help him.

Mr. Hughley stated that the program needs funding going forward.

Jerome Duval asked how much is he thinking.

Mr. Hughley reported if the program could get half that would be great.

Jerome DuVal stated that at the end of the meeting he will help him in telling his story so when he presents his idea, he knows exactly what he is asking for and people are clear and will guarantee their support of what he is doing.

Councilwoman White asked him how old he was when he started playing chess and he replied he was about 8 or 9 years old when his father introduced the game to him. He stated then he begin to learn on his own. He stated his father taught him Fool's Mate which is a forward tactic move to win the game.

<<Applause>>

Nicole Johnson commented that was excellent and Mr. Hughley thanked her.

Council President Mitchell thanked him and asked that he stay until after the meeting.

Councilwoman Hagwood stated that she is excited that the students are playing chess and not dominos; we don't play dominos anymore.

Order of the Day:

1. Ord. 2019-025

Mayor Bradley D. Sellers

Amending Ordinance Number 2019-007 in order to clarify the compensation for the members of the Civil Service Commission of the City of Warrensville Heights, and declaring an emergency.

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**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs - Motion Carried**

2. Ord. 2019-026

Mayor Bradley D. Sellers
Amending Section 1143.04 Accessory Uses In Residence Districts and Part Seven Business Regulation Code of the Warrensville Heights Codified Ordinances in order to establish rules and guidelines for donation bins located in the City of Warrensville Heights.
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilman Anderson
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

3. Ord. 2019-027

Councilman Matthew Howard (as Planning Commission Chair)
Accepting the recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve the application of Mark S. Salopek of Glaus, Pyle, Schomer, Burns and Dehaven, Inc. (GPD group) representing the Warrensville Heights City School District, for the construction of a new elementary school for grades pre-kindergarten through five to be located at 21865 Clarkwood Parkway, Warrensville Heights, Ohio 44128, PPN 761-19-023.
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman Hagwood
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

4. Ord. 2019-028

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 February 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, and declaring an emergency.
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

5. Ord. 2019-029

Mayor Bradley D. Sellers
Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health to provide stormwater regulation support services in 2019 through 2021, and declaring an emergency.
**Motioned by Councilwoman Hagwood, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

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6. Ord. 2019-030

Mayor Bradley D. Sellers

Amending Ordinance Number 2016-058 in order to revise the room rental rates for the Civic and Senior Center of the City of Warrensville Heights and the Chateaux of Emery Woods Clubhouse, and declaring an emergency.

Motion to Table to Committee of the Whole by Councilman Anderson, Seconded by Councilman Stewart

Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried TABLED

Announcements from the Directors:

Fire Department – Chief Waugh said good evening to everyone. He commented that he played chess when he was in school and offered to help David hone his skills in chess if he needs some practice.

<<Laughter>>

Economic Development – Director Jerome DuVal said good evening to Council, the community and business community. He acknowledged David and stated he looked forward to structuring his proposal to present it for fundraising opportunities. He announced that the Exterior Maintenance Program is coming up in April and that he put out fliers for attendees. He stated that those who are looking to do any exterior maintenance to your home, keep in mind you have to have a violation first from the Buildings Department and the fund is up to \$1,400-\$1,500, depending on the work that you are getting done. He stated it is not a grant but it is a reimbursable fund so you have to spend the money for it first and we will need verification and proof of that. He stated then we will reimburse that money back to you so you do not have to pay it back to the City. He reported that last year approximately \$28,000 was funded that had an impact of over \$92,000 in home improvements across the City. He reported that as a result we have seen an increase in our housing market that went up to about 12% during the 6 year assessment that the county did. He stated he thinks the program is good and we are going to continue to move forward with that program.

Personnel Department – Director Nicole Johnson said good evening to everyone. She stated we have rolled out our Wellness Program for our employees. She stated it is going to be every 3rd Wednesday of the month. She stated what we're doing is bringing in local businesses and services we provide for our employees because we understand that to be the best employee you have to be your best on the outside as well as the inside. She stated that the program is offering services such as financial planning, financial literacy, first time owner seminars and meal planning through Cleveland Clinic so there are some great opportunities for our employees to be well-rounded. She announced that we are starting to take applications for our student summer program. She stated that applications and the criteria sheet were put out for attendees this evening and are available on the website. She stated that applications are due by

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April 3rd so if you know any students, 9th grade through college, please submit them and we would be happy to interview them.

Chief of Staff – Kelli Wilson had nothing to report.

Police Department – Chief Wes Haynes had nothing to report.

Communications/Activities Department – Director June Scharf had nothing to report. Then asked Board President Mitchell who the other superintendents are that she is working with in her collaborative. She responded that they are all throughout Ohio such as Maple Heights, East Cleveland, Sandusky, Warren and schools in Southern Ohio. She commented that they are districts with a population of 5,000 or lower; we are looking at the mid-sized districts.

Building Department – Commissioner Ben Brown has nothing to report.

Service Department – Director Ted Sims had nothing to report.

Civic & Senior Center – Director Jennifer Lastery announced that the monthly Lunch & Learn will be on March 19th and the topic is *Healthy Living for Your Brain and Your Body* from 11:30a.m.-1:00p.m. She reported that on March 20th, the *Age Well, Be Well* event is at 4:00p.m. and we will be learning CPR. She stated there are brochures that have been put out for attendees. She announced that the March 12th Senior Club meeting has been cancelled.

Strategic Initiatives – Director Carletta Fellows had nothing to report.

Finance Department – Director Karen Howse said good evening to everyone. She stated that she is happy to report that there have been finance meetings and budget hearings with Council members and the 2019 permanent appropriations will be on the next agenda. She reported that Finance Committee meetings will continue to be monthly but on the 3rd Tuesday of the month now and not the 1st Tuesday.

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Edwards had nothing to report.

Councilman Stewart said good evening to everyone and thanked all for attending. He stated that he appreciates the young man David for coming to the meeting and that he does have his support. He commented that he had the pleasure of meeting David and he is a very inspirational young man and definitely one of our future leaders. He reiterated that David has his support and he will be working closely with him.

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Councilwoman Hagwood thanked our loyal supporters and encouragers that came out on this very cold night and stated that their presence is appreciated. She also recognized Council President Mitchell's daughter Saidah in attendance that is currently in school preparing herself to become a future leader.

<<Applause>>

Councilman Anderson had nothing to report.


Councilwoman White thanked everyone for coming out tonight. She congratulated Teresa Metcalf Beasley on her reappointment as Law Director and stated it is a pleasure working with her.

Law Director Teresa Metcalf Beasley stated she was thankful for the reappointment and the continued support. She remarked it took some effort and that her success is based on her client's success. She thanked everyone again and said she was appreciative.

Council President Mitchell thanked everyone for coming out in the cold and for their patience as leading the meeting is not a normal thing for her. She remarked it makes it nice and warm in here to see the smiling faces of attendees. She thanked David Hughley III and stated he is an enlightening person. She remarked she does not think of David as a future leader but a leader right now so thank you for coming and sharing. She reported that the Ward 2 Community Meeting will be on Saturday April 6th at 11:00a.m. at Eastwood Elementary and there will be a guided tour of the school. She announced that the Ward 1 and 3 Community meeting will be April 18th at 6:30p.m. She stated attendees will get caught up on what is going on in the community and there may be more meetings scheduled by the time the calendar is out for next month.

Adjournment at 7:21p.m.

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