



# Norwood City Council

Norwood City Hall Auditorium (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)  
4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212  
**January 10, 2023 | 7:30pm**

## A) CALL TO ORDER

The Council for the City of Norwood met in regular session on the above date with Mr. Ken Miracle presiding. The meeting opened with a moment of reflection and the Pledge of Allegiance.

## B) INVOCATION

## C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

## D) ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following members answered present: Mrs. Franzen, Mrs. Hoover, Ms. Royse, Mr. Kelsch, Mrs. Winterbauer, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Breadon.

## E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mr. Kelsch, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: add a Committee of the Whole report, add an ordinance regarding an Administrative Support position, and add the December Mayor's Court Report.

All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

## F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### 1) December 13, 2022 – Regular Meeting

### 2) December 27, 2022 – Regular Meeting

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to receive and file the minutes of the December 13, 2022 and December 27, 2022 meetings. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

## G) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

## H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

## I) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

### 1) Katheryn Toren-Jones

### Re: Updates on New Initiatives and Programs

Ms. Jones, with the Norwood Branch Library, provided an update on several items taken place in Norwood regarding the Norwood Branch Library. There was a story-walk that took place at Indian Mound Park; she thanked the city for allowing them to install panels around the park. For 2023, they have hired a homework helper; this individual will be at the library Monday – Thursday, 3pm-6pm, to help children with homework and projects. This service is available at the library after school. A laptop kiosk has been installed; individuals can check out a laptop utilizing their library card but must remain onsite with the laptop. Ms. Toren-Jones spoke about the "Winter Check-Out Challenge," this is geared toward adults and has prizes that can be won and awarded.

### 2) Cate Wetzel

### Re: Gem of the Community Award

Ms. Wetzel addressed Council regarding the Gem of the Community event; it is taking place at 5:30pm, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, at the Ventura Event Center. Last year was the first year and this was a great community building event. Nominations for the awards must be submitted no later than February 3<sup>rd</sup>; visit [www.norwoodtogether.org](http://www.norwoodtogether.org) to submit a nomination form. Anyone interested in attending the event may also visit their web-site to pre-register for the free tickets.

### 3) Bishop Sonny James

### Re: Community / Dr. Martin Luther King Walk/March

Mr. James stated there will be events honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; those interested in participating in the walk will gather in the Norwood municipal parking lot across from Walgreens this Sunday at 2:30pm. He encourages everyone to come out and support this event. During the events last year, Mr. James gave out special acknowledgments to the Norwood Police Department, the Norwood Fire Department, Mr. Gabbard, and Mr. Kelsch. Mr. James spoke about a documentary highlighting the legacy of Fred Shuttlesworth; there will be a five-hundred man march. Mr. James state Norwood

has made many great transitions. Mr. James played a portion of Mr. Martin Luther King's "I have a Dream" speech.

#### **J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

##### **1) Committee of the Whole: 01/10/2023**

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to receive and file the committee report. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

#### **K) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

There were no third readings of ordinances or resolutions.

#### **L) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

##### **1) NORWOOD SURPLUS FIREARMS ELIMINATION ORDINANCE, ESTABLISHING THAT THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY SALE OR AUCTION OF FIREARMS.**

On a motion by Mrs. Hoover, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to hear the second reading of the ordinance.

Mayor Schneider stated recent tragic events are another reason to have this ordinance. There are too many guns available to the wrong people; 6 year old children are able to get their hands on hand guns. He is not saying everything needs to be eliminated, things just need to slow down. We should not have children carrying guns to school. Mayor Schneider stated he would like to have this reading read in its entirety again. Mr. Breadon stated you can't have it both ways; he feels "we are not in our lane" when destroying guns, they can be donated to an organization.

Mrs. Hoover agreed to amend her motion, and Ms. Royse agreed to amend her second to the motion, to now hear the second reading of the ordinance in its entirety.

All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

#### **M) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

##### **1) ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NOS 67-2021, AND 17-2022, BY ADDING POSITION AND ESTABLISHING SALARY RANGE FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

On a motion by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to suspend the rules and hear all three readings of the ordinance.

Mr. Breadon asked which version of the ordinance was being considered at this time; Mr. Miracle confirmed it was the ordinance stating the Mayor could appoint someone to this position with the approval of Council.

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Winterbauer, it was moved to pass the ordinance. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

#### **N) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

Mayor Schneider spoke about the filming that took place in City Hall last Friday; there were so many people here, it was difficult to walk through the hallways. This was the third movie that has been filmed in Norwood. Mayor Schneider provided an update on projects in Norwood; Council Chambers renovation is moving along, the Recreation building is having updates for ADA access, the ADA ramp to the lower level of the Community Center is being worked on, and work is being completed in the Police Headquarters. Factory 52 is moving along quickly. Demolition of the former Quality Inn is taking place and moving forward; they are looking at traffic in that area regarding the impact of multi-family units and retail space. There will be a meeting with ODOT on January 18<sup>th</sup> about potentially moving up some projects; the intersection of Smith and Lafayette Avenues will have some improvements. JMA Engineering is waiting on information from MSD regarding the Elm Avenue Sewer Project. January 18<sup>th</sup> is the State of the City Address at the Norwood Chamber of Commerce meeting. Mayor Schneider asked Council to appoint Rachel Mullins to the Administrative Specialist position that they perviously approved at the meeting.

On a motion by Mrs. Hoover, seconded by Mrs. Winterbauer, it was moved to approve the Mayor's appointment of Rachel Mullins to the Administrative Specialist role. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

Mr. Bonsall, Norwood Treasurer, stated his office is monitoring the city's assets and cash in the bank; with STAR Ohio, the city is making around \$123 a day in interest for every \$1 million the city has in that account. Norwood ended 2022 pretty well and Council will receive that full report soon. Mr. Bonsall offered to attend the next Finance Committee meeting to provide a more detailed report.

#### **O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mrs. Hoover spoke about the MLK Day of Service; the DEI Board met and things are good to go. The MLK Day of Service will take place January 16<sup>th</sup>. There is a Signup Genius to solicit volunteers for the day and throughout the week. MLK Day was created to be a day of service across the country. For the blood drive, individuals are asked to give a special code and at the end of the month, a total will be provided as to how much blood was donated in association with Norwood's MLK Day of Service. There will be a raffle and other drawings for those who choose to donate blood.

**P) NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Franzen announced an Infrastructure Committee meeting taking place at 7pm on January 18<sup>th</sup>; this meeting will address Factory 52 concerns and other traffic signals, signs, and paint lines.

Mrs. Franzen stated that guns are also an issue with suicide; if someone has suicidal thoughts and has guns, please contact a relative or friend or someone else to remove the guns.

Mrs. Hoover spoke about an issue involving the removal of anti-Semitic graffiti from Lindner Park. The Jewish Community Relations Council removed the graffiti; she sent an email to several city officials about the matter. It is important to acknowledge that this happened in our community and it is not acceptable and does not belong here, or anywhere. If anyone sees similar items, please report them using See-Click-Fix so that they can be removed.

Mrs. Hoover announced that Xavier University will be holding an inaugural Martin Luther King, Jr. Spirit Celebration at 6pm, on January 17<sup>th</sup>, at Bellarmine Chapel; a Black Lives Lost memorial bench will also be blessed and revealed.

**Q) COMMUNICATIONS**

**1) Ohio Division of Liquor Control                      Re: TRFO, BB Endeavors LLC / Donna Cap LLC**

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to receive and file the letter with no objections. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

**2) Keith Moore, Law Director                              Re: Law Director's Annual Report**

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to receive the letter, and allow Mr. Moore to address Council. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

Mr. Moore stated one of the biggest changes in the Law Director's Office in the hiring of Katherine (Kat) Cornelius; she brings an incredible amount of skill to the office and he thanked Council for approving and creating that role. Mr. Moore spoke about the property on Crown Avenue; the owner served 30 days in prison and Council held a hearing and made findings about it being a public health menace. Mr. Moore thanked Council for holding that hearing; Council may be asked to take further action regarding this matter. Mr. Moore spoke about Sunshine Law issues and thanked Council for their sensitivity to the fact that these things matter; the level of attention increased up front and Council continues to take it seriously. Mr. Moore thanked TA Brown, Tim Garry, and Kat Cornelius; they all bring an invaluable amount of skill and he thanked them for their service. Mrs. Hoover thanked Mr. Moore and the Law Department and stated they are always helpful and respectful.

**3) Mayor Victor Schneider                                      Re: December Mayor's Court Report**

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mrs. Winterbauer, it was moved to receive the letter. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

**R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS**


There were no absent members.

**S) ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mrs. Franzen, it was moved to adjourn.

All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

  
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**Joseph S. Geers**  
Clerk of Council

  
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**Ken Miracle**  
President of Council