



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 18, 2020

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

Attendance: Councilwoman Hagwood, Councilwoman Edwards, Councilwoman White, Councilman Stewart, Councilwoman Mitchell, Councilman Anderson and Council President Howard
Roll Call: 7 Present

Prayer: Councilwoman Kimberly Hodge Edwards

Minutes: February 4, 2020 Regular Meeting
Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 7 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.

Kalyn Kappelman from the Warrensville Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library was present at the meeting to discuss some of the upcoming programs. She stated on Sunday, March 8th, there will be an International Woman's Day presentation at 3:30p.m. with author Deborah Hill. She informed everyone that there is a Community Learning Garden and they really want to work on getting the awareness out this summer. She explained April 29-May 27th on Wednesdays there will be *Garden of the Librarian* from 7-8p.m. She stated the event entails working in the garden with the librarian and learning various skills for that. Ms. Kappelman stated that they are looking for volunteers and has programs books if anyone who would like one.

Residents' Requests and Comments:

Jacqueline Boyd stated that her husband has recently gotten through a lengthy illness and hospital stay and so it has made her realize you should give flowers when people are around so they can appreciate it. She recalled a couple years ago when she was driving on Harvard Ave.

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and she had stopped on the road because she started to see colors as if she was in a kaleidoscope. She shared that Fire Chief Waugh was also on the road and turned around to check on her and stayed with her until an ambulance came. Ms. Boyd stated that she had never forgotten what he did so she wanted to publically thank him.

<<Applause>>

Janice Rox reported that Councilwoman Mitchell, Building Commissioner Brown and Police Chief Haynes will no longer be receiving text messages from her during holidays, vacation days and weekends because she no longer has a problem with her neighbors. She shared that they finally moved out and she would really love to do “the happy dance” and commented she is blessed to have them working on her behalf.

Herbert Addison Burns reported he is the president of Friends of the Library and he stated he has a few concerns. He asked what is going to happen to Eastwood Elementary School once it closes because some of the residents are concerned about the vacancy of the building. He expressed another concern about non-residents that own real estate property in Warrensville. Mr. Burns reported that they have to register under the Fiscal Officer with Cuyahoga County per Ohio Revised Code. He shared that property owners seem to rent their property to people that do not seem to care about the maintenance of Warrensville Heights giving an example of a property owner on Hathaway Lane.

Mayor Sellers responded that Mr. Burns’s question about Eastwood can be better answered by the School District but they have yet to make their public disclosure on what will be done with the property. He referred his question to the School Board. **School Board President Traci Mitchell** announced there will be a meeting on March 19th at 6:30p.m. at Eastwood Elementary School and residents will be notified. She reported those in attendance will be informed of what the disposition of the building might be and have an opportunity to share their recommendations on how they would like to see that area changed.

Mayor Sellers stated that the Economic Development Department is poised and ready to talk about that property but we cannot advance it until the School Board lets us know what their intent is. He asked Building Commissioner Brown to speak to Mr. Burns’s property question.

Building Commissioner Ben Brown reported that the City has a Rental Registration Program so if you are renting your property out, you do have to register it. He commented that the property that Mr. Burn’s may be referring to is the property he spoke to his mother, Carole Burns about last week. He reported that the property is registered it just needs to be updated for this year. Commissioner Brown reported that there were no outstanding Building Code violations on the property. He stated if a resident observes a Building Code violation, his Department can address it. He stated if

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it is not, he works closely with Police Chief Haynes about the issue.

Police Chief Haynes explained that if there is a nuisance complaint in which Officers have to continually go over to the residence, a nuisance violation will be issued that will go to the tenant and the property owner. He stated if multiple violations are accumulated, the property owner will be fined.

Mr. Burns asked how a nuisance is defined. **Chief Haynes** replied that it is any kind of criminal activity that can be charged in Bedford Court unless it is a domestic situation. **Mr. Burns** asked does there need to be evidence and **Chief Haynes** responded it could be a loud noise that will keep Officers visiting the property if for example, the tenants are having parties over the weekend.

Law Director Beasley explained that after the third nuisance, the City can file with Bedford Municipal Court.

Mr. Burns stated he has had a problem with a neighbor for two years that includes threats, vandalizing of his property and harassment. He stated that he has filed numerous police reports and a videotape of the trespassing of this individual. He commented that he was told that the way Bedford Court is structured he would have to have hardcore evidence in order to press charges.

Chief Haynes stated he would need to review the police reports with him after the Council meeting.

Order of the Day:

- 1. Ord. 2020 - 016** **COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING
COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF CINDY KRIZINSKY OF
CUSTOM SIGNS, INC., REPRESENTING JLP-HARVARD PARK LLC, FOR THE
INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE FOR FIVE GUYS ENTERPRISES LLC LOCATED AT
4025 RICHMOND ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44122, PPN
763-33-002.
**Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman
Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**
- 2. Ord. 2020 – 017** **COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO
APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF RENEE MASSEY-LINSTON OF FASTSIGNS
OF BEDFORD HEIGHTS, REPRESENTING SMYTHE PROPERTY ADVISORS LLC
OF OVERLOOK COURT LIMITED, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE FOR
CHAGRIN VALLEY BEVERAGE LLC LOCATED AT 4620 RICHMOND ROAD,
WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-27-013.

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**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Council President Howard
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**3. Ord. 2020 - 018 COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF ROGER PERLMUTER OF PERLMUTER COMMUNICATIONS, INC. DBA COLORBAR, REPRESENTING CAPUTO BROS. PROPERTIES OF EMERY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE LOCATED AT 4576 RENAISSANCE PARKWAY, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-07-008.
Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Council President Howard
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**4. Ord. 2020 - 019 COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF WILLIAM J. FUGO, JR., REPRESENTING CLEVELAND STATE REAL ESTATE LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A WOOD DECK LOCATED AT 4528 SOUTH FRONTENAC DRIVE, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-01-041.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**5. Ord. 2020 - 020 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF MELISSA WHITE OF CROWN CASTLE USA INC., REPRESENTING THE SAME, FOR THE MODIFICATION OF TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT ON A TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWER LOCATED AT 4335 CRANWOOD PARKWAY, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 762-04-021.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilman Anderson
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**6. Ord. 2020 - 021 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN FIREWORKS COMPANY TO PROVIDE, DELIVER, AND DISPLAY A CERTAIN FIREWORKS SHOW ALONG WITH OPERATORS TO FIRE THE**

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DISPLAY(S) ON SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 2020 WITH A RAIN DATE OF MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2020.

Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Council President Howard

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

7. Ord. 2020 - 022

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS TO ACCEPT THE APPLICATION OF STEVEN AND JAQUELINE BOYD, REPRESENTING THE SAME, FOR A VARIANCE TO THE REAR YARD SETBACK REQUIREMENT LOCATED AT 4486 DU SABLE COURT, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-08-022.

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

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

8. Res. 2020 - 015

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ENGAGE IN A PUBLIC BIDDING PROCESS TO ADVERTISE FOR AND SOLICIT COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR GRASS CUTTING AND CLEAN UP SERVICES ON VACANT OR OCCUPIED AND NEGLECTED PROPERTIES THAT ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

9. Res. 2020 - 016

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION OF NICKY D. GLOVER AND LASHONA A. ROBINSON-GLOVER FOR 13133 BERRY BOULEVARD, LOCATED IN CINEMA PARK, PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 762-08-088, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3735 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilman Anderson

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

Announcements from the Directors:

Fire Department – Chief Herb Waugh wished everyone a good evening. He stated that it touched him that Mrs. Boyd attended the meeting to thank him. He stated that love that he

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shows for the residents in this City is the love he would show a parent. Chief Waugh stated that is the kind of care he wants to give to residents and he appreciates Mrs. Boyd for coming. He remarked that is what we do here in the Friendly City!

<<Applause>>

Economic Development – Director Jerome DuVal provided a brief update on Sherwin-Williams and stated that the City should be rest assured that the Department and Mayor Sellers are working closely with Sherwin-Williams and the County to reposition the property for development. He stated they consider this a unique asset in the County that will now reside in the City Warrensville Heights. He reported that the Department has its 2019 Community Impact Report that can be picked up in the front hallway.

Human Resources Department – Director Nicole Johnson wished everyone a good evening. She reported that the Department went to a Diversity and Inclusion workshop as she wants to make sure the City is ahead of the game and are putting some practices in place. She reported tomorrow is *Wellness Wednesday* for our employees so organizations in the community can come out and make their resources accessible to them.

Chief of Staff - Kelli Wilson had nothing to report.

Police Department – Police Chief Haynes had nothing to report.

Building Department – Commissioner Ben Brown wished everyone a good evening. He thanked Council for approving Item No. 8 on the agenda that allows the City to bid on our High Grass and Nuisance Abatement Program for this year.

Service Department – Director Ted Sims had nothing to report.

Civic & Senior Center – Director Jennifer Lastery announced the Black History Program is next Wednesday, February 26th at 6:30p.m. for refreshments and 7:00p.m. for the program. She stated they are telling their story through poetry, storytelling and song. She reported on March 4th at 1:00p.m., the Center will be showing the movie *Harriet* with a charge of \$1.50 and that is for refreshments.

Finance Department – Director Karen Howse wished everyone a good evening. She reminded everyone that early voting starts February 19th and we have three renewals on the ballot: Fire Levy, Police Levy and Permanent Improvement Levy. She reminded everyone the Primary is March 19th and encouraged them to vote.

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Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Edwards encouraged everyone to vote and reiterated that early voting starts tomorrow. She mentioned Issue 33, Health and Human Service Levy that provides services to our adults, seniors and the disabled. Councilwoman Edwards reported that the State of Ohio is decreasing in its funding that their providing in this area so it is important that we get out to vote and support this levy. She announced that the 2020 Census is also coming and it is equally important as it comes around once every 10 years and dictates how much funding each community receives. She acknowledged her ward residents Mr. and Mrs. Boyd for attending the Council meeting.

Councilman Stewart stated he appreciates everyone for attending the meeting tonight.

Councilwoman Hagwood stated she had nothing to report.

Councilwoman Mitchell wished everyone a good evening and thanked all for attending the meeting. She told Ms. Rox that we love her and this is an example of how a continual nuisance eventually worms its way out and love works its way in. She reported that Warrensville Heights High School will be celebrating national *African American Read-in Day* which was established in 1990 and is the oldest program of its type. She explained the program asks for our community members to read to young people from your favorite African American author. Councilwoman Mitchell shared she was invited to be at the event and it is nice to know that programs like this exists. She also encouraged early voting and stated if any of her ward residents or meeting attendees wants to do so she will take their ballots to the BOE. She acknowledged the longevity of many of the Firefighters with the City of Warrensville Heights.

Councilman Anderson wished everyone a good evening. He asked that many seniors like himself be aware of reverse mortgages. He stressed the importance of getting some legal advice before entering into such an agreement.

Councilwoman White thanked everyone for coming out this evening. She remarked no new taxes and stand up and be counted!

Law Department

Law Director Teresa Beasley had nothing to report.

Council President's Comments

Council President Howard thanked everyone for attending the meeting, including residents that spoke. He thanked Kalyn Kappelman from the Warrensville Heights library branch for attending the meeting. Council President thanked Councilwoman Hagwood for putting together a lovely presentation for longtime resident Carrie Rudolph during Caucus. He stated that Ms.

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Rudolph is a wonderful person and she and her husband are pioneers in this community.

<<Applause>>

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Sellers thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He recognized those that serve on Boards and Commissions in attendance: Ms. Rox from Planning Commission; Kenneth White from Civil Service Commission; President Traci Mitchell and Vice-President Ray Freeman from the School Board. He recognized Records Commission Chair Deborah Hill and congratulated her for having a literary piece at the library.

<<Applause>>

He commented that the last week and a half has been hectic due to news of the Sherwin-Williams loss to the City. He stated that he and the Economic Development Department are working diligently with their community partners and acknowledged County Councilwoman Shontel Brown and President Dan Brady. He remarked that Sherwin-Williams will not be leaving for three-to-four more years but they want to start working on the plan for the site now. Mayor Sellers stated the building is old so he would like to demolish the entire property that sits on 80 acres. He reiterated that the City is being proactive and the City will report back as "this train moves down the road."

Adjournment at 7:39p.m.

3-3-2020
APPROVED


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