



Norwood City Council
Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall
4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212
January 9, 2024 | 7:30pm

A) CALL TO ORDER

The Council for the City of Norwood met in regular session on the above date with Mr. Joseph S. 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. Franzen, Mrs. Hoover, Ms. Royse, Mrs. Bowling, Mrs. Winterbauer, Mr. Girton, and Mr. Breadon.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: add an Economic Community Development Report from January 8, 2024 under Reports of Standing Committees, add Norwood Community Television/PACE Board appointment under Communications, and add December 2023 Mayor's Court Fines under Communications. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1) December 12, 2023 – Regular Meeting

December 26, 2023—Regular Meeting

On a motion by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to accept the minutes of the December 12, 2023 and December 26, 2023 meetings, as if read.

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) Charlene Myers

Re: Focus Cincinnati Meal Service at Christ the Savior Church

Ms. Myers addressed Council regarding Focus Cincinnati's partnership with the food pantry at Christ the Savior Church to provide a meal once a month. The first meal was held in December 2023. 750 flyers were passed out to local elementary students for the next meal, which is to be held on January 11, 2024. To go meals will be served until church construction ends in March, after which point meals will be served in the parish hall.

2) Bishop Sonny James

Re: Community Anti-Crime Amongst Youth

Bishop James addressed Council regarding a newly formed network of community members to prevent gun violence affecting local youth.

3) Ashley Hayes

Re: Youth/Gun Violence

Ms. Hayes addressed Council regarding her work helping those recovering from addiction, experiencing homelessness, and advocating for gun violence prevention. She encouraged council to take part in gun violence prevention and youth advocacy at the local level.

4) Melvenia Fisher-Nearor

Re: Saving Our Youths

Ms. Fisher-Nearor addressed Council regarding the need for all community members to support local youth struggling with issues such as addiction, finding community connections, housing, etc.

5) Zach Swallen

Re: Youth Empowerment & Support

Mr. Swallen addressed Council regarding his successful experiences helping youth by offering mentorship, boxing lessons, and emotional support.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

1) Small Business and Economic Development: January 8, 2024

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

K) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no third readings.

L) COMMITTEE REPORT

There were no committee reports.

M) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- 1) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH PURE BEAUTY EXTENSION BAR LLC REGARDING 4318 MONTGOMERY ROAD.

On a motion by Mrs. Winterbauer seconded by Mrs. Hoover. 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 Mrs. Winterbauer seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Mr. Girton stated that it is exciting to see the building being used for the first time in a long time and to have another business in Norwood. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

- 2) ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 303.09 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO, ENTITLED "LEAVING JUNK AND OTHER VEHICLES ON PRIVATE OR PUBLIC PROPERTY WITHOUT PERMISSION OR NOTIFICATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY".

On a motion by Mrs. Hoover 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 Mrs. Hoover seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Mrs. Hoover said this was brought forth by the police department, and that the ordinance would help them do their job. She said it is exciting to see the city working together. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

- 3) RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF NORWOOD TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF INVESTMENT POLICY.

On a motion by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mrs. Winterbauer, it was moved to have the first reading of the resolution. Mrs. Franzen asked if Mr. Bonsall had any comments. Mr. Bonsall explained basic function of the resolution; he asked for Council to consider having all three readings of the resolution. Mrs. Franzen offered to amend her motion to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the resolution. Mrs. Winterbauer agreed to amend her second. All members present voted, "Yes."

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

N) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mayor Schneider was present but did not have anything to report.

Mr. Bonsall, Norwood Treasurer, welcomed all newly elected and re-elected members of Council; he also thanked them for passing the investment policy resolution.

Mr. Miracle, Norwood Auditor, stated that the Certificate of Resources would be due January 31, 2024. He stated they are working on Report on Accounting Methods and updates to the Auditor's website are in process.

Mr. Moore, Norwood Law Director, congratulated the newly elected and re-elected members of Council and that he has the annual Law Department's report. He asked the clerk not to read it due to length, but explained three major points. There was a civil rights case the City won after seven years of litigation, the attic of City Hall had been cleaned by experts and salvageable records were saved, and the anti-discrimination ordinance. Mr. Moore thanked Council, Law Department staff, and externs for work they do.

Mrs. Hoover asked the Mayor when his "State of the City" address to the Chamber of Commerce would be; Mayor Schneider confirmed it will take place January 17, 2024.

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Hoover reminded Council of the upcoming MLK Blood Drive at Hoxworth on January 13, 2024 as well as the MLK Day of Service. She stated that Emily's Garden is thriving and has volunteer opportunities on MLK Day. Dress for Success in Norwood is looking for volunteers on Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's. All volunteer opportunities available on Norwood's website.

Mrs. Hoover stated that the Board of Health is now accepting empty prescription bottles for recycling.

Mrs. Hoover showed a sample Hefty bag full of recyclables to demonstrate items that can be recycled. Free bags are available on Hefty's website.

Mrs. Hoover stated that the Ward 4 meeting is in the process of being scheduled for hopefully the end of January or early February.

Mrs. Franzen stated that the Infrastructure, Parks and Public Spaces Committee came to a decision regarding alcohol use in parks, specifically Victory Park. The decision was to resubmit an ordinance in the future with a clause excluding Victory Park from the ability to have permits allowing alcohol use.

Mrs. Franzen reminded Council that she would be on maternity leave starting with the next meeting.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Hoover announced a Housing Committee meeting for Wednesday, January 24th at 7:30pm. Mrs. Hoover stated the yard sale ordinance will be placed into the committee for discussion, as it hasn't been updated since 1984 and needs some updating.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Keith Moore, Norwood Law Director

Re: Law Director's Report

On a motion by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to receive and file the report, as if read. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

2) Norwood Community Television/Pace Board Re: Appointment of President of Council

On a motion by Mrs. Hoover, seconded by Mrs. Winterbauer, it was moved to receive and file the letter and approve the appointment of Mr. Geers to the Pace Board. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

3) Mayor Victor Schneider

Re: December 2023 Mayor's Court Fines

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

R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

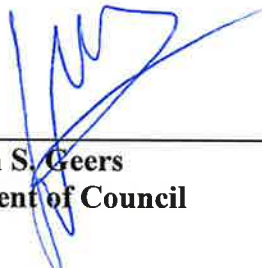
There were no absent members.

S) ADJOURNMENT

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

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


Natalie Assaf
Clerk of Council


Joseph S. Geers
President of Council