



Norwood City Council
Norwood City Hall Auditorium (2nd floor)
4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212
June 27, 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. Breadon.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: remove June 13th meeting minutes and add Parks Committee report. All members present voted, “Yes.” The motion passed.

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 1) **June 13, 2023 – Regular Meeting**
(removed with amendment of the agenda)

G) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

I) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- 1) **Deb Meinerding** **Re: Emily’s Garden**

Mrs. Meinerding addressed Council regarding the ordinance naming a portion of Hunter Park after her daughter, Emily McLean. Mrs. Meinerding stated the idea is perfect; Emily loved the people here, she loved Norwood, and she “always loved nature and all things beautiful.” Mrs. Meinerding read a quote from something Emily wrote in her caring bridge, and stated this garden will be perfect for butterflies and anyone able to spend time in this beautiful section of Hunter Park. She thanked Paul Boys for his part in putting the garden together.

- 2) **Elena Hammock** **Re: Public Hearing for 1911 Crown Avenue**

Ms. Hammock, residing at 1911 Crown Avenue, addressed Council regarding the hearing that recently took place about her property. Ms. Hammock questioned why rules and laws do not apply to her neighbors; she stated that she asked for a motion to dismiss. Ms. Hammock stated she is tired of being harassed by her neighbors and said she collects rainwater because she doesn’t want to use Norwood’s water.

- 3) **Mary C. Miller** **Re: Emily’s Garden & Fred Shuttlesworth Documentary**

Mrs. Miller, residing at 1845 Hopkins Avenue, addressed Council on several items. Mrs. Miller thanked Paul Boys for his involvement in Emily’s Garden; Mr. Boys agreed to help with a community garden at Hunter Park and led that initiative. Mrs. Miller stated Emily’s mom showed up on the park work-day, which was last Saturday; many other volunteers showed up to assist. Mrs. Miller stated Sonny James invited her to a meeting with a group of several local pastors in the community; they are working on a documentary about Fred Shuttlesworth and looking to recreate the march in Birmingham in Norwood. Fred Shuttlesworth spent time living in Cincinnati and was very active in the civil rights movement. Mrs. Miller asked Council to support the march.

- 4) **Mark Purushotham** **Re: August 27, 2023**

Mr. Purushotham, a resident of Somerville, Massachusetts, addressed Council regarding the Fred Shuttlesworth documentary; he is from the Boston area and is here working on the documentary. Mr. Purushotham stated Fred Shuttlesworth was from Alabama and is significant because he was the one who encouraged Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to come to Alabama; Birmingham was the epicenter of

American segregation. Fred Shuttlesworth came to Cincinnati in 1961; his story is remarkable. All the issues he was concerned about, people are talking about today and realize that the fight is still ongoing. There were many attempts on his life; he was a resilient man. Three of his children still live in the Cincinnati area, as well as some of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Fred Shuttlesworth's story is an important one and one the country and the world should know about.

5) Bishop Sonny James Re: Community

Mr. James addressed Council regarding issues in the community; he thanked Mary C. Miller and her husband, and Mr. Kelsch for their on-going support. Mr. James continued some of the comments made by Mr. Purushotham and stated that Fred Shuttlesworth said he was praying for the day when he can walk hand in hand with the people who beat him. Mr. James said it doesn't matter what others say about Norwood, what he cares about is what we say about Norwood. Mr. James stated Mr. Purushotham is a first-class film producer. Mr. James wants to make sure all of Norwood knows that there are well-seasoned individuals on board with the march in August. Mr. James stated he wants to rid the community of the lies that still exist.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

1) Parks, Recreation, & Public Places: 05/16/2023

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.

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

2) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION AGREEMENT, FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 36 MONTHS, WITH A NATURAL GAS SUPPLIER AS RECOMMENDED BY ENERGY ALLIANCES, INC., PROVIDED THAT THE ACCEPTED AGGREGATION RATE IS BELOW THE CURRENT CONTRACTED RATE AT THE TIME OF EXECUTION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

On a motion by Mrs. Hoover, 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.

Mrs. Hoover invited Mr. Powers to step forward and explain this ordinance; Mr. Powers replied by stating this is similar to recent ordinances that were passed regarding energy aggregation. A better natural gas rate was identified and this will secure that rate and extend the plan further.

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

3) ORDINANCE HONORING THE MEMORY OF EMILY MCLEAN AND NAMING THE COMMUNITY GARDEN IN HUNTER PARK THE "EMILY'S GARDEN."

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

Mrs. Franzen acknowledged Paul Boys and his family and Emily's parents who were present at the meeting; she is happy to have them here, sad about the circumstances, and glad that Emily's life can be honored in this way. Mr. Kelsch stated there was always a section of Hunter Park intended for a community garden; he thanked Mr. Boys and the way the community stepped up for this project.

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

4) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO APPROVE A "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATE FOR THE GENERAL FUND (1001-1050-7200) TO PAY AN INVOICE FROM

TRISTAR MECHANICAL SOLUTIONS, LLC IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$5,612.57 FOR WORK PERFORMED FOR THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

N) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mayor Schneider attended the Fretboard Brewing grand opening at Factory 52; it is located at the back of the Gatherall. He also attended a recent Florence Y'alls game where Norwood Knothole was mentioned. There was a successful Farmers Market that took place on Mills Avenue; there is a need to look at improvements at Victory Park. Mayor Schneider thanked everyone who participated in the parks community service day. Council Chambers restoration should be complete in July. The new Police Chief is working to activate the Police Training Center; this will be utilized to train our officers and others. Mr. Powers introduced the New Human Resources Director, Marie Springer; she started with the city in the end of May.

Mr. Bonsall had no major updates, other than to say the State Auditors visited and are reviewing a list of items; staff in the Treasurer's office are working on bank reconciliations.

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Hoover mentioned the Xavier student move-out; there are things to look at to make it better next year. Mrs. Hoover stated she is struck by the "power of the individual" in the community; Virginia Patterson with the Juneteenth events and Paul Boys with Emily's Garden. Mrs. Hoover stated one of the things she loves about Norwood is that one person can do some incredible things.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Franzen announced an Infrastructure Q & A / presentation that will take place June 29th at 6:30pm at the Community Center; all are invited to attend.

Mrs. Hoover announced a Housing, Health, & Public Safety Committee meeting taking place at 6pm on July 11th.

Mrs. Hoover stated that she and Mrs. Winterbauer met with members of the Norwood Police Department and the Safety-Service Director about the more public violent incidents that have occurred in the city; she is impressed with the new Police Chief and how he is community-focused.

Mr. Breadon stated he is also impressed with the new Police Chief. He was also touched with the events tonight pertaining to Emily's Garden and Fred Shuttlesworth's story. Mr. Breadon touched on the comment that was made earlier about Norwood being "the most racist town," and that believing a comment like that is "silly and absurd" and if someone believes that, they are "either ignorant or lying."

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

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

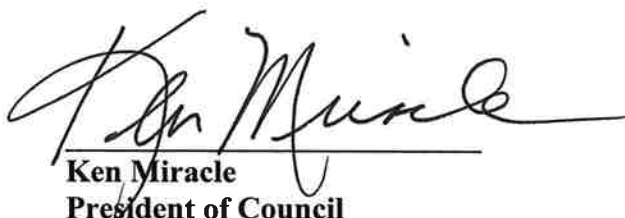
S) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Kelsch, it was moved to adjourn.

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



Joseph S. Geers
Clerk of Council



Ken Miracle
President of Council