



Norwood City Council

Norwood City Hall Auditorium (2nd floor)
4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212
April 25, 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 an invocation by Ryan Zhang, Pastor at New City Church, 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. Breadon, seconded by Mrs. Winterbauer, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: add the minutes from the March 28, 2023 meeting, add an ordinance regarding Dynegy Energy, add a communication from the Law Department regarding 1911 Crown Avenue, and replace the ordinance regarding the investment policy.

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

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1) April 11, 2023 – Regular Meeting

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to accept the minutes from the March 28, 2023 and April 11, 2023 meetings, as if read. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

2) March 28, 2023 – Regular Meeting

(approved with previous motion)

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: Library

Mrs. Toren-Jones, with the Norwood Branch Library, addressed Council regarding accessibility to the Library. Previously, it was difficult for some to enter the library because there was no button to activate the door. There is now a button to enter the library, which will help with the accessibility to enter the library with a stroller or a wheelchair.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

There were no committee reports.

K) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no third readings of ordinances or resolutions..

L) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no second readings of ordinances or resolutions.

M) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

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

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, 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.

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

2) RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF NORWOOD TREASURER'S OFFICE INVESTMENT POLICY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Mr. Thompson invited Mr. Bonsall to comment on this resolution. Mr. Bonsall stated this resolution will adopt the city's official investment policy; this makes things more transparent and how the funds are managed. Mr. Thompson asked if this was a requirement to get out of fiscal Emergency; Mr. Bonsall confirmed that statement to be true. Mrs. Franzen asked about the rate of return for now and in the future; Mr. Bonsall replied by stating this is invested in Star Ohio, which has an annualized rate of 5.06%. Mr. Bonsall stated they are diligent about watching daily to move money over, or when TIF payments are due, to move the money back. Mrs. Franzen asked about any associated fees; Mr. Bonsall replied by stating fees are already taken into account. Mr. Breadon asked about the rate difference; Mr. Bonsall replied by stating the rate is based on what is available on the bond market, and keeping it short term, usually around 37 days.

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

3) AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO SIGN AN ELECTRIC SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH DYNEGY ENERGY SERVICES (EAST) LLC TO PROVIDE RETAIL POWER TO THE CITY OF NORWOOD FROM MAY 2023 TO MAY 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

N) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mayor Schneider stated that prior to the Council meeting, the new Police Chief was sworn in; he worked with Council to get the new Chief in place. There was no acting-Chief and there was a smooth transition and clear chain of command. Chief Kramer was Norwood Police Chief for 12 years. Mayor Schneider announced that they are interviewing for a new Director of Human Resources; the previous person left about three weeks ago. There was a meeting with engineering about streets to look at what is going to happen; they are planning three years ahead. State Route 561 will be paved this year; State Route 562 will be shut down for repairs. Montgomery Road will receive a revamp to be made more pedestrian friendly. Some residential streets will be resurfaced; that will be spread evenly among the four wards in the city. The hot asphalt is running and Public Works is filling potholes throughout the city. Council Chambers renovation is moving forward. The Recreation Director and Project Manager are working on the pool at Water Works; there will be improvements made to the sun deck and the baby pool will be fully operational this year. Norwood Public Works worked with Cincinnati for a clean-up on the Norwood Lateral. Mayor Schneider mentioned two groups who recently hosted clean-ups on Montgomery Road; Norwood Together hosted a clean-up in the morning and Cincinnati Hikes Group hosted one in the afternoon. There were over 35 bags of garbage collected with these clean-ups.

Mr. Bonsall stated he appreciates Council having the first reading of the Investment Policy Resolution. Tax Day wrapped up on April 18th; the Tax Department performed extremely well under the leadership of Tim Wagers. The process for filing taxes was efficient; there were comments made about the line to file taxes not being as long, but it was because they were being processed faster. Mr. Bonsall stated he appreciates those who chose to e-file their Norwood taxes; he reminded those who e-file their Norwood taxes, that they do not have to pay on that module and that they may still mail in a check to make a payment. At the end of the first quarter, income taxes were down about 4% for the year; April is looking positive so far. Mrs. Franzen asked about the ability for residents to e-file previous year taxes; Mr. Bonsall confirmed e-filing is only for the current year.

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Franzen spoke about Hunter Park and the addition of a community garden; anyone interested in helping to set up the community garden is invited to come to Hunter Park on May 16th, from 3pm – dusk.

Mrs. Franzen announced a meeting hosted by Norwood Together at 6:30pm, on April 27th, at the Norwood High School Gymnasium to talk about the Norwood Schools; the superintendent will be present at the meeting.

Mrs. Hoover mentioned the Marsh Park survey; there have been about 70 respondents so far, and about 200 printed surveys were distributed to houses around the park.

Mrs. Hoover spoke about the Façade Grant; Gordo's has utilized the grant and has new paint and will also get a new door and new windows. Business owners along Montgomery Road are encouraged to contact

Mike Skelly if they are interested in learning more about this grant program to improve the façade of their business along Montgomery Road.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Miracle announced a Public Hearing taking place at the May 9th Council Meeting for the purpose of Community Development Block Grant funding.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Norwood Law Department

Re: Request for Public Hearing at Your Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 7:30 p.m. regular Council meeting and Request for Your Findings that there is a large quantity of litter, as that term is defined in ORC 00731.51(B), on the exterior of 1911 Crown Avenue Norwood, Hamilton County, Ohio

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Thompson, it was moved to receive and file the letter, and schedule the Public Hearing for May 9th.

Mr. Breadon stated this has been an on-going issue, and his offer still stands to help remove litter from the property. Mr. Breadon stated he feels for the neighbors.

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

R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

There were no absent members.

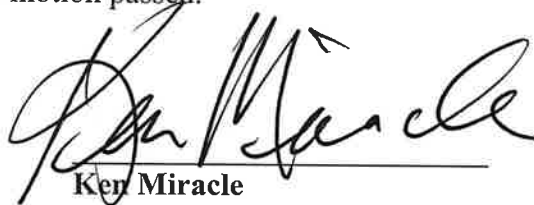
S) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Royse, seconded by Mrs. Winterbauer, it was moved to adjourn.

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



Joseph S. Geers
Clerk of Council



Ken Miracle
President of Council