



# Norwood City Council

## Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall

4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212

### May 27, 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: Ms. Franzen, Ms. Hoover, Ms. Royce, Ms. Bowling, Mr. Moore, Mr. Girton and Mr. Breadon. All members present.

#### E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

There were three additions to the agenda with reports from standing committees on council, with a Finance committee report from April 22, 2025, as well as the Small Business and Economic Development Committee Report from April 22, 2025. Ms. Hoover requested council go into Executive Chamber.

On a motion made by, Ms. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows. All members voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

#### F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no minutes of the previous meeting.

#### G) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

##### 1) Clint Zimmerman, Public Works Director – Public Works

Public Works consists of 5 departments with 16 full-time employees, normally 17, currently hiring to fill a mechanic vacancy and 4 seasonal employees for 12 weeks. The departments within Public Works is the Parks, Streets, Paint and Sign, Garage, and Water. For 2024, there were many accomplishments including the resurface of Smith Road, reconstruction of Lincoln Avenue with a targeted completion time at the end of June 2025, coordinating major infrastructure projects including the Elm Avenue Sewer Project and the Ralston Avenue Reconstruction, managed repairs to several storm sewers and inlet pipes, collaborated with ODOT on the 562 Project, organized Norwood Day Parade logistics, held two successful tire and freon disposal events, and compiled with EPA's Lead and Copper Rule with an October deadline. The goals for 2025 are to increase staff safety training, implement success planning with the addition of hiring an Assistant Superintendent of Public Works, manage many infrastructure projects, and prepare for the triannual sanitary survey.

Ms. Hoover inquired about the Consumer Confidence Report, Mr. Zimmerman confirming it as a federal requirement with an estimated cost of \$6,000.00 to \$8,000.00. Ms. Hoover followed up to ask about the Assistant Superintendent role and its duties, Mr. Zimmerman stated this position will focus on field management, project execution, and supporting the Superintendent. Mr. Zimmerman also provided additional information regarding his priorities including: giving greater attention to the water side, focus on federal funding, infrastructure planning, and strategic planning for long-term water system health. Ms. Hoover asked the total estimated value of repair work. Mr. Zimmerman estimated the cost being around \$8,500,000.00, Ms. Hoover acknowledged the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of managing such a large scope of infrastructure work with limited resources.

Mr. Moore inquired about SeeClickFix, in regard to public usage and effectiveness of the digital tool. Mr. Zimmerman, stated it was very effective, increased usage by the public, allows for city to track and prioritize as well as respond to concerns more efficiently.

Mr. Girton shared gratitude with Mr. Zimmerman and the Public Works team in regards to the Snow Response during the winter months.

#### H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

#### I) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

##### 1) Karl Hoalst Re: Zoning Permit Presentation

Mr. Hoalst lives at 8817 Tulipwood Court. Mr. Hoalst addressed with a presentation for Council about his property at 4162 Forest Avenue regarding a driveway permit in Norwood including a zoning permit and curb cut permit.

##### 2) Sonny James Re: Community Engagement and Safety

Mr. James lives at 4305 Ashland Avenue. Mr. James addressed Council regarding the First Annual Youth and Community Summit addressing youth's concerns, thanking Council Members for attending, providing the 4 Pillars of the program, and shared about the next opportunity for a Think Tank and Action Plan.

#### J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

**1) Finance, Budget, Audit & Claims – 4/22/2025**

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

**2) Small Business and Economic Development Committee**

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Mr. Moore, it was moved to receive and file the report. All members present voted, “Yes.” The motion passed.

**K) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

**1) ORDINANCE AMENDING THE NORWOOD PUBLIC RECORDS POLICY ADOPTED BY ORDINANCE 52-2020**

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Hoover, it was moved to hear the third reading of the ordinance. All members present voted, “Yes.” The motion passed.

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Hoover, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Ms. Franzen, Ms. Hoover, Mr. Moore, Mr. Girton voted “yes,” all other members voted, “no.” The motion passed.

**L) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

There were no seconding readings of ordinances/resolutions.

**M) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

**1) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000.00 TO REPLACE LEAD WATER SERVICE LINES TO PRIVATELY-HELD PROPERTIES ON MONTGOMERY ROAD FROM NORWOOD AVENUE TO FENWICK AVENUE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to suspend the rules and hear all three readings. All members present, voted, “Yes.”

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

**2) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY NOT TO EXCEED \$400,000.00 TO REPLACE LEAD WATER SERVICE LINES TO PRIVATELY HELD PROPERTIES ON ROLSTON AVENUE FROM WORTH AVENUE TO DALE ROAD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

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

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

**3) ORDINANCE AMENDING NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 1759.07 “NUISANCES” TO REVISE THE TYPES OF WEEDS DETERMINED TO BE A NUISANCE**

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Moore, it was moved to hear the first reading. Ms. Franzen clarified the language was adjusted after consulting with the health department and clarifies it is only unmanaged growth and removed references to native plants like milk weed. All members present voted, “Yes.” The motion passed.

**4) ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 19-2025 TO AUTHORIZE THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FORD DEVELOPMENT FOR THE MONTGOMERY ROAD PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

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

**N) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

Mayor Schneider began by providing gratitude for the Memorial Day Ceremony and reiterating the importance of the event. Mayor Schneider provided an update on the Montgomery Road Construction projects including significant construction activity anticipated throughout the summer, including the coordination of the parade and related events. Mayor Schneider shared upcoming events occurring in Norwood, including the Car Show, scheduled the Saturday before Norwood Day, which is on a Friday. Norwood Day will take place on Harris Avenue. Mayor Schneider shared information regarding Norwood’s swimming pool operations, cold weather impacted the start date, but the pool is open. Mayor Schneider acknowledged the Financial Recovery Plan remained a challenge and ongoing issue, but anticipates the issue may outlast his term. Mayor Schneider acknowledged his late arrival to the council meeting and closed out his report.

James Bonsall provided the Treasurer’s Report, he presented with Tax Commissioner Tim Wagers to the Finance Committee prior to the Council Meeting. The Year-to-Date collections for tax revenue are

up 15%, primarily due to net profit taxes. Net profit tax revenue is unpredictable. Mr. Bonsall met with the Recreation Department team to review the pool program procedures and contracts, where they discussed improvements in revenue reporting to ensure pool passes and admissions are correctly categorized. The Tax Department Team has made substantial progress despite hiring delays.

Ken Miracle provided current progress on the tax budget with expenses reviewed by May 21. There are weekly meetings held every Wednesday at 3PM with two finance committee members with a goal to submit the final budget for all three readings before the July 15 deadline. There is progress on the purchase card manual, aiming for June Council Meeting presentation.

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

#### **O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Ms. Hoover and Mr. Geers shared that nearly 700 community surveys have been completed. Survey QR codes are posted throughout parks with discussion of distributing survey QR codes via the Chamber of Commerce and printing and distributing cards for local businesses. The survey will remain open through the end of July for maximum engagement.

Ms. Hoover provided an update for the Victory Park Memorial Day Ceremony, having a large audience and a significant number of veterans. The speaker highlighted their experience on the Honor Flight. Council is working to improve awareness by ensuring next year's event is included early on for the city calendar.

Ms. Bowling provided an update for Norwood's Pride Events.

Ms. Hoover shared an update for the energy aggregation program update, the new service begins June 2025 with the anticipated benefit of cost savings for residents.

#### **P) NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Girton provided an update for the Water Tower Park Cleanup with 50 attendees participating including children. The park has new asphalt, a pre-paid fence line. There was a federal funding request for Dorl Field. Representative Landsman submitted a \$1,500,000.00 improvement request for FY 2026. Community funding was removed from the 2025 budget due to a state freeze. Currently, awaiting appropriations decision.

Council discussed the Norwood Community TV ask, with the ask of the finance committee to evaluate the \$40,000.00 funding request.

#### **Q) COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **1) Mayor Victor Schneider      Re: April Mayor's Court Fines**

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

##### **2) Susan Hoover      Re: Request for Executive Session**

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Bowling, it was moved to receive and file the letter and enter executive session. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

Council entered Executive Session

Council returned from Executive Session.

#### **R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS**

There were no absent members.

#### **S) ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

  
Kelsi Goins  
Clerk of Council

  
Joseph S. Geers  
President of Council