



Norwood City Council

Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall

4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212

February 11, 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. Franzen, Ms. Royse, Mrs. Bowling, Mrs. Winterbauer, Mr. Girton, and Mr. Breadon. Mrs. Hoover was absent.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Mrs. Bowling, seconded by Mrs. Franzen, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: remove all minutes of the previous meeting, the special presentation from Chief McCabe, the Housing, Health, Environment & Public Safety Committee Report, the second ordinance under item M, and add a fourth introductory reading under item M.

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

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Removed during amendment of the agenda
December 10, 2024
January 14, 2025
January 28, 2025

G) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Removed during amendment of the agenda
1) Chief Tom McCabe—Fire Department

H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

I) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

1) Wayne Allen Stanton III Re: Violation of Rights

Mr. Stanton lives at 1632 SR 134 and addressed Council regarding a traffic stop conducted by Norwood Police. He stated that there was marijuana in the officer’s floor board during the stop, no backseat cruiser video, and that no seatbelt was provided for him. He also played audio from the night in question on his phone for Council to hear.

2) April Loving-Roark Re: DEI

Ms. Loving-Roark did not provide an address. She addressed Council regarding the importance of DEI work and equal rights.

3) Sunni James Re: Community Safety

Ms. James did not provide an address. She addressed Council regarding the need to make things work efficiently for all and for everyone to feel welcome in Norwood Schools.

4) Pastor Leslie Jones Re: Community Safety

Pastor Jones did not provide an address. She is the Director of the Amos Project in Ohio and addressed Council to share the concerns that people had expressed to her regarding housing, crime, and small business closures.

- 5) **Reverand Peterson Mingo** **Re: Community**
 Reverand Mingo’s church is located at 2141 Williams Avenue. Reverand Mingo stated that his church chose to move to Norwood with some apprehension but noticed race relations in the area have largely improved compared to the 1960s-1990s and onwards.
- 6) **Sonny James** **Re: Community Safety**
 Bishop James lives at 4305 Ashland Avenue. He addressed Council and thanked members of the community for attending the meeting. He noted that structural racism in Norwood continues to exist.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

- 1) **DEI Advisory Board —12/4/2024**
Removed during amendment of the agenda.
- 2) **DEI Advisory Board —1/8/2025**
Removed during amendment of the agenda.
- 3) **Infrastructure: Streets, Parks, Recreation, and Public Places —1/22/2025**
 On a motion made by Mrs. Bowling, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to receive and file the committee report. All members present voted “Yes”. The motion passed.
- 4) **Finance, Budget, Audit and Claims—1/28/2025**
 On a motion made by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to receive and file the committee report. All members present voted “Yes”. The motion passed.
- 5) **Committee of the Whole—2/4/2025**
 On a motion made by Mrs. Bowling, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to receive and file the committee report. All members present voted “Yes”. The motion passed.
- 6) **Housing, Health, Environment & Public Safety—2/5/2025**
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 TO CHANGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

2) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO DESIGNATE THE PROJECT COORDINATOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS TO ACQUIRE PUBLIC STORM SEWER EASEMENTS, AS DEPICTED AND DESCRIBED ON THE PLAT OF PUBLIC STORM SEWER EASEMENTS, AS DEPICTED AND DESCRIBED ON THE PLAT OF PUBLIC STORM SEWER & STORM WATER DETENTION EASEMENTS, WITH THE OWNERS OF 27 PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY WHOSE PROPERTIES RUN ALONG MAPLE AVENUE, TO ENABLE THE ELM AVENUE FLOOD ELIMINATION PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO RECORD THE PLAT WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY RECORDER’S OFFICE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Removed during amendment of the agenda.

3) RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2025 AS “BLACK HISTORY MONTH” IN THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO

On a motion made by Ms. Royse, seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings. Ms. Royse amended her motion to have the first reading in full; Mrs. Bowling amended her second. Mr. Breadon noted that he had not seen any suppressing of black history. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

On a motion made by Mrs. Bowling, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to pass the resolution. Mrs. Bowling thanked Mrs. Hoover for her work on the resolution. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

4) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE... DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS TO ACQUIRE PUBLIC STORM SEWER EASEMENTS AS DEPICTED AND DESCRIBED ON THE PLAT OF PUBLIC STORM SEWER AND STORM WATER DETENTION EASEMENTS WITH THE OWNERS OF 27 PARCELS OF REAL PROPERTY WHOSE PROPERTIES RUN ALONG MAPLE AVE, RIDGEWAY AVE, AND WOODLAWN AVE TO ENABLE THE ELM AVE FLOOD ELIMINATION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO RECORD THE PLAT WITH THE HAMILTON COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE 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. Mr. Breadon asked if it would be possible for him to abstain. Law Director Moore stated that six votes would be needed to have all three readings. Mr. Breadon said he would vote on the matter. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

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

N) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mayor Schneider stated that the Financial Recovery Plan is being worked on (putting together the five year plan and labor contracts), and will then go to the Financial Supervisor. The Mayor noted that Norwood Day will be held on Saturday, July 19, 2025 and the parade will be on Friday, July 18, 2025. Additionally the Mayor is putting together a Norwood Church Reunion on Sunday, July 20, 2025 among other events for the same week. The Mayor stated that City street bids had come in under estimate which will save the City money, and that Norwood candidates must have petitions signed in February to be on the November ballot.

James Bonsall, Norwood Treasurer, did not have a report at this time.

Ken Miracle, Norwood Auditor, was not able to make the meeting.

Keith Moore, Norwood Law Director, did not have a report at this time.

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Winterbauer stated that the Free the Trees event may be rescheduled if weather is too cold on Saturday.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Bowling recommended that if anyone is looking for a way to participate in Black History Month, the book *The 1619 Project* is available at the public library and the Underground Railroad Freedom Center has the *Emmett Till & Mamie Till-Mobley: Let the World See* exhibit.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Candace Winterbauer, Council Ward 2 Re: Resignation Letter

On a motion made by Mrs. Bowling, seconded by Mrs. Franzen, it was moved to receive and file the letter. Members of Council and administration thanked Mrs. Winterbauer for her work on Council and the Finance Committee, and wished her well on her next endeavor. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

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

S) ADJOURNMENT

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



Natalie Assaf.
Clerk of Council



Joseph S. Geers
President of Council