



# Norwood City Council

Norwood City Hall Auditorium (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)  
4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212  
March 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. 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, and Mr. Thompson.

**E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA**

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: remove the minutes from the February 28, 2023 meeting, add an amended resolution regarding Marsh Park, add a resolution regarding Women's History Month, and remove the ordinance regarding the financial recovery plan.

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

**F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

- 1) **February 28, 2023 – Regular Meeting**  
*(removed during amendment of agenda)*

**G) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

There were no special presentations.

**H) PUBLIC HEARINGS**

There were no Public Hearings.

**I) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

- 1) **Susan Daniels** **Re: Marsh Park Project**

Ms. Daniels, residing at 2063 Maple Avenue, addressed Council regarding the Marsh Park project; she is the current President of the Norwood Historical Society. The Norwood Historical Society receives numerous questions about how Norwood parks were established; the history of Marsh Park is linked to a black family who lived on Marsh Avenue. These families were victims of harassment and vandalism; these stories of Marsh Park have been made more public as online records are becoming available. This is an untold story that recently was brought to light; Mrs. Hoover has led the way with this project. A lot of information has been researched, including news articles and ordinances; the Historical Society is trying to get an Ohio Historical Marker for this park and Ms. Daniels is confident it will be awarded. Ms. Daniels spoke with an Ohio State Representative who stated this project fits the mold that they are looking for; the resolution on the agenda tonight allows for the application for the state marker to be submitted. They are also applying for a grant. Mr. Kelsch asked if this came through a Council Committee; Ms. Daniels replied by stating this was initially discussed several years ago. Mrs. Franzen confirmed that this was mentioned in a recent Parks Committee meeting, regarding Mrs. Hoover's work on this project and the role of the Norwood Historical Society. Mr. Kelsch asked if having a State Historical Marker will limit updates or other items in the park; Mr. Kelsch stated if this is true, it is a serious occurrence. Mrs. Hoover stated she sent an email to Council in September containing some of those historical documents; there are primary resources from the time period, and the Ohio Historical Marker Committee does serious vetting of those documents. Mrs. Hoover stated there will be a lot of community outreach about what the residents closest to the park want, as well as those residing in the rest of the city; things being considered include a memory bench and a community garden.

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

There were no committee reports.

**K) THIRD 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 Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to hear the third reading of the ordinance. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

On a motion by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to pass the ordinance.

Mr. Kelsch asked if there were any other items that would cause this ordinance to be kicked-back; Mr. Moore is unaware of anything in this ordinance that would get it kicked-back.

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

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

There were no second readings of ordinances or resolutions.

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

- 1) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PAY & BENEFITS FOR DWAYNE SUMNER IN CONSIDERATION OF HIS SERVICE IN THE POSITION OF CHIEF OF POLICE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

On a motion by Mr. Kelsch, 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.

Mr. Thompson asked for Mayor Schneider to speak on this ordinance; Mayor Schneider stated Chief Kramer worked under a previous contract and he is retiring. The new Police Chief will be sworn in soon; this ordinance makes sure the benefits are squared away properly.

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

- 2) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION "OPWC" STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND / OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$300,210.00 FOR EMERGENCY REPAIRS OF FOREST AVENUE INFRASTRUCTURE, TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Mrs. Hoover asked for the Safety-Service Director to further explain this ordinance; Mr. Powers replied by confirming this was for repairing more of the Forest Avenue underpass. It was discovered that an additional 170' of storm sewer was damaged; JMA Consultants submitted the application to OPWC to pay for the additional repairs. Mrs. Franzen asked about the timeline to finish this project; Mr. Powers replied by stating it will probably be the end of March or first week of April. Mayor Schneider stated there were State Capital Infrastructure Funds for emergency funding in the amount of \$300,000 available for this project; if the city would not have applied for this funding, the cost would have been paid in full out of the general fund.

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

- 3) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$176,000.00 FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE NORWOOD COUNCIL CHAMBERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Ms. Royse asked for the Safety-Service Director to address Council on this matter; Mr. Powers stated this contract is for the interior renovations of Council Chambers, which does not include HVAC work. The bids came back higher than expected, which is why he brought this back to Council.

On a motion by Mrs. Hoover, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to pass the ordinance. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

- 4) ORDINANCE APPROVING THE SEVENTH AMENDMENT TO THE DETAILED FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE CITY OF NORWOOD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

*(removed during amendment of agenda)*

- 5) RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE PLACEMENT OF A HISTORIC MARKER AT THE ENTRANCE OF MARSH PARK IN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT THE PARK WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE CITY OF NORWOOD IN 1923 FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF

PREVENTING BLACKS FROM OWNING HOMES THERE, SUPPORTING A REQUEST FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR SUCH MARKER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

On a motion by Mrs. Hoover, seconded by Mrs. Franzen, it was moved to suspend the rules and hear all three readings of the resolution.

Mr. Kelsch stated the application is due May 1<sup>st</sup>, and asked if it was necessary to have all three readings at once; Mrs. Hoover replied by stating three readings were taking into consideration for the timing, also taking into account the possible absence of some Council members at future meetings. Mr. Kelsch stated he struggles with having three readings at one meeting and would like to further research the matter, review the materials, find out about any restrictions, and asked if Mrs. Hoover would consider amending the motion to have two readings of the resolution tonight. Mr. Thompson stated he sees no reason to split the readings; passing the resolution allows for the application for the historical marker. Mr. Thompson questions why Mr. Kelsch would not want to have all three readings tonight; Mr. Kelsch replied by stating he would like to read all of the information to make an educated vote.

Mrs. Hoover agreed to amend her motion to hear the first and second readings of the resolution; Mrs. Franzen agreed to amend her second to that motion.

Mrs. Hoover reiterated the fact that this is historically accurate and would not be awarded the marker if it was not; she has been talking about this with Council for over a year.

Mr. Kelsch stated with having two readings tonight and one reading at the next meeting, it could still be declared an emergency. Mr. Moore clarified the difference between suspending the rules and declaring an emergency. The title/captions of ordinances and resolutions must be read three separate times; Council may suspend the rules and have two or three readings at one meeting. The emergency clause is different from suspending the rules; the last section of an ordinance or resolution may "declare an emergency," which means it will go into effect the day it is signed by the Mayor. Without an emergency clause, legislation goes into effect 30 days after signed by the Mayor. The emergency clause also means the legislation cannot be repealed by residents. Nothing has to be stated during the motion to pass legislation when the emergency clause is contained in the legislation.

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

6) A RESOLUTION OBSERVING AND CELEBRATING MARCH 2023 AS "WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH" IN THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO.

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

Ms. Royse stated this resolution is similar to the one that was passed last year. Mrs. Franzen recognized Ms. Royse's drive for household items for Lydia's House; these items can be placed in bins that are located at the Rec Center, the Community Center, and Norwood City Hall.

On a motion by Ms. Royse, 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 he represented Norwood at a Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce Regional Governance meeting; Alicia Reese spoke and was passionate about what she is doing within Hamilton County. Mayor Schneider stated when he became Mayor, there have been many within Hamilton County who expressed an interest in helping Norwood. Mayor Schneider recently attended the Pigs & Pins bowling fundraiser; it was nice to see Stones packed with people. The water meter replacement project is still going on and will take a while to complete. The 562 (Norwood Lateral) storm water drain project has been completed; this was another rotting galvanized pipe that needed to be replaced. They are getting rid of junk cars and other left over stuff at Public Works; the back of Public Works is visible from the Factory 52 site. Mayor Schneider has worked with Mr. Stith on the Financial Recovery Plan; Council will see the new version soon, as there are some items still being worked on. This is a 5-year plan that includes capital improvements and managing finances.

**O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

**P) NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Thompson announced a Finance Committee meeting at 6:30pm on March 21, 2023.

Ms. Royse stated the DEI Board is assisting with the Lydia's House drive; she read a list of items that are currently being collected and noted that the full list is posted above the bins located at City Hall, the Rec Center, and the Community Center.

Mrs. Franzen stated she has been talking with Mr. Powers about better communications about infrastructure; when roads are being repaved and the filling of potholes. She spoke about hosting a public

outreach event on a weekend to talk about good news and road projects, so that residents are aware of what is happening; a date for this event has not yet been announced.

**Q) COMMUNICATIONS**

**1) Mayor Victor Schneider**

**Re: Mayor's Court Fines: February 2023**

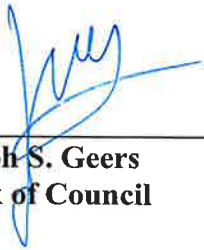
On a motion by Mr. Kelsch, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to receive and file the letter, as if read. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

**R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS**

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

**S) ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion by Ms. Royse, 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