



CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS Office of the Council

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 3, 2019

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

Attendance: Councilwoman Edwards, Councilwoman White, Councilman Stewart,
Councilman Howard, Councilman Anderson, 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: Councilwoman Kimberly Edwards

Minutes: November 18, 2019 Regular Meeting
**Motion to Approve by Councilman Anderson, Seconded by
Councilwoman Edwards
Roll Call: 5 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:

There were none.

Order of the Day:

**1. Ord. 2019-156 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS
APPOINTING JAQ VOM SCHMIDT TO THE POSITION OF K9 POLICE
OFFICER IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE
HEIGHTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by the Entire Council, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards,
Seconded by Councilwoman White
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

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Swearing In of K-9 Officer Jaq Vom Schmidt

<Laughter and Applause>

Officer David Ward introduced his wife and his sons Logan and Blake. He thanked the Mayor, Police Chief Haynes and Council for approving the swearing in of Jaq.

Council President Mitchell asked Jaq's age and Officer Ward responded that Jaq will be 2 years old on January 19th. Then she asked how long Jaq has been with him. Officer Ward responded September of last year he was certified with the State of Ohio for Narcotics and Tracking. He thanked everyone again.

<<Applause>>

- 2. Ord. 2019-157 COUNCILWOMAN KIMBERLY EDWARDS (AS SERVICE COMMITTEE CHAIR)**
AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2018-081 TO AMEND THE
WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS SANITATION COLLECTION SERVICES FOR
RESIDENTS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards,
Seconded by Council President Mitchell
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 3. Ord. 2019-158 COUNCILMAN STANLEY ANDERSON (AS PERSONNEL COMMITTEE CHAIR)**
AMENDING THE TITLES OF THE PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT AND STAFF OF
THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS.
Motioned by Councilwoman Edwards, Passage by Councilwoman White,
Seconded by Council President Mitchell
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 4. Ord. 2019-159 COUNCILMAN STANLEY ANDERSON (AS PERSONNEL COMMITTEE CHAIR)**
AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 2019-038 (SALARY RANGES) IN ORDER
TO AMEND THE TITLES OF THE PERSONNEL DIRECTOR AND PERSONNEL
CLERK OF THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilwoman Edwards,
Seconded by Councilman Stewart
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
- 5. Ord. 2019-160 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS**
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND OTHER OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF
WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, AS APPROPRIATE, TO DISPOSE OF VEHICLES
FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT THAT ARE NO LONGER IN USE.

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

**6. Ord. 2019-161 COUNCILMAN MATTHEW HOWARD (AS PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR)
ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION
TO APPROVE THE APPLICATION OF THOMAS OWINGS OF PERSPECTUS
ARCHITECTURE, LLC, REPRESENTING CLEVELAND CLINIC SOUTH POINTE
HOSPITAL, FOR THE TEMPORARY INSTALLATION OF A MAGNETIC
RESONANCE IMAGING (MRI) TRAILER FOR CLEVELAND CLINIC SOUTH
POINTE HOSPITAL TO BE LOCATED AT 4100 WARRENSVILLE CENTER
ROAD, WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, OHIO 44122, PPN 761-12-019.
Motioned by Council President Mitchell, Passage by Councilwoman
White, Seconded by Councilman Howard
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**7. Res. 2019-052 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY
REINVESTMENT AREA RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION OF
GWENDOLYN AND CURTIS BLOXSON FOR 1212 HALL WAY, LOCATED IN
CINEMA PARK, PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 762-08-054, PURSUANT TO
CHAPTER 3735 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.
Motioned by Councilwoman White, Passage by Councilman Howard,
Seconded by Council President Mitchell
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

**8. Res. 2019-053 MAYOR BRADLEY D. SELLERS
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPROVE THE COMMUNITY
REINVESTMENT AREA RESIDENTIAL TAX ABATEMENT APPLICATION OF
CHARISSE COLSTON AND BRIAN CUFF, JR. FOR 15100 RUBY LANE,
LOCATED IN CINEMA PARK, PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER 762-08-048,
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 3735 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.
Motioned by Councilman Anderson, Passage by Councilwoman White,
Seconded by Councilman Howard
Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried**

Announcements from the Directors:

Fire Department – Chief Herb Waugh wished everyone a good evening and thanked the Civil Service Commission for approving the Fire List today. He announced there are 15 eligible

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Firefighters for hire. He explained that the test was taken September 7th and they have had time to get their certifications and take their agility tests. He thanked the Commission again.

Economic Development – Director Jerome DuVal wished everyone a good evening. He explained that he wanted to provide everyone with a snapshot of his travel to the National League of Cities in San Antonio. He reported that he sits on one of the national committees on Public Justice and Crime Prevention. He stated there are a 2 or 3 Issues that he would like to share that they are pushing through with lobbyists in Washington. He shared one involves shipping, transporting and receiving firearms and ammunition. He stated the second issue is regulation and distribution of cannablis. He reported the third issue is risk reduction in firearm related suicide and homicides. He reported learning that the leading cause of cancer in firefighters is being exposed to hazardous contaminants and many also deal with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. He commented that the conference was very good and he will provide a full report for Council. He reported noticing that the City of Warrensville Heights is leading in the way in housing initiatives from a national perspective due to residential and commercial CRAs.

Personnel Department – Director Nicole Johnson thanked Councilman Anderson and the rest of Council for passing the Personnel Department changes and he is looking forward to that.

Chief of Staff - Kelli Wilson had nothing to report.

Police Department – Police Chief Haynes thanked the Mayor and Council for approving the appointment of Jaq. He reported he is the 6th K-9 that the Department has had. He informed everyone of the past K-9 officers: Officer McGilbert, Officer Ray Thomas, Officer Wiggins, recently retired Lieutenant Kerling had Beau and JJ Franklin.

Building Department – Commissioner Ben Brown had nothing to report

Service Department – Foreman Bobby Butler had nothing to report.

Civic & Senior Center – Director Jennifer Lastery had nothing to report

Strategic Initiatives – Director Carletta Fellows wished everyone a good evening. She thanked Council for allowing the Safe Routes to School Planning Team to present the draft route. She reported that the last workshop on how to start and sustain a business will be at the library beginning at 6:30p.m. and facilitated by the Small Business Development Corp of Urban League. She reported that the discussion will be specifically about finding funding for your business.

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Announcements from Council:

Councilwoman Edwards thanked everyone for coming out and stated she had nothing to report.

Councilman Stewart thanked everyone for coming out tonight and stated he had nothing to report.

Councilman Howard announced that Ward 5 will be having its Annual Holiday Party in conjunction with the Clarkwood Estates Residents Association. He recognized the Association's President Jonnie Cooper and stated she is doing an excellent job. He reported that the party is this Friday, December 6th and they are at capacity as the event has grown. He commented that it is nice to see residents come to the community events.

Councilman Anderson announced that his Annual Holiday Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 14th at the Civic Center at 6:30p.m. and dinner served at 7:30p.m.

Councilwoman White thanked everyone for coming out this evening and had nothing to report.

Law Department

Law Director Teresa Beasley had nothing to report.

Council President's Comments

Council President Mitchell wished everyone a good evening and thanked all for attending the meeting. She reminded everyone that on December 10th there will be a Public Meeting in Council Chambers regarding Roadside Memorials. She asked that attendees tell their neighbors because Council want to hear the residents' thoughts on Roadside Memorials.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Sellers thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He recognized those in attendance from Commissions and Boards: Ms. Tullos from Civil Service Commission and Janice Rox from Planning Commission. He thanked Council for approving the swearing in of K-9 Officer Jaq Vom Schmidt. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Motion for an Executive Session based on ORC.121.22(G)(2) to discuss a Legal Matter

Motioned by Councilwoman Edwards, Seconded by Councilwoman White

Roll Call: 6 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs - Motion Carried

Adjournment to Executive Session at 7:28p.m.

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**Motion to End Executive Session and return to Regular Meeting Agenda.
Moted by Councilwoman White, Seconded by Council President Mitchell
Roll Call: 5 Ayes; 0 Nays; 0 Abs – Motion Carried
(Councilman Stewart not present.)
Regular Council Meeting reconvened at 8:01p.m.**

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

Adjournment at 8:03p.m.

12-17-2019

APPROVED



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