



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 21, 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 Dorise Hagwood

Minutes: January 7, 2020 Regular Meeting
Motion to Approve by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilwoman Edwards
Roll Call: 6 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:

Ed Chambers congratulated those that ran for office and said he is proud of them. He commented that there are a lot of people in the community that do not know some of the activities that Council is involved in such as the Standing Committees. He reported that years ago there were at least 14 Standing Committees so it will be beneficial for residents moving into the community to know more about them. He stated that when people are looking for a new place to live, one of the things they look at is the performance of the School District. He remarked that he read that the value of property in Warrensville has gone up 30% due to the improvement of the school system. Mr. Chambers stated Council should let the community know how Council is organized and run.

Council President Howard responded that we have 15 Standing Committees: many are as needed, the Finance Committee meeting is monthly and it all dictates how much material we have coming in to the Council Meeting. He agreed that Council could do a better job of reaching out to the residents. He suggested Council members reaching out

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to their Homeowners Associations to give them regular updates.

Councilman Anderson remarked that Mr. Chambers mentioned the school system and that does not come under our jurisdiction. He stated as far as information about the school system that is an issue for the School Board, not Council.

Mr. Chambers responded that he was making a point about why people move into a community. He commented when the school system is good, more people move in so more information needs to be given out.

Councilwoman Mitchell thanked Mr. Chambers, stating that he provided a good idea. She added that we should also consider the Boards and Commissions and it is important for people to know about those as well. She commented that Standing Committees are staffed by Council members where the community can witness what occurs but the Commissions and Boards are staffed by residents.

Council President Howard suggested putting this matter on the agenda for Council's upcoming Work Session.

Councilwoman White suggested each Council member includes what Standing Committees he or she belongs to in the newsletter submissions.

Order of the Day:

1. Ord. 2020 - 007

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE 2020 CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 11 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE LINE ITEM IN THE NON DEPARTMENTAL ACCOUNT FOR SAID COMPENSATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

2. Ord. 2020 – 008

MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH LEXIPOL, LLC TO PROVIDE USE OF SUBSCRIPTION MATERIAL FOR AN ANNUAL FIRE POLICY MANUAL AND DAILY TRAINING BULLETINS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Councilman Howard

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

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- 3. Ord. 2020 - 009** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MAS FINANCIAL ADVISORY SERVICES, LLC TO SERVE AS THE MUNICIPAL FINANCE ADVISOR TO THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Council President Howard
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 4. Res. 2020 - 006** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATION TO ACCEPT TWO (2) I-PADS FOR USAGE BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS FROM THE CLEVELAND CLINIC FOUNDATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilman Stewart, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 5. Res. 2020 - 007** **COUNCIL PRESIDENT MATTHEW HOWARD**
CONFIRMING THE WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS CITY COUNCIL’S COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 2020.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman Mitchell
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 6. Res. 2020 - 008** **COUNCILWOMAN KIMBERLY HODGE EDWARDS**
SUPPORTING THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY’S HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LEVY TO BE PLACED ON THE MARCH 17, 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOT.
Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilman Stewart
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 7. Res. 2020 - 009** **MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
ESTABLISHING THE 2020 CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 11 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilman Stewart, Passage by Councilwoman Hagwood, Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

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Add-ons:

8. Res. 2020 - 010 CITY COUNCIL
APPOINTING SHIRLEY STUBBS AS ASSISTANT CLERK OF COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilman Stewart
Roll Call: 7 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried

9. Res. 2020 – 011 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS
CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SHELLI LEWIS TO THE BOARD OF ZONING AND APPEALS FOR THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards, 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 thanked Council for passing the two pieces of legislation for the Fire Department.

Economic Development – Director Jerome DuVal wished everyone a good evening. He announced that he was appointed to the National League of Cities Community and Economic Development Committee and the Small Cities Committee so the City of Warrensville Heights will be represented on the national level.

Human Resources Department – Director Nicole Johnson wished everyone a good evening and stated she had nothing to report.

Chief of Staff - Kelli Wilson had nothing to report.

Police Department – Police Chief Haynes had nothing to report.

Building Department – Commissioner Ben Brown had nothing to report.

Service Department – Director Ted Sims wished everyone a good evening and stated he had nothing to report.

Civic & Senior Center – Director Jennifer Lastery announced the Center will be showing the movie, *Emancipation Road*. She reported the first half will be shown on January 24th and the second half will be on January 31st. She requested that participants bring their own lunch. She

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announced Cleveland Clinic will be hosting a *Lunch & Learn* on January 24th from 11:00a.m.- 2:00p.m. She reported that Ahuja will be hosting the *Age Well, Be Well* event on January 29th from 4:00-6:00p.m. and the topic is *Heart, Health and Exercise* and light refreshments will be served. She announced that the Black History Program is on February 26th where we will be telling our story through poetry, storytelling and music. She stated that light refreshments will be served at 6:30p.m. and the program will begin at 7:00p.m.

Finance Department – Director Karen Howse reported that a meeting was had with the auditors for the 2019 Audit Preparation. She reported that the software contract was finalized and it will be presented at a Finance Committee Meeting.

Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Edwards wished everyone a good evening.

Councilman Stewart wished everyone a good evening and thanked attendees for coming out.

Councilwoman Hagwood had nothing to report.

Councilman Mitchell thanked everyone for coming out. She commented that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a day *on*, not a day *off* because it is a time to reflect on the 250 speeches that he gave on an annual basis, not including his sermons. She commented we need to stop and reflect on the words in those speeches and how they motivated people. Councilwoman Mitchell stated Dr. King was more than just a dream but a man that died far too young but had a footprint that will last forever.

Councilman Anderson wished everyone a good evening. He stated to Police Chief Haynes that he would like to see more enforcement of the parking ban. He reported when there is more than 2 inches of snowfall, particularly on McCann Street it adds to the traffic congestion. He commented that the parked cars lining the street impedes the snow plow. Councilman Anderson commented that the chicanes have decreased the traffic flow on McCann but he will see if that continues once Spring begins. He added that Dr. King was one of the first to speak out about the Vietnam War and he was demonized for it.

Councilwoman White congratulated Economic Development Director Jerome DuVal on his appointment. She thanked Mr. Chambers for attending the meeting and sharing his views. She mentioned that there is a *Welcome to Warrensville* brochure that the Building Department provides to new residents. She thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Law Department

Law Director Teresa Beasley wished everyone a good evening. She thanked Council for the

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passage of the legislation for the 2020 Charter Review Committee and commented that there is a lot of work to be done. She informed the Clerk of Council Amber Joyner that she would like to schedule the first meeting on Monday, February 3, 2020. She reported that all recommendations will be on the November 2020 ballot and there is a very detailed time frame that has to be followed. She reported these are open meetings and the Committee will go through the Charter as they did 5 years ago. She commented she is looking forward to the process.

Council President's Comments

Council President Howard wished everyone a good evening and thanked all for attending. He shared that with the snowfall, there will be heavy snow on the tree lawns. He reported that he found that two residents in Ward 5 were blocking the fire hydrants so please make sure they are free of obstruction. He congratulated Council President Michael Goodwin from Highland Hills on his presidency.

Mr. Goodwin thanked Council President Howard for the acknowledgement.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Sellers thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He recognized the following people in attendance: Ms. Tullos and Mr. White from Civil Service Commission; Ms. Rox from Planning Commission; President Traci Mitchell and Vice President Ray Freeman from the School Board; and Assistant Finance Director Lorle Reid. He acknowledged Highland Hills Council President Goodwin for his attendance. He thanked Ed Chambers for his leadership, dedication and commitment. He thanked Council for putting together the 2020 Charter Review Committee. Mayor Sellers explained that the committee are nine people independent of Council and Administration. He stated one person is appointed from each ward and he appoints two members. He identified School Board members Traci Mitchell and Ray Freeman as his chosen appointees. He commented it is not a group he weighs in on but "let it marinate and do what it do." Mayor Sellers commented that having a Charter Review Committee is always positive because they bring different perspectives. He reported that the move into the new City Hall building will be July 2020. He shared that documents had to be submitted to the State of Ohio in order to operate a 12 day facility jail and be in compliance. He reported that the approval from the State caused a delay but now the City had received clearance to move forward. He thanked Police Chief Haynes for his help with the process. Mayor Sellers reported that last Wednesday he had a meeting with the School Board about being a tenant in the new building. He commented that change is hard and most people do not change due to fear of failure but the City is taking risks and changing.

Adjournment at 7:44 p.m.

2-4-2020

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