



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 1, 2019

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

Attendance: Councilwoman Edwards, Councilwoman White, Councilman Stewart,
Councilman Howard, Councilman Anderson and Council President Mitchell
Roll Call: 6 Present

**Motion to Excuse Councilwoman Hagwood by Councilwoman White,
Seconded by Council President Mitchell
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

Prayer: Councilman Matthew Howard

Minutes: September 17, 2019 Regular Meeting
**Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Council President
Mitchell
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

Departmental Reports: Mayor Sellers stated that Council should have a copy of the Departmental Reports in their possession. He stated that if they have 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:

Francine Wahome reported that she and a group of seniors were told that they can go to Stonewall and learn to shoot to protect ourselves.

Police Chief Haynes responded that if they want to go out there it is an open range and that is their decision. He explained Stonewall is a gun range in Broadview Heights and there is a fee to shoot there.

Yvette Johnson-Hawkins reported that there are water issues where she lives on Emery Road. She reported that she had an addition put onto her home and there is water coming from behind her house. She stated that as a result her garage is "going bad" and so are her neighbors' homes. Ms. Johnson-Hawkins reported that the next three houses past hers all have water damage and it is getting worse.

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Mayor Sellers asked if she was between Merrygold and Richmond
Ms. Johnson-Hawkins replied yes.

Mayor Sellers explained that Councilman Howard brought it to our attention and the Engineering Department has been looking at it for a while. He reported they determined that there is a pond on someone's property and the County is now involved in looking at it. He stated what they want to do is drain the pond and put a new outlet structure up. He commented that the pond is on someone's property so the owner(s) may have not had the resources to build the outlet structure.

Ms. Johnson-Hawkins asked if this is the only thing that is causing the large amount of water.

Mayor Sellers reported it is a big pond and is topping over.

Ms. Johnson-Hawkins asked if the residents, the taxpayers are going to pay for the outlet structure.

Mayor Sellers responded that on the water bill residents receive there is sewer charge and the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (NEORS) receives part of it that goes into a fund. NEORS will determine if certain problems will be fixed by them or a pot of money they set aside for these issues. He reported that NEORS decided to pay for the structure out of the money they have set aside for Warrensville but it is an expensive project. He reported that per the engineer it is in design and should be done late October or early November.

Ms. Johnson-Hawkins shared that she has put a lot of work in to her home including a new addition in 2016. She reported the water damage has deteriorated her new addition and she has someone coming to her home to do repair work. She inquired how do residents that have been effected by this seek relief.

Mayor Sellers responded that the pond is on private property and has nothing to do with the City. He stated that the City has an Exterior Maintenance Program that we can refer you to.

Ms. Johnson-Hawkins asked why we cannot close the pond down if proper maintenance is not being done.

Mayor Sellers answered that the pond serves a purpose by catching all the water that is running downhill; it is basically a retention basin.

Economic Director Jerome DuVal reported that there is approximately \$8,000 in funds remaining for the Exterior Maintenance Program so if you submit an application, I can review it.

Ms. Johnson-Hawkins reported that the repair person is asking for \$3,500 to do one section of the house.

Economic Director DuVal stated that as a result of the grant, the City can provide up to \$1,400 of the \$3,500.

Law Director Teresa Beasley suggested that Ms. Johnson-Hawkins call her insurance company and file a claim as it is someone else's issue causing her problems. She stated the insurance company will go after that person so it is worth getting them involved.

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Order of the Day:

- 1. Ord. 2019-131 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS TO REJECT THE APPLICATION OF DANIEL KRIEG OF TREMCO INCORPORATED, REPRESENTING THE SAME, FOR THREE (3) VARIANCES FOR A BARBED WIRE FENCE TO BE LOCATED AT 17700 MILES ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 762-09-001.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Council President Mitchell
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 2. Res. 2019-042 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 2019-033 (CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF TINA GRAHAM TO THE BOARD OF ZONING AND APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS) IN ORDER TO CORRECT TINA GRAHAM’S NAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Council President Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

Announcements from the Directors:

Fire Department – Chief Herb Waugh wished everyone a good evening.

Economic Development – Director Jerome DuVal announced that the groundbreaking for the Eastwood Fitness and Wellness Park will be on October 15th at 10:00a.m. at Eastwood Park and the Department will be putting more information out about the event. He reported the celebration for the grand opening of the park will not happen until spring of 2020.

Personnel Department – Director Nicole Johnson reported there is one position open, Building Inspector and the job description is on our website. She stated that the position will be closing by the end of next week.

Chief of Staff - Kelli Wilson had nothing to report.

Police Department – Chief Wes Haynes had nothing to report.

Building Department – Commissioner Ben Brown had nothing to report.

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Service Department – Director Ted Sims had nothing to report.

Civic & Senior Center – Director Jennifer Lastery announced that the Lunch & Learn is coming up on October 15th from 11:30a.m.-1:00p.m. and the topic is *Your Girl, Your Genes: What Does DNA and Family History Say About Your Genes*. She stated registration is required because lunch will be provided.

Finance Director – Karen Howse reported that the Department has filed a Continued Disclosure Statement which was due yesterday, September 30th and has been filed. She reported that 2020 Budgets are due October 11th. The adopted tax rates passed by Council were submitted to the County before the deadline of September 30th.

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Edwards wished everyone a good evening.

Councilman Stewart welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending the meeting. He commented about the General Motors strike and how it is important that we support those workers. He reported that he was a local and international Union Representative at GM and that he witnessed workers giving up so much over the years. He reported the company is currently having health care issues, do not want to make temporary workers permanent, tier wages causing animosity between workers, health & safety issues, seniority problems, racism, sexism etc. He reported that two more plants have been shut down and this is going to send a ripple effect throughout the entire economy so we must support our workers.

Councilman Howard wished everyone a good evening and thanked them for attending the meeting. He acknowledged his resident Ms. Johnson-Hawkins and asked her to hang in there and that the City will make sure things are moving in the right direction for her.

Councilman Anderson wished everyone a good evening. He thanked Civic & Senior Center Director Jennifer Lastery for helping with the preparation of the presentation at the Senior Club meeting last week. He reported that she and her crew got everything together and he appreciated it. He commented that he loves talking and dealing with the Civic & Senior Center staff because they are the right ones for the job. He thanked Mayor Sellers for attending his Ward 6 Community Meeting last month. He remarked that the road work on McCann is going really well and complimented the repair crew for their performance thus far.

Councilwoman White thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She thanked the Mayor for attending the Ward 1 and Ward 3 Fall Community Meeting. She thanked Councilman Stewart for providing information on the General Motors strike and agreed we must support union workers.

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Law Department

Law Director Teresa Beasley had nothing to report.

Council President's Comments

Council President Mitchell wished everyone a good evening and thanked them for attending the meeting. She thanked Ms. Wahome for educating everyone on Stonewall gun range. She thanked Ms. Johnson-Hawkins for towing the line because she is part of the *Friendly City* and we do not want to see her leave. She also acknowledged Ms. Johnson-Hawkins's neighbor also in attendance. Council President Mitchell reported that early voting starts next week and encouraged everyone to express their voice by their vote. She reminded everyone that the polls will be in one central location at the recreation center, adjacent to the high school. She commented that the *Meet the Candidates* event was a success and Councilman Howard was a wonderful emcee.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Seller's recognized Ms. Rudolph, Ms. Tullos and Mr. White from Civil Service Commission in attendance at the meeting. He acknowledged Ms. Rox and Ms. Strong from Planning Commission and Ms. Turner from Board of Zoning and Appeals in attendance at the meeting. She recognized former Councilwoman Deborah Hill in attendance at the meeting. He asked Ms. Johnson-Hawkins to give Economic Director Jerome DuVal her contact information and stated he is on top of her concerns. He encouraged early voting and stated there will be mailings going out to make sure everyone is aware of the polling location. Lastly, he announced that the Trunk or Treat event is October 29th from 6:00p.m.-7:30p.m., coordinated by the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine in the South Pointe Hospital parking lot.

Adjournment at 7:35p.m.

10-15-2019

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