



Norwood City Council
Norwood City Hall Auditorium (2nd floor)
4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212
February 14, 2023 | 7:30pm

A) CALL TO ORDER

The Council for the City of Norwood met in regular session on the above date with Mr. Eric Thompson, President Pro-Tem, 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 Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: add a Streets and Infrastructure Committee report, add a Parks and Recreation Committee report, add a Housing, Health, and Public Safety Committee report, and add a new Exhibit A for the “CEDAP” ordinance.

All members present voted, “Yes.” The motion passed.

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1) January 24, 2023 – Regular Meeting

On a motion by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to receive and file the minutes of the January 24, 2023 meeting. 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) Lyric Morris-Latchaw

Re: Urging the administration to apply for funding to subsidize lead pipe replacement

Mrs. Morris-Latchaw addressed Council regarding a subsidized lead pipe replacement program in Norwood; she recently found out about high levels of lead in her water due to a break in a lead water line. Her 8 month old son had lead poisoning; they had to pay out-of-pocket costs to replace the water lines. She has talked with the county, the state, and Children’s Hospital. People Working Cooperatively were able to fund about \$30,000 of work on her house. Funding is available through HUD and the EPA; to be eligible for these funds, Norwood must first apply. The two main sources of funding available to the city are through the EPA and HUD; the city of Cincinnati has been helpful in working with other communities with regard to the application process.

2) Mary Yeager

Re: Gun ordinance results from 1/24 meeting and mayor’s comments prior to notifying residents of training

Mrs. Yeager addressed Council about the gun ordinance that was recently passed; she thanked Mr. Breadon for voting “no” on the gun ordinance. She has concerns about the comments made by Mayor Schneider; regarding accidental deaths in the home, accidental gun deaths ranks 15th. We need to speak up about second amendment rights; there are other ways of dealing with this and communicating it.

3) Bishop Sonny James

Re: Community

Mr. James addressed Council regarding several topics within the community. He acknowledged the families of the students involved in the recent Michigan State University shooting; we need to stand with those families. Mr. James stated he is excited about Norwood’s future; they recently had the MLK walk/parade and there will be a Black History Month parade this Sunday. The community is

taking massive steps forward addressing sensitive things. He encourages everyone to be safe; mental health affects all of us.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

1) Streets & Infrastructure: 01/18/2023

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

2) Parks, Recreation, and Public Places: 01/31/2023

On a motion by Mrs. Hoover, seconded by Mrs. Winterbauer, it was moved to receive and file the committee report. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

3) Housing, Health, and Public Safety: 02/13/2023

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

K) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- 1) There were no third readings of ordinances or resolutions.

L) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- 1) ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 741 PINBALL MACHINES.

On a motion by Mr. Kelsch, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to hear the second reading of the ordinance. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

M) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- 1) ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 51-2022, LEVYING A \$5.00 MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 4504.173 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

On a motion by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to hear the first reading of the ordinance.

Mrs. Hoover asked for the Safety-Service Director to speak about why this ordinance is being brought back to Council; Mr. Powers stated the original ordinance that was passed was submitted to the state, and they stated it is not an emergency legislation. This revised ordinance removes the emergency.

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

- 2) ORDINANCE TO CHANGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

On a motion by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to suspend the rules and hear all three readings of the ordinance. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

Mrs. Winterbauer asked about the changes in this ordinance; Mr. Thompson replied by stating these changes are being made to match the actual balances that are available.

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

- 3) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SERVICE-SAFETY DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HAMILTON COUNTY REGARDING A GRANT FOR THE COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ("CEDAP") FOR THE MONTGOMERY ROAD SIDEWALK SAFETY & DUKE UTILITY POLE REMOVAL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to suspend the rules and hear all three readings of the ordinance. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

Mrs. Franzen stated this grant will allow for the burying of around 750' of power lines and removing 8 utility poles; this will allow for businesses to invest in their facades.

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

- 4) ORDINANCE BANNING REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS FROM MEMBERSHIP AND DAY PASSES AT NORWOOD RECREATION FACILITIES.

On a motion by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to hear the first reading of the ordinance.

Mr. Kelsch asked why there is only one reading taking place for this ordinance; Mr. Powers replied by stating having three readings over three meetings will make sure word gets out about this ordinance.

Mr. Kelsch stated there is a lot of risk, given the timing it takes to pass and put legislation in place, and Council should act now. Mr. Powers stated this is being proactive and this is not an issue now.

Mrs. Franzen stated she understands the concern about this being a delay, but the fact that this is not currently an issue and having the readings heard over there meetings will help get the word out. Ms. Roysel asked about other cities passing similar ordinances; Mr. Powers stated this legislation was modeled from legislation already passed in Sharonville. Mrs. Franzen mentioned the possibility of having two readings tonight and the third reading at the next meeting.

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

5) RESOLUTION CREATING FUND 2034 MONTGOMERY ROAD SIDEWALK SAFETY & DUKE UTILITY POLE REMOVAL GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

On a motion by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to suspend the rules and hear all three readings of the resolution. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to pass the resolution. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

N) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mayor Schneider stated there are currently projects taking place at the Community Center, City Hall, Rec Center, and Public Works; at Public Works, they are removing old surplus vehicles and equipment. Other projects currently in the works include the refuse and recycling contract negotiations, the Financial Recovery Plan has been submitted to the Auditor of State, and residential water meters are in the process of being replaced. Residents are encouraged to respond to the letters and door hangers about scheduling their water meter replacement. Mayor Schneider thanked Mike Skelly, the Community Development Director, for his contributions to the façade program to help improve the looks of the city; he is making proper connections with the right people. Mayor Schneider talked about good government and being smart with tax payers' money; the Cincinnati Zoo is looking at a new tax levy and that was put before the Tax Review Committee for discussion. They are looking at other ways to generate revenue that doesn't put the full burden on Hamilton County residents; 2/3 of those visiting the zoo are from outside of Hamilton County. Tourist cities have other ways to generate revenue; Norwood's hotel tax generates around \$100,000 a year. Mayor Schneider spoke about home safety; there was a training that addressed securing guns so that they are not easily accessible within the home. We need to have more discussions about this topic and be sensitive to it.

Mr. Bonsall, Norwood Treasurer, invited Tim Wagers to provide an update to Council on things happening in the Treasurer's office. Mr. Wagers stated there have been dramatic staffing changes in the past year; all positions are currently filled. Tax filing numbers are short; there are a lot of non-filers. Anyone who lives in Norwood and has accumulated some type of wealth should file; April 18th is the tax filing deadline. The Treasurer's office will offer an amnesty program in the months of March and April for anyone who hasn't filed from 2018 to current. Since all positions are filled, the office can work on items without waiting until the end of the month and there are fewer mistakes. They look to balance reports with the Auditor's office by the fifth of every month. Mr. Bonsall stated Mr. Wagers looks at ways to save the taxpayers money; the city was paying \$100 a month for a credit card machine that wasn't being used. Bank fees have been dropped by around \$700 a month.

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Kelsch asked for an update on the Elm Avenue Sewer Project; he is getting questions from residents. Mayor Schneider stated they have not received a response from MSD but they have talked with JMA and are moving forward with the plans and directives from the city with surveys that have been completed. Mr. Kelsch asked about the next steps and further options for flooding; Mayor Schneider stated they are still at a point of getting funding in place and paperwork. Mr. Powers stated the State has provided some additional funding; he is hoping to receive some funds from that. Mr. Kelsch stated not much has happened in three years; residents here something and then there is no action or updates. Mayor Schneider stated there are no quick solutions; Council can let the residents know where things are. Funding for this project is a big thing, but the city cannot pay the costs out of pocket; the city has paid for engineering and there are timelines and guidelines pertaining to funding for this project. Mr. Kelsch stated residents would like to see more updates about this project, more discussion at meetings, and updates posted on the city's Facebook page. Mayor Schneider stated initial costs on this project are around \$1,600,000.

Mrs. Hoover stated the MLK virtual blood drive is finished; many people have said they donated but their names are not appearing on the donor list. If anyone donated blood for the MLK day of service, they can send Mrs. Hoover an email at shoover@norwoodohio.gov. Mrs. Hoover stated she donated blood for the first time. The prize drawings will take place at the next DEI meeting, which is March 1st.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Winterbauer thanked Lyric for sharing her story about lead poisoning; the topic of lead abatement and education was placed into the Housing Committee. Mrs. Winterbauer placed the topic of a strategic plan in Committee of the Whole; this will allow the opportunity to discuss the main goals for Council for the year and will allow for transparency with projects.

Mr. Kelsch mentioned a wrestling event taking place at Norwood High School Friday at 6pm. He reminded everyone of the Black History Month walk that will be taking place; anyone interested in attending is asked to meet at the Dollar General at 2pm on February 19th.

Mrs. Hoover encouraged everyone to look at the sewer grates in front of their houses with the rain season approaching; Public Works did a great job removing leaves but some trees had leaves fall late and they could block the sewer grates.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Mayor Victor Schneider

Re: Mayor's Court Fines: January 2023

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

2) Ohio Dept of Natural Resources

**Re: Joining the National Flood Insurance Program
(NFIP) and Regulations Assistance Webinar**

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

R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

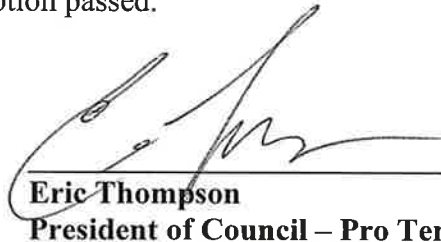
On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to excuse the absent member (Mr. Miracle). All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

S) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Kelsch, seconded by Mrs. Franzen, it was moved to adjourn.
All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.



Joseph S. Geers
Clerk of Council



Eric Thompson
President of Council – Pro Tem