



Norwood City Council
Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall
4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212
February 27, 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 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, and Mr. Gitron.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: remove the minutes from the February 13, 2024 meeting; add a Finance Committee report, and add an Economic Development Committee report. All members present voted, “Yes.” The motion passed.

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 1) February 13, 2024 – Regular Meeting**
(removed during amendment of the agenda)

G) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 1) Fire Department** **Re: Annual Update**

Chief McCabe gave the annual Norwood Fire Department update to Council. Chief McCabe gave an overview of staffing, equipment, facilities, budgetary concerns, and operations at the Fire Department. He explained the need for updated equipment and industry delays that currently exist in receiving any new equipment, which therefore requires planning well in advance. He mentioned that a training facility would be ideal to have. Chief McCabe spoke highly of the staff at NFD, as well as the efficiency and speed of their response time (approximately three minutes). He encouraged Council to come to the fire station at any time to meet the staff and discuss operations.

H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1) Public notice is hereby given that the City of Norwood, Ohio, proposes to modify its three year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects as funded by Hamilton County, Ohio. Norwood proposes to acknowledge a memorandum of understanding with Hamilton County to allocate \$175,000 in CDBG to the Crown Avenue Water Main Extension project. A public hearing was held on February 27, 2024 at 7:30pm, at Norwood City Hall, 4645 Montgomery Road, Council Chambers, 2nd floor, Norwood, OH 45212. Public comment period is from February 27, 2024 to March 5, 2024. All comments will be considered, and changes made if such changes are deemed appropriate prior to signing the amendment. Send written comments to SSD@norwoodohio.org or the above address.**

Mr. Geers opened the Public Hearing.

Those speaking in favor of the matter were asked to step forward.

- a) Chief McCabe stated this will substantially increase the response times in that neighborhood and will increase the amount of water flow in that neighborhood.**

Those speaking in favor of the matter were asked to step forward; no one stepped forward.

With no one else speaking for or against the matter, Mr. Geers closed the Public Hearing.

I) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- 1) Charlene Myers** **Re: Meal Service and Food Pantry**

Ms. Myers addressed Council to remind them that the next meal service would be held on March 14th 2024, and the next food pantry would be held March 16th, 2024.

- 2) Bishop Sonny James** **Re: Community**

Bishop James echoed support for the Fire Department and commented on the success of this year’s Black History Month. He also addressed Council regarding the success of the Called to Action group’s work with local youths.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

- 1) Finance, Budget, Audit & Claims Committee: 2/27/24**

On a motion made by Ms. Royse, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to accept the report. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

2) Small Business & Economic Development: 2/19/24

On a motion made by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mr. Gitton, 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 resolutions or ordinances.

L) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no second readings of resolutions or ordinances.

M) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH 4351 PIKE NORWOOD LLC REGARDING 4351 MONTGOMERY ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

On a motion made by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the ordinance. Mr. Gitton added that he hoped for success in the endeavor. Mrs. Franzen thanked the interested parties who attended the meeting. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed and all three readings were had.

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

2) ORDINANCE RESCINDING THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH NORWOOD MANOR LLC, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

On a motion made by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the ordinance. Mrs. Franzen noted that the first four ordinances today all relate to one another, and simply allow two buildings that are side by side to be used by a single entity. All members voted “Yes.” The motion passed and all three readings were had.

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

3) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH 4631 MONTGOMERY LLC REGARDING 4631 MONTGOMERY ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

On a motion made by Ms. Royse, seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the ordinance. Mrs. Bowling further clarified that 4631 and 4633 Montgomery Road are next door to each other, and these ordinances will allow them to operate as a single entity. All members voted “Yes.” The motion passed and all three readings were had.

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

4) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH 4633 MONTGOMERY LLC REGARDING 4633 MONTGOMERY ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

5) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A TERMINATION AGREEMENT WITH PAYCOR, INC. AND RELEASE OF PAYCOR, INC., AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

On a motion made by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the ordinance. Mrs. Franzen invited Mr. Powers and Mr. Skelly to add to any discussion; they declined. Law Director Keith Moore said this ordinance will resolve the matter with Paycor and allow both parties to part amicably. All members voted “Yes.” The motion passed and all three readings were had.

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

6) A RESOLUTION CREATING AN OFFICIAL STANDING MEETING OF THE NORWOOD DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION (DEI) ADVISORY BOARD.

On a motion made by Mrs. Hoover, seconded by Mrs. Winterbauer, it was moved to remove the resolution from the agenda. Mrs. Hoover explained that it was mistakenly thought that a resolution needed to be passed for this matter. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

N) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mayor Schneider mentioned that the design workshop was a success and that the plan for pedestrian pathways would be implemented over the next few years. He also applauded Mrs. Hoover’s communication abilities during the workshop. He stated that an energy efficiency and improvement grant in the amount of \$247,000 had been given to the City of Norwood. He thanked the Police and Fire Departments for all they do for the community. The Mayor also reminded Council that roadwork on Smith, Montgomery, and the Norwood Lateral is starting.

Mr. Bonsall, Norwood Treasurer, stated that software issues have been resolved, thus removing delays in the e-filing system. He updated Council that the new Tax Clerk recently started and that the Tax Office is available to answer any phone calls.

Mr. Miracle, Norwood Auditor, thanked the Treasurer’s Office for training assistance. He noted that the Finance Committee had been very productive as of late. He mentioned that he would report on public accounting methods in the next meeting. He also stated that he would be attending the Local Government Officials Conference in Columbus.

Mr. Moore, Norwood Law Director, had nothing to report.

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Hoover reminded Council that the Ward 4 Community Conversation will take place on March 7, 2024 and will be attended by the Norwood Police Department. She mentioned that the Police Department recently did a week long social media campaign on gun safety, and also has free gun locks available. She mentioned that a mortgage and home buying workshop will be available and information is on the City’s website.

Mr. Girtton stated that an HR manager for the City will be opening next month.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Franzen stated that a Parks Committee meeting will take place in two weeks on March 12th at 6:30pm.

Mrs. Hoover stated that Narcan is available for free at the Board of Health. She also stated that federal funding opportunities ranging from \$400,000-\$3.5 million are upcoming.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

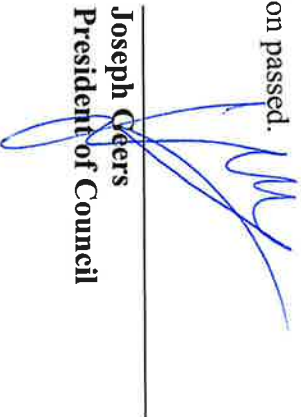
On a motion by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mr. Girtton, it was moved to excuse the absent member (Mr. Breadon). All members present voted, “Yes.” The motion passed.

S) ADJOURNMENT

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



Natalie Assaf
Clerk of Council



Joseph Ceers
President of Council