



Resolution No. 10 _____ 20 19

**RESOLUTION REQUESTING A PROPOSAL FROM
GREATER CINCINNATI WATER WORKS
FOR LONG TERM MANAGEMENT OF
THE CITY OF NORWOOD'S WATER SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, over the last seven weeks, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) has expressed concern to the City of Norwood regarding the deferred maintenance conditions of the City of Norwood's two water storage tanks on the hill just south of Indian Mound Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Norwood's Administration, including its licensed water purveyor, in cooperation with OEPA, has requested recommendations from Dixon Engineering, Inc., a professional engineering firm which studies the condition of public water facilities, and has been implementing recommendations as to repairs of the City's two existing water tanks; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the City of Norwood's water supply and transmission facilities during the examination, cleaning, and repair of the two water tanks, the City of Norwood's Administration has requested and received the cooperation of the City of Cincinnati and its Greater Cincinnati Water Works to loan the City of Norwood some water blow off valves and pressure gauges and has contracted for the services of some of the water system professionals with Greater Cincinnati Water Works, on an emergent basis, to provide stable system-wide conditions to allow the City to carefully take each of the two water storage tanks off-line to examine, clean and repair them, without threatening the safety of the City of Norwood's water supplies to its residences, businesses and other properties within the City of Norwood, by water main breaks, or by other disruptions to safe water service; and

WHEREAS, this Council recognizes that the City of Norwood's long-time Service-Safety Director is also its state-licensed Water Purveyor and that between his daily duties to supervise the Police, Fire, Public Works, Recreation and Public Buildings and other units of Norwood City government, which make it difficult, if not impossible, to devote the necessary time, and attention to the acute problem of the deferred maintenance of the City of Norwood's two water tanks; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to confirm that the City of Norwood's water supply and transmission equipment are properly protected, maintained and managed, including the need to plan to systematically replace some of the City's aging water mains, as that need arises, including as indicated by water losses during transmission, this Council has gathered all the factual information which it can, has discussed these matters in open sessions at its regular meeting on August 13, 2019, and at a special meeting on August 20, 2019, and is resolved to continue its effort and to help the City of Norwood find a long-term way to properly manage these life-sustaining water assets;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Norwood State of Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. Council hereby requests that City of Norwood's Administration request a proposal from the City of Cincinnati and its Greater Cincinnati Water Works to provide long-term management services to the City of Norwood, already one of its largest water supply customers; or, in the alternative, that the City of Norwood's Administration authorize this Council to request this proposal directly from the City of Cincinnati and its Greater Cincinnati Water Works.

SECTION 2. Council further requests that, in light of the benefits to the people who live, work and play in the City of Norwood, of confidence in the safety of the City's water system, that the City of Norwood's Administration make special efforts to keep the Council informed as to the status of the repair and maintenance of the City of Norwood's water system, so that the Council can properly discharge its duties as the City of Norwood's legislative authority.

PASSED August 27, 2019
Date

Donna M. Laake
Donna Laake
President of Council

ATTEST:

Joseph S. Geers, the duly appointed Clerk of Council, attests that this resolution was passed at a regular/special meeting of Norwood City Council on the 27th day of August, 2019 in compliance with the rules of Norwood City Council and the laws of the State of Ohio. The foregoing resolution was submitted to the Mayor of the City of Norwood, Ohio for his signature on the 29 day of August, 2019.

Joseph S. Geers
Joseph S. Geers
Clerk of Council

APPROVED SEPT. 3 2019
Date

Thomas F. Williams
Thomas F. Williams
Mayor

CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION:

Joseph S. Geers, the duly appointed Clerk of Council, attests that this resolution was published in the _____ on _____ and _____.
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Joseph S. Geers
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Clerk of Council

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