



# Norwood City Council

Norwood City Hall Auditorium (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)  
4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212  
May 23, 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, Mrs. Winterbauer, Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Breadon.

## E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: add a communication regarding Marsh Park supporting documentation, add a Finance Committee report, add an Economic Development Committee report, remove the May 9, 2023 minutes, and add an ordinance regarding lighting on State Route 562.

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

## F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

### 1) May 9, 2023 – Regular Meeting

*(removed during amendment of the agenda)*

## G) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

### 1) Katheryn Toren-Jones and Paula Brehm-Heeger

### Re: Norwood Public Library

Mrs. Toren-Jones, with the Norwood Branch Library, distributed a folder of information (on file in the Clerk of Council's office) to all members of Council and introduced Paula Brehm-Heeger; Mrs. Brehm-Heeger is the Director of the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Mrs. Brehm-Heeger provided an update on things going on within the Library across the county; this is the fifth year of implementing the 10-year Facility Master Plan. There are three locations with significant handicap accessible problems; Norwood, Cheviot, and Wyoming. Additionally, the Norwood Branch is land-locked with limited parking; there is a beautiful auditorium, but an elevator is needed and additional parking. There are eight locations in the "central zone," including the Norwood Branch; this zone serves 145,000 residents. Mrs. Brehm-Heeger spoke about library funding and reminded everyone of the library tax levy that is set to expire in 2023; in addition to two tax levies, the library also receives some State funding. Mrs. Brehm-Heeger complimented the work that Mrs. Toren-Jones and the staff at the Norwood branch perform on a regular basis. Mrs. Brehm-Heeger thanked Council for their civic work.

## H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no Public Hearings.

## I) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

### 1) Marilyn Hanrahan

### Re: Comments

Mrs. Hanrahan, residing at 2257 Monroe Avenue, distributed copies of her remarks from the previous Council meeting to all members of Council; she referenced a member of Council quoting one of the speakers from the previous meeting but not stating which speaker was quoted. Mrs. Hanrahan was referencing comments implying that a speaker stated renters invest nothing in the city. Mrs. Hanrahan stated that neither she nor Ms. Albers made comments or insinuations about renters; she would never belittle anyone for being a renter. Mrs. Hanrahan thanked Mr. Breadon for speaking up at the previous meeting about no offensive comments being made about renters by the speakers at that meeting.

### 2) Meg Albers

### Re: Speech

Ms. Albers, residing at 1810 Hopkins Avenue, distributed copies of her remarks from the previous Council meeting to all members of Council; she clarified that her comments at the previous meeting were about her being a renter and then becoming a homeowner. At no point did she disparage or belittle renters; she was expressing that she invested a significant amount of money in making

Norwood her home. Ms. Albers expressed gratitude toward Mr. Breadon for his attempt to correct the misinterpretation at the previous meeting.

**3) Dana Boll Re: Community Partners**

Ms. Boll, residing at 3747 Elsmere Avenue, addressed Council about the role of Community Partners, and their relationships and engagement in the city. Ms. Boll stated the Community Partners represent the community to the funder and vice versa; this is linked to the integrity of the community, the funder, and the project. With regard to a recent grant, her role as a Community Partner in Norwood has been that of a project manager, to get the project done with a fruitful outcome for each researcher and stakeholder. Projects at Dorl and Norwood High School turned out so well because of community engagement; she looks forward to working with Council on future projects.

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

**1) Finance, Budget, and Audit: 05/16/2023**

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

**2) Economic Development: 05/22/2023**

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Thompson, 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) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO AUTHORIZING NON-UNION EMPLOYEE PAY RATES.**

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Franzen, it was moved to hear the third reading of the ordinance and declare an emergency. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

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

**2) RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF NORWOOD TREASURER'S OFFICE INVESTMENT POLICY.**

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to hear the third reading of the resolution. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

On a motion by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to pass the resolution. 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) AN ORDINANCE DECLARING IMPROVEMENTS TO CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO TO BE A PUBLIC PURPOSE; DECLARING SUCH PROPERTY TO BE EXEMPT FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXATION; DESCRIBING THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE TO BENEFIT SUCH REAL PROPERTY; REQUIRING ANNUAL SERVICE PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES; CREATING A FUND FOR THE DEPOSIT OF SUCH SERVICE PAYMENTS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNER OF SUCH REAL PROPERTY; AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPENSATION AGREEMENT.**

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

Mayor Schneider stated Pat Woodside does a lot of important work for the city; he has been involved with the city for many years. Mr. Woodside's practice "is focused on complex financings, structured finance, and counseling governmental and banking clients on federal tax issues associated with new money, current refunding and advance refunding tax-exempt financings; the issuance of governmental bonds, exempt facility bonds, qualified small issue manufacturing bonds and 501(c)(3) bonds." Mayor Schneider expressed his appreciation for all that Mr. Woodside does for Norwood.

Mr. Woodside, Bond Counsel for the city of Norwood, stated he hopes that all can see the positive things going on in the city; there are several things he has accomplished in Norwood that he is proud of. Mr. Woodside spoke of the redevelopment of the former Quality Inn site; the remediation of this property is taking place. This ordinance is a typical TIF; the first fifteen years of tax payments will be exempt and years 16-30 will include payments to the Norwood City Schools, in lieu of taxes, for years 1-15. Mrs. Winterbauer asked how much was spent on the abatement of the property; Mr. Woodside replied by stating around \$4,000,000 has been spent on soil remediation. Incentives are being

proposed to offset some of those expenses to make this an economically viable project. Mrs. Franzen asked about the return on investment with and without the TIF; Mr. Woodside replied by sharing an overview but stated he doesn't have those specifics and recommended asking Mr. Lingenfelter for more detailed information.

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

- 2) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORWOOD TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH MONTGOMERY AND MAPLE, LLC; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ENTER INTO A RELATED SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPENSATION AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (as amended).

On a motion by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to amend the ordinance to add the word "years" after "fifteen (15)" in the 7<sup>th</sup> "whereas" section. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

On a motion by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to hear the first reading of the ordinance, as amended. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

- 3) AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PRIORITY OF PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS GRANTED FOR PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4747 MONTGOMERY ROAD WITHIN THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO.

On a motion by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mrs. Winterbauer, it was moved to hear the first reading of the ordinance. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

- 4) RESOLUTION DECLARING JUNE 2023 TO BE PRIDE MONTH IN THE CITY OF NORWOOD.

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to suspend the rules and hear all three readings of the resolution, with the first reading in its entirety. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

Mr. Thompson stated this is the fourth year this resolution has been brought to Council; it has passed every year. Mr. Thompson stated the LGBTQ community is particularly marginalized; this resolution lets them know they are valued in the city of Norwood. Mr. Thompson acknowledged that this year is different from previous years; in 2023, 417 anti-LGBTQ bills have been enacted by various State Legislatures. It feels like the country has regressed when it comes to the LGBTQ community; this resolution recognizes those individuals in the city, that they are positive contributors to the city, and that Council supports them. Mrs. Franzen stated she echoes the comments made by Mr. Thompson; as a teacher, she has many students who are frightened at this time. As a community, passing this resolution is a small gesture, but it is an important gesture to make.

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

- 5) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE PURPOSE OF REPAIRING/REPLACING STREET LIGHTING ON STATE ROUTE 562 (THE NORWOOD LATERAL) AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO DRAW AND THE CITY TREASURER TO MAKE APPROPRIATE PAYMENTS IN FURTHERANCE OF THIS PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Mr. Powers stated a similar ordinance was passed in September, 2022; this is a companion piece of legislation needed by ODOT.

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.

## **N) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

Mayor Schneider reminded everyone of the Memorial Day commemoration that will take place at 12pm at Victory Park; this event is put on by the VFW and other interested citizens. Waterworks pool opens up this weekend; pool passes are currently on sale. The float-valve in the baby pool has been replaced, and it will be open this year. Mayor Schneider invited Darren Hackworth, Project Manager, to talk about the Council Chambers renovation; Mr. Hackworth expects Council Chambers to reopen near the end of June. The HVAC has been installed, sanding is currently going on, and there will be a new AV system which includes three television monitors. Numerous renovations and updates have taken place at Waterworks pool. Mrs. Franzen asked about chairs and umbrellas for rent at the pool this season; Mr. Hackworth replied by stating he is unaware of how Mr. Gabbard has approached that topic. Mayor Schneider suggested that people "lighten up" and quit taking people so serious. We are looking for people who are

dreamers and have ideas of what can happen in the city. When you hear things or see something on social media, don't take everything so serious; just because it has been talked about doesn't mean it is going to happen. If Council says something is going to happen, then it is probably going to happen.

Mr. Bonsall stated the Tax Department has deposited all checks.

**O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mrs. Hoover mentioned the Salvation Army's coordinated pickup for Xavier University move-out; some students/landlords have utilized it. Mr. Shelby reminded the students of the rules; flyers were mailed and hand-delivered to educate the student-residents. Mrs. Hoover stated she misspoke at the previous meeting; she meant to say that renters make up 55%-57% of Norwood, and not 55%-75%.

**P) NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Franzen announced a Parks Committee meeting taking place at 7pm on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Royse spoke about the DEI Advisory Board working with the city for a Pride Flag raising ceremony; the ceremony will take place outside of City Hall at 6:30pm on June 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be the first time the Pride Flag has flown at City Hall.

**Q) COMMUNICATIONS**

**1) Supporting Documentation for the Marsh Park Historical Marker Application**

On a motion by Mrs. Hoover, seconded by Mrs. Franzen, it was moved to receive and file the supporting documentation for the Marsh Park Historical Marker Application. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

**R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS**

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

**S) ADJOURNMENT**


On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Ms. Royse, 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