



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES MARCH 18, 2020

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

Attendance: Councilwoman Edwards, Councilman Stewart, Councilwoman Mitchell,
Councilman Anderson and Council President Howard
Roll Call: 5 Present

**Motion to Excuse Councilwoman Hagwood and Councilwoman White by
Councilwoman Mitchell, Seconded by Councilman Anderson**
Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

Prayer: Council President Howard

Minutes: March 3, 2020 Regular Meeting
**Motion to Approve by Council President Howard, Seconded by
Councilwoman Mitchell**
Roll Call: 4 Ayes; 0 Nays; 1 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:

James White reported that two or three weeks ago there was a tree trimming on Glenview Road and he saw a hole in the tree. He stated it can be a hazard to someone's home or a car if wind comes through it. He stated that he took pictures.

Mayor Sellers looked at the pictures and replied that may have been the Electric Company because it was not the City doing trimming on the street.

Mr. White also reported that people are parking on Glenview Road blocking the sidewalk and driveways.

Police Chief Haynes replied that he will address the matter.

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Ray Freeman, School Board Vice President reported that the food meal buses started today. He stated there will be a breakfast and lunch dropped off to various locations. He reported there are three buses that are delivering from 10:30a.m.-1:00p.m., Monday through Friday. He reported that YMCA had a program with the Food Bank to feed our scholars and scholars in different districts from 3:45p.m.-4:30p.m. at the Warrensville Library Branch. He stated that the restaurant Plada on Richmond Road were feeding our scholars from 10:45a.m.-12:30p.m. for lunch for those 18 and under. He reported that the District is working with the State to see what they will be doing with the Class of 2020. He reported they start online classes on Monday and the District will see what they can do as far as a graduation for them.

Mayor Sellers asked how the drop-off went today and Mr. Freeman reported that more meals are needed especially in Ward 4. He shared they were short in Clarkwood and in Banbury.

Councilman Stewart stated that he spoke with Superintendent Jolly about the matter and that he is expecting more people now that the word is out. He reported he will be out every day to assist with the delivery.

Mayor Sellers asked how they set up for manpower and if the meals are prepared. Mr. Freeman responded that the Food Service Coordinator has staff coming in to prepare the meals same day at the high school. He reported that they have enough volunteers.

Councilman Anderson asked if there is a drop-off on Walford and Mr. Freeman responded that there is but he does not have the list with him. He indicated that there are nine locations.

Council President Howard shared that Walford is Bus Three at 10:30a.m.; Country Lane is 10:55a.m.; and Banbury is 11:20a.m.

Mayor Sellers shared Bus Two is Shaker Park at 10:30a.m.; Granada/Clarkwood at 10:55a.m.; and Portland/Sumpter is 11:20a.m. Bus One is Midway/Gladstone at 10:30a.m.; Westwood School at 10:55a.m.; and Glenview/Ridgeton at 11:20a.m. He asked if the parents bring the younger children.

Councilman Stewart stated that the majority walk with their parents and some drive. He reported he did not see any underage children come by themselves.

Councilwoman Mitchell asked if the list is generated by the students or the families.

Mayor Sellers replied that the school generates the list and he is not sure how they do it. He commented that the City was asked to provide security for the event.

Mr. Freeman replied that the Parent Liaisons asked the children. He commented they also looked at the record this school year and the numbers when they did a program like this over the summer.

Councilwoman Mitchell asked if they were able to capture if there was participation from new residents and Mr. Freeman said he did not know and has to ask Superintendent Jolly.

Order of the Day:

- 1. Ord. 2020 - 029 COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO
APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF ALDO DURE OF BNEXT MANAGEMENT LLC,**

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REPRESENTING ARK MANAGEMENT LLC OF DSG PROPERTIES INC., FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE FOR PERFECT BLEND BARBER SALON LTD LOCATED AT 20117 HARVARD AVENUE, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44122, PPN 761-09-015.

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

Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

- 2. Ord. 2020 – 030 COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF SCOTT FRIDRICH OF NORTHCOAST SIGNWORKS, REPRESENTING 4670-4700-4760 RICHMOND ROAD LLC, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE FOR THRIVE EARLY LEARNING CENTER LLC LOCATED AT 4670 RICHMOND ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44128, PPN 763-27-008.
Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Council President Howard
Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 3. Ord. 2020 - 031 COUNCILWOMAN ANDREA MITCHELL (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)**
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF TIFFANI WARE OF BWARE STUDIO LLC, REPRESENTING ARK MANAGEMENT LLC OF DSG PROPERTIES INC., FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE LOCATED AT 20107 HARVARD AVENUE, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO, 44122, PPN 761-09-014.
Motioned by Council President Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilman Anderson
Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 4. Ord. 2020 - 032 COUNCILWOMAN ELONA C. WHITE (PERSONNEL COMMITTEE CHAIR)**
AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-159 IN ORDER TO REVISE THE SALARY RANGES OF VARIOUS POSITIONS OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS.
Motioned by Council President Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilman Anderson
Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 5. Res. 2020 – 019 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO DONATE \$10,000.00 TO THE CLEVELAND CLINIC FOUNDATION IN SUPPORT OF THE SOUTH POINTE HOSPITAL’S CANCER PREVENTION AND OUTREACH PROGRAM.

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**Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards,
Seconded by Councilman Stewart
Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

6. Res. 2020 - 020 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO DONATE \$10,000.00 TO THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS BRANCH OF THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY TO ASSIST THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS' BRANCH LIBRARY'S EARLY READER SUMMER CAMPS.
**Motioned by Councilman Stewart, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards,
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

7. Res. 2020 - 021 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS TO DONATE \$10,000.00 TO THE OHIO UNIVERSITY HERITAGE COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE'S ASPIRING DOCTORS PROGRAM TO ASSIST WITH VARIOUS UPCOMING PROJECTS.
**Motioned by Council President Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards,
Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

Add-on:

8. Ord. 2020 - 033 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ONECOMMUNITY PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF A STATE TERM CONTRACT IN ORDER TO INSTALL DARK FIBER BETWEEN THE CITY'S NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND THE CIVIC AND SENIOR CENTER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
**Motioned by Council President Howard, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards,
Seconded by Councilman Stewart
Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Edwards stated she had nothing to report.

Councilman Stewart stated that he is glad we are having the discussion about Coronavirus and we are working together and he believes we will get through this. He commented there has been an extreme amount of anxiety and tension so educating our residents is very important. He stated that in his ward, they try to do a lot of caring and he has been compiling a list of various organization where residents

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can call for clothing, food etc. such as Murtis Taylor. He commended the School District for the excellent idea of feeding the children in the community because that is needed.

Councilwoman Mitchell wished those in attendance a good evening and thanked them for coming out. She thanked Mr. James for sharing his information stating that you have to be mindful and not block driveways. He thanked Mr. Freeman for the update and requested that he pass the message on to the Superintendent that we applaud him for that. She provided the resource of United Way's 211 to get a list of compiled resources. She asked all to reach out to neighbors that are shut in and ask if they are okay because a phone call means a lot.

Councilman Anderson wished everyone a good evening. He thanked Mayor Sellers and Police Chief Haynes for providing an update on the plans to combat Coronavirus.

Law Department

Law Director Teresa Beasley commented that what we are facing is unique and serious so one of the most important things is an open line of communication because there is good and bad information. She advised that people should verify and then trust. She acknowledged the small business owners that have to close and what will be available for them. Attorney Beasley stated that people should not be afraid to reach out and ask any questions they may have.

Council President's Comments

Council President Howard made a comment about hoarding particularly toilet paper, meat and cleaning supplies. He stated stores should have a limit and residents should have empathy for others in their community.

Attorney Beasley added that we need to be aware of the scams especially with seniors. She shared that people are knocking on doors stating they are testing for the virus or to do the census to get in and rob them. She advised that they have not started the door-to-door census yet and they only do that if you do not fill it out online.

Councilwoman Edwards asked if that could be put out as an alert to people in the community.

Mayor Sellers replied it can be done.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Sellers thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He stated there will be new rules posted for how business is conducted and how to access certain buildings. Mayor Sellers stated the City will continue to provide the services it has been but some will be in an altered fashion but at the same quality level that residents are used to. He recognized Ms. Rox that serves on Planning Commission in attendance. He stated that the public Council Meetings will still be held but the City is looking at live streaming them so people do not have to come out of their homes. He stated residents will be able to send emails with questions and comments prior to the meeting and they will be read and answered

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during the meeting. He reported the City received five calls from people stating they would be unable to pay their rent so this has become very real for a lot of people. Mayor Sellers commented that this is a very fluid situation and we do not know what new rule is going to come in to play. He stated he is concerned that the Governor will issue a shelter-in-place order making everyone stay in their home and have limited access to things. He said we will hope for the best but stay cognizant and attached to our website for information as well as the Board of Health and Center for Disease Control.

Councilman Anderson stated that he had an additional comment to make to Police Chief Haynes. He stated we have a No Soliciting policy in the City and his ward is becoming maddening with solicitation. He reported that it is door-to-door and sometimes they will come back two or three times. He stated they have no permit to solicit and they ask to see a gas bill, electric bill etc. He remarked that he has received calls from his seniors that have fallen for this stuff and we really need to step up more. Councilman Anderson shared that he approached a patrolman on Walford because he saw out of town people that were paid to canvass and the Police Officer commented that he *might* tell the people to leave.

Police Chief Haynes responded that he does know about the *might* but he has not issued any solicitors permits and if they get calls his officers respond and advise solicitors to leave.

Councilman Anderson stated if that can be stepped up he would appreciate it because there are a lot of seniors in his ward that live alone and they are susceptible to these people.

Adjournment at 7:36p.m.

4-7-2020

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