



Norwood City Council
Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall
4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212
August 8, 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 and blessing of the renovated Council Chambers by Deacon Bill Staun of Holy Trinity 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 Mrs. Hoover, seconded by Mrs. Franzen, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: add a Housing Committee report and add a communication from the Treasurer regarding bank reconciliation and year-to-date earnings tax report. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1) July 11, 2023 – Regular Meeting

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Winterbauer, it was moved to receive and file the minutes from the July 11, 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) Adrienne Jackson Re: Concerns with Living Conditions at 2031 Mills Avenue

Ms. Jackson, a former resident at 2031 Mills Avenue, addressed Council on the living conditions at 2031 Mills Avenue. Ms. Jackson stated she has lived in Norwood since March 2013; she moved out of her apartment July 2012 and raised concerns about the conditions of her apartment and the rest of the structure at 2031 Mills Avenue, which has negatively impacted her health. Ms. Jackson is asking for the landlord to be held accountable. Ms. Jackson suggested that Norwood creates a relocation fund to assist those residents who are displaced from their residence due to landlord neglect and sewer water exposure.

2) Nyoka Cope Re: Faded Lane Lines on Sherman Avenue

Ms. Cope, residing at 1751 Lincoln Avenue, addressed Council about the importance to repaint the faded white lane lines on Sherman Avenue. Ms. Cope stated there are those who drive on this portion of Sherman Avenue who know there are separate lanes there, but not everyone is aware, since the paint is faded; many drivers treat it like it is one lane. The portion of Sherman Avenue is between Montgomery Road and Smith Road, next to the Surrey Square entrance. Ms. Cope also thanked the Norwood Police Department for taking the time to care for her neighbor who needed some assistance.

3) Mike Weigel Re: Response to Concerns about 2031 Mills Avenue

Mr. Weigel, representing the property at 2031 Mills Avenue, addressed Council on the comments that were previously made regarding the living conditions at 2031 Mills Avenue. Mr. Weigel stated the tenant received numerous notices of eviction; at the time of her final notice of eviction, is when the concerns were expressed and escalated. The property has received regular backflow inspections. The property has passed the Section 8 inspection. Norwood Public Works checked the quality of the water in the building and samples were also sent to Hamilton County for testing; everything was fine. There are no gas smells and there were no roof leaks.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

1) Housing, Health, & Public Safety: 08/08/2023

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, 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 ACCEPTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TAX INCENTIVE REVIEW COUNCIL REGARDING CITY TAX INCENTIVES FOR QUATMAN CORNER PROPERTIES, REGENT REALTY, TST CINCINNATI, TRI STATE UROLOGICAL SERVICES, AND VENTURA COMMONS, 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.

Mrs. Hoover invited Katherine Fitzgerald with Alloy Development to speak. Ms. Fitzgerald, a contractor with the city, stated the Tax Incentive Review Council's recommendation is to accept all of the agreements. Ventura Commons and Norwood Manor did not meet the staffing levels. All other payroll agreements have been met or exceeded for those not under construction. Mrs. Franzen asked what happens if Ventura Commons doesn't meet the threshold again next year; Ms. Fitzgerald replied by stating they will first reach out to the company, and also noted that they understand the labor shortage has been a challenge with all of the agreements.

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

- 2) ORDINANCE AMENDING AND RENAMING NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCE § 521.12 "OUTDOOR FURNITURE RESTRICTION".

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

- 3) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWOOD AND THE BOARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RELATIVE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF SMITH ROAD AND CARTHAGE AVENUE.

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

Mr. Breadon invited Mr. Powers to speak about the ordinance. Mr. Powers stated this has to do with getting vehicle tax funds for the project; having three readings would help move this along.

Mr. Breadon amended his motion, and Mrs. Winterbauer agreed to amend her second to the motion, to now 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.

- 4) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURCHASE OF 750 TONS, MORE OR LESS, OF SALT AT A BULK RATE, THROUGH THE HAMILTON COUNTY PURCHASING MASTER BIDSERVICE RATE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

- 5) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AMENDMENT WITH AZALEA MONTESSORI SCHOOL FOR A PORTION OF THE DONALD E. PRUES COMMUNITY CENTER, 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.

Mr. Breadon stated the Azalea School is using the Community Center in a great way; he's excited for them to expand their usage of the building.

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

6) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR A SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

On a motion by Mr. Kelsch, 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.

Mr. Breadon stated this is specially made for Norwood; the individual selected for this position was born and raised in Norwood and is serving in the community. Mr. Kelsch stated he spoke with Officer Town today; he is a great Norwood resident from a great family. Mrs. Hoover stated there are a lot of mixed feelings out there about school resource officers; this individual is a good fit for the role.

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

7) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR THE REPAVING OF STATE ROUTE 561 IN THE CITY OF NORWOOD, WITH EMERGENCY PROVISION.

On a motion by Mr. Thompson, 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.

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

N) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mr. Bonsall, Norwood Treasurer, read the letter he wrote to Council regarding bank reconciliations and year-to-date earnings tax report; it has taken a few months to complete the reconciliations. There were some issues with the accounting software, so a decision was made to use an Excel spreadsheet for bank balancing; a huge credit to the Treasurer's office staff in completing this task. The goal is to now reconcile weekly; earnings tax updates will be reported monthly. Earnings tax is currently 6% ahead of this time last year. Mr. Bonsall stated they are looking at the relationship with the current banking provider; they have been having some issues with US Bank and paying banking fees that are higher than normal. Mr. Bonsall would like to attend a Finance Committee meeting to discuss the topic of switching from US Bank to Republic Bank; there is a belief that they will provide better service and better pricing for the city. Mr. Bonsall stated the staff in the Treasurer's office are still processing tax returns, payments, and withholdings.

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Hoover spoke about the Community Safety meeting at 7pm, on August 10th, at Norwood View Elementary School; this will include a discussion about safety concerns and reviving the Neighborhood Watch program.

Mrs. Hoover reminded everyone about the Hispanic Heritage Festival that will be taking place in September; more details to come.

Mrs. Hoover stated a great meeting took place to discuss the Marsh Park survey results; this matter will be brought to the Parks Committee to see what way to go next.

Mrs. Hoover brought up the topic of recycling; Norwood currently diverts 11% of waste for recycling. Whatever is not sent to the landfill helps Norwood; an increase in community recycling will save Norwood money. Recycling bins are free for Norwood residents and businesses; current utilization of the recycling bins is only 45%.

Mrs. Winterbauer stated there will be a soil-shop event taking place soon; this will be an opportunity for Norwood residents to have their soil tested for lead. More details on the event specifics will be shared at a later date.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Hoover announced that the Norwood Police Department is bringing back First Responder Night; this will take place September 12th, from 5pm-7:30pm, in the Paycor parking lot.

Mrs. Hoover stated that today was a special election day in Ohio; she was working outside of a polling location, as was someone else who supported the other side of the issue. She introduced herself to this individual and they talked about Norwood stuff during the time they spent standing there; we have so much more in common than what separates us. Mrs. Hoover stated she hopes everyone can take a moment to focus on the humanity that is shared between us, as we move into the election season.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Mayor Victor Schneider

Re: Mayor's Court Fines: July 2023

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

2) James Bonsall, Norwood Treasurer Re: Submission of Bank Reconciliations and Year-To-Date Earnings Tax Report for January – July 2023

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

R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

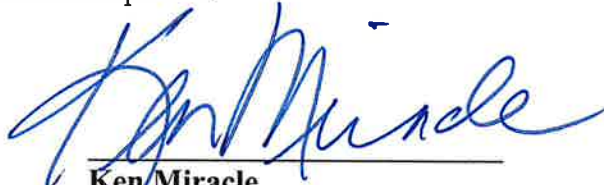
There were no absent members.

S) ADJOURNMENT

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



Joseph S. Geers
Clerk of Council



Ken Miracle
President of Council