



Norwood City Council
Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall
4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212
February 13, 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. Winterbauer, Ms. Bowling, Mr. Girtton, and Mr. Breadon.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mrs. Hoover, and seconded by Mrs. Winterbauer, it was moved to amend the agenda and include a letter from the Auditor in the Communications section of the agenda. All member present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1) January 1, 2024 – Special Meeting

On a motion by Mrs. Winterbauer, and seconded by Mrs. Franzen, it was moved to accept the minutes of the January 1, 2024, January 9, 2024 and January 23, 2024 meetings, as if read. All members present voted, “Yes.” The motion passed.

2) January 9, 2024 – Regular Meeting
(approved with previous motion)

3) January 23, 2024 – Regular Meeting
(approved with previous motion)

G) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1) Chad Schaffer-Duke Energy

Re: Bike Plan Legacy Project Grant

Mr. Schaffer presented local impact grant in the amount of \$7,500 from Duke Energy’s foundation for the Bike Legacy Project. The project will allow for a multi-use trail to be built to connect Norwood and make way for alternate uses of transportation.

H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

I) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

1) Charlene Myers

Re: Christ the Savior Church Food Pantry/M meal Service

Ms. Myers brought flyers regarding Christ the Savior’s efforts to get the word out about the new meal service. She asked council to aid in their efforts so that the meal service can increase its patrons. She noted that a significant number of their patrons recently had been local homeless individuals.

2) Bishop Sonny James

Re: Community

Mr. James applauded the celebrations and acknowledgment of both MLK Day and Black History Month. He invited Council to an upcoming march on Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 2pm at the Family Dollar Parking lot with Xavier students. He also requested better access to information on how to submit a special presentation for future council meetings.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

1) Finance, Budget, and Audit Committee:

Mrs. Winterbauer spoke about the Finance, Budget, and Audit Committee meeting that took place on January 23, 2024. The committee reviewed the Report on Accounting Methods, ideas for the new Auditor’s website, important due dates and updates, as well as accessibility of auditor forms.

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Ms. Bowling, it was moved to accept the 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

- 1) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 561 OF THE NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED “PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS” TO EXPAND AND CLARIFY ALCOHOL PERMITS AND TO PRESERVE VICTORY PARK’S STATUS AS AMENDED.**

On a motion by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Bowling, it was moved to have the second and third readings of the ordinance. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

On a motion by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to pass the ordinance.

Mr. Girtton raised the question of whether it was appropriate for a special interest group to have authority over a public space, particularly as it relates to allowing for family-friendly activities. Mr. Girtton referenced a statement he heard the President of the American Legion make at the last Parks Committee meeting that this ordinance had originally been passed in 2021 to prevent Victory Park from being used as a playground or space for children to play. Mrs. Franzen explained discussions are ongoing, and there are more to be had, with the Legion to establish how to best use the park while honoring the memorial. These conversations have included ideas regarding non-alcohol Mrs. Franzen explained these conversations are to resume now that she is back from maternity leave. Mr. Breadon asked for clarification on the issue regarding alcohol. Mr. Girtton clarified that the ordinance allows alcohol at other parks. Mrs. Franzen further explained she plans to work with the Legion on uses for the park in the future while protecting the memorial.

Mr. Girtton voted, “No,” and all other members present voted, “Yes.” The motion passed.

M) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- 1) ORDINANCE TO CHANGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

On a motion by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the ordinance. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

On a motion by Mrs. Hoover, seconded by Mrs. Winterbauer, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Mrs. Hoover asked Auditor Ken Miracle for comments. Mr. Miracle replied that there will be more appropriations at a later meeting. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

- 2) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 333.11 “ELECTRONIC WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICE USE PROHIBITED WHILE DRIVING,” AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

On a motion by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings. Mrs. Winterbauer asked for clarification regarding the first “Whereas” of the ordinance; Law Director Keith Moore confirmed it was a typo. Mr. Moore also responded to a question from Ms. Royse regarding state law on the issue and explained that while it is already illegal to use an electronic wireless communication device while driving according to state law, the ordinance allows Norwood Police to enforce the law sooner rather than waiting for it to be codified at the state level. Mrs. Hoover further clarified that this ordinance makes it illegal to drive while using a cell phone and expressed her support for the Norwood Police Department’s initiative to enforce this sooner than later. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Girtton, it was moved to pass the ordinance. All members present voted, “Yes.” The motion passed.

- 3) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO EXTEND, THROUGH MARCH 29, 2024, THE USE OF AN EQUITABLE FORMULA TO APPLY TO THE PREPARATION OF, AND COLLECTION, OF NUMEROUS RESIDENTIAL WATER BILLS WITH ARREARAGES ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE 28-2023, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

- 4) A RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2024 AS “BLACK HISTORY MONTH” IN THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO.**

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

On a motion by Mrs. Hoover, seconded by Ms. Bowling, it was moved to pass the Resolution. Mrs. Hoover encouraged anyone looking to celebrate Black History Month to read a new book, watch a movie, etc. to learn more about black history. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

- 5) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO APPROVE A “THEN AND NOW” CERTIFICATE FROM THE GENERAL FUND 1001-0832-57200 TO PAY FOR SERVICES ALREADY RENDERED BY WOODY SANDER FORD FOR REPAIRS TO A CITY VEHICLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

On a motion by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to suspend the rules and have 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. Auditor Ken Miracle explained that this was for repairs to a police cruiser. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

N) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mayor Schneider stated the financial recovery plan is under review; Congress for New Urbanism has a convention coming up and will focus on the bike trail; there was an infrastructure meeting earlier in the week to discuss further road repair.

Mr. Bonsall, Norwood Treasurer, stated that the Safety Service Director had signed his contract; plans underway for fiscal emergency improvement; bank reconciliations are caught up.

Mr. Miracle, Norwood Auditor, stated that he will be sending a letter to Council regarding reports they receive via email; website being worked on; audit is scheduled for March 2024; additional appropriations coming -purchase orders are being reviewed; retirees checks are being processed today and mailed tomorrow.

Mr. Moore, Norwood Law Director, stated that he had nothing to report.

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Hoover stated that OKI is preparing its 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan. She also gave an update on the DEI Board’s recent work regarding the historical marker application for the Norwood Mound in collaboration with historians and federally recognized tribes (Miami of Oklahoma Tribe, Shawnee Tribe, Absentee Shawnee Tribe, and East Shawnee Tribe). Mrs. Hoover stated that Marsh Park daffodils starting to sprout and recapped the MLK Day of Service. Mrs. Hoover announced an updated black owned business directory, which can be found on Mrs. Hoover’s social media. Mrs. Hoover stated there are two vacant seats on the DEI Board.

On a motion made by Mrs. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to renew Ms. Royse’s term on the DEI Board for another three years. Mr. Girtton asked if Ms. Royse would be serving in her capacity as a Councilperson or as resident. Mrs. Hoover clarified it would be in Ms. Royse’s capacity as a member of Council. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

On a motion made by Mrs. Hoover, seconded by Ms. Bowling, it was moved to make a standing DEI Board meeting for the first Wednesday of the month at 6pm in Council Chambers. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

Mrs. Hoover stated that the community safety meeting is set for Thursday, March 7, 2024 at 7pm. It will be for Ward 4, but all are welcome to attend.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Girtton thanked the rec center organizers of the Taylor Swift event. Also announced that an office manager for the Building Department is needed.

Mrs. Hoover stated that with gun safety becoming an increasing issue among youths, initiatives are being taken to reduce gun violence. She stated that the Norwood Police Department has free gun locks. She also suggested making a list of local activities in Norwood and Cincinnati for youths that could be published on the City’s website and any other easily accessible location.

Mr. Geers stated that a regular standing meeting for the Committee of the Whole will be held the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm in Council Chambers, beginning in March.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Ohio Division of Liquor Control

Re: New License @ CAPL Retail LLC

On a motion made by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to receive and file with no objections. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

2) Ohio Division of Liquor Control Plus

Re: New License @ World Market LLC dba Cost

On a motion made by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mrs. Winterbauer, it was moved to receive and file with no objections. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

3) Mayor Victor Schneider

Re: Mayor’s Court Fines: January 2024

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

4) Ohio Division of Liquor Control Re: Request to Withdraw Objection @ Pure Beauty & Extension Bar

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

5) Auditor Ken Miracle

Re: Copies of Report on Accounting Methods

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

R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

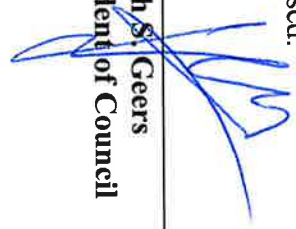
There were no absent members.

S) ADJOURNMENT

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



Natalie Assaf
Clerk of Council



Joseph S. Geers
President of Council