



Norwood City Council
Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall
4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212
January 28, 2025 | 7:30pm

A) CALL TO ORDER

The Council for the City of Norwood met in a regular session on the above date with Mr. Joseph Geers presiding. The meeting opened with a moment of reflection and the Pledge of Allegiance.

B) MOMENT OF REFLECTION

C) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D) ROLL CALL

On roll call, the following members answered present: Mrs. Hoover, Ms. Royse, Mrs. Bowling, Mrs. Winterbauer, Mr. Girton, and Mr. Breadon. Mrs. Franzen was absent.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Mrs. Hoover, seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: adjust the second ordinance under item M to read “three cruisers” rather than four, and to remove the fourth and fifth committee reports under item J.

All members present voted “Yes”. The motion passed.

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no minutes of the previous meeting.

G) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

I) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

1) Charlene Myers Re: FOCUS Cincinnati

Ms. Myers lives at 4285 Ashland Avenue. She to be added to the next City Council meeting agenda in order to provide a more detailed update on work being done to provide warming shelters in Norwood. Ms. Myers thanked community partners involved in the effort and notified Council of the next community meal being held in Norwood.

2) Cate Wetzel Re: Gem of the Community Event

Ms. Wetzel lives at 3811 Regent Avenue. She notified Council that the Gem of the Community Event will be held on February 27, 2025 at 5:30pm.

3) Jon Moore Re: Main Street Ohio visit to Norwood

Mr. Moore lives at 2219 Adams Avenue. Mr. Moore addressed Council regarding his recent trip to Wooster, Ohio where he participated in the “Loyal to Local” program there by going to local businesses highlighted in a pamphlet made by the City’s Chamber of Commerce. He explained that Wooster had partnered with the organization Main Street Ohio, which works to revitalize locally owned storefronts. Mr. Moore encouraged Council to attend an informational meeting on February 4, 2025 at 12pm at 4218 Montgomery Road in Norwood.

4) Sonny James Re: Community

Mr. James lives at 4305 Ashland Avenue. He spoke to the importance of community safety, particularly in schools as well as the importance of implementing DEI efforts.

5) Lily Dean Re: Tree Board Ivy Abatement

Ms. Dean lives at 5629 Alving Avenue. She explained to Council that ivy can strangle and kill trees, which is why the Tree Board is hosting an ivy abatement event on February 15, 2025.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

1) Finance, Audit, Budget & Claims Committee—11/12/2024

On a motion made by Ms. Royse, seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to receive and file the committee report. All members present voted “Yes”. The motion passed.

2) DEI Advisory Board—12/4/2024

On a motion made by Mrs. Bowling, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to receive and file the committee report. All members present voted “Yes”. The motion passed.

3) Small Business & Economic Development Committee—12/16/2024

On a motion made 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.

4) DEI Advisory Board —12/4/2024

Removed during amendment of the agenda.

5) DEI Advisory Board —1/8/2025

Removed during amendment of the agenda.

K) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no third readings of ordinances/resolutions.

L) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no second readings of ordinances/resolutions.

M) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT AGREEMENT FOR APPROXIMATELY \$200,000 TO REPLACE LEAD WATER SERVICE LINES TO PRIVATELY HELD PROPERTIES (LINCOLN AVENUE), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings. Mrs. Hoover invited Mr. Powers to speak on the matter, who explained that this authorizes the City to contract with the EPA. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

On a motion made by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to pass the ordinance. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

2) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THREE POLICE CRUISERS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings. Mrs. Winterbauer invited Police Chief Sumner to speak on the matter. Chief Sumner explained that the Police Department had purchased four cruisers in 2024 that are not ready to be driven yet despite being told that they would be ready by February of 2025. Since then three cruisers have been totaled, leaving only four cruisers for the 42 officers on staff. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

On a motion made by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Mr. Breadon stated that he supports providing NPD with necessary resources but feels the City has wasted money. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

3) ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 41-2022, AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICE TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BURGESS AMBULANCE SALES FOR THE FINANCING AND PURCHASE OF A 2026 WHEELED COACH AMBULANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

On a motion made by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mrs. Howling, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Mr. Breadon asked about the amount of money being used. Mrs. Winterbauer clarified that the allotment increased by approximately \$3,500 due to changes in supply chain and pricing since the order was originally placed in 2022. Chief Sumner added that the order has been stalled due to supply chain issues and that it would be far more expensive if the order was just now being placed for the first time. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

N) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mayor Schneider asked Chief Sumner if police work had been brought to a stop due to the need for more cruisers. Chief Sumner replied that response times have been delayed but not stopped. The Mayor emphasized that the ordinance regarding the cruisers is about proper fleet management to ensure the cruisers are of the quality needed to adequately execute police duties. The Mayor also stated that the Financial Recovery Commission met and 100% of City departments have come on or under budget, resulting in a carry over of funds. Projects for the City are forthcoming, including the repaving of Montgomery Road and Pedestrian Safety Project. The Mayor stated that community events will be held the week of July 19th, 2025 including Norwood Day and the Holy Trinity Festival.

James Bonsall, Norwood Treasurer, stated that the City has over 16 million dollars to carry over in the General Fund from 2024. The City received \$62,000 for the street fund and \$961,000 in interest. City tax day is April 18, 2025.

Ken Miracle, Norwood Auditor, stated that a timeline with due dates has been added to the Auditor’s website and have also added the State Auditor’s digital calendar. The report on accounting methods will continue to be reviewed monthly.

Keith Moore, Norwood Law Director, stated that he is grateful that Council is able to supply requests from Fire and Police Chiefs.

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Hoover stated that the community survey is active; MLK day of service was a success; Baby Bear is hosting “Jammie January”

P) NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Hoover stated she participated in a Women in Politics panel at Xavier University and reported that students want to be more involved in the community; Floral Avenue home was recently destroyed by a fire—residents are encouraged to check their smoke detectors; a housing meeting regarding housing for people over the age of 65 will be held with PLK on February 25, 2025 at 6pm.

President Geers stated that the Sunshine email list is no longer kicking back any email addresses. He also stated that there are ongoing issues with CivicClerk notifications.

Ms. Royse wished her father a happy birthday.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Mayor Victor Schneider Re: Mayor’s Court Fines: December 2024

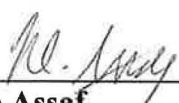
On a motion made by Mrs. Bowling, seconded by Mrs. Winterbauer, it was moved to receive and file the letter. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

On a motion made by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to excuse Mrs. Franzen. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

S) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Bowling, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to adjourn. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.



Natalie Assaf.
Clerk of Council



Joseph S. Geers
President of Council