



Norwood City Council

Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall

4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212

February 24, 2026 | 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, Mr. Provins, Ms. Bowling, Mr. Moore, Mr. Girton, and Ms. Sullivan.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

There were many changes made to the agenda with the removal two items in the Reports of Standing Committees of Council (Section J), the Law, Ordinance, Environment, & Public Safety Committee and the Engagement, Communications, and Outreach Committee. There was also a removal from the Communications section (Q), regarding Jonathan Moore's request for Executive Session. There was an add to the Communications section (Q) from the Norwood Planning Commission.

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to amend the agenda as stated. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- February 10, 2026

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, it was moved to approve the minutes. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

G) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

1) Maurice Showes

RE: PARKING ON CARTHAGE AVE

Maurice Showes, 5232 Carthage Avenue, addressed Council regarding an Auto Body shop parking their cars on the streets and impacting residents.

2) Darius Tweedy

RE: Gatherall

Darius Tweedy, 2750 Park Avenue, addressed Council regarding the Gatherall and building a movement of change.

3) Ramon Tweedy

RE: Gatherall

Ramon Tweedy, 2750 Park Avenue, addressed Council and shared gratitude for people reaching out to him after the last council meeting.

4) Sonny James

RE: A Sad day is coming

Sonny James, 4305 Ashland Avenue, addressed Council in regards to the loss of Civil Rights Activist, Jesse Jackson, shared concerns regarding Norwood, and asks for Norwood to come together.

5) Glenda A. Smith

RE: Hamilton County Judge Candidate

Glenda A. Smtih, 944 Valleywatch Drive, addressed Council in regards to her running as a candidate for Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas Judge General Division.

H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

I) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1) Chief Tom McCabe – Fire Department

Chief McCabe provided the Annual Fire Department report, sharing there are a total of 53 Firefighters with one scheduled retirement. Chief McCabe shared incident information that was pertinent to the community including, staffing and upcoming retirements in the next three years, NFD retaining Fire Staff, successes, and upcoming challenges. Chief McCabe shared statistical data with the community of call volumes with the EMS team receiving the most calls, the timeframe in which most calls are received – 11:00AM-1:00PM, NFD with a rapid response rate to incidents with 50 percent of responses occurring concurrently, which has been a trend neighboring Fire Departments have seen, and provided information regarding fire loss and incidents, and fire inspections. With collaboration and partnership, mutual aid has been received 127 times, and given 112 times. Chief McCabe stated there are many successes within Norwood Fire Department, including: the purchase of the new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for Firefighters and having seven Firefighters certified to maintain and test them, Norwood received their new Ambulance with another Ambulance being delivered in 2028, upgraded Fire Inspector Vehicles, and upgraded equipment through a cost effective program, and lastly Norwood Fire Department having their own Training Facility on the grounds of MilliporeSigma in Norwood. There are a few changes planned for in 2026, including the purchase of a new Fire Truck.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

1) Finance, Budget, Audit & Claims Committee – February 19, 2026

On a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Ms. Hoover, it was moved to accept the committee report. All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.

K) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Schneider provided an update in regard to a section of the Norwood Lateral being closed due to replacement of bridge railroad tracks and reminded Norwood residents, that Norwood is responsible for a certain portion of the lateral. Mayor Schneider continued to remind Norwood residents to utilize SeeClickFix, to assist with road conditions such as reporting potholes. Mayor Schneider reminded residents of the Gem of the Community Celebration occurring on February 26th at the Ventura. Mayor Schneider also shared, the Speedway on Montgomery has closed.

James Bonsall, the City Treasurer provided an update on the opening of the PLK Headquarters at Factory 52 with employees began move in this week, which would increase the number of employees in the city.

Ken Miracle, the City Auditor stated the Auditor’s department continues to work on policies and procedures as well as documentation of processes. The Deputy Auditor discovered a credit of \$30,400 for Norwood from the Bureau of Workers Compensation due to the combination of non-clerical vs. clerical and paying a higher premium. Since this has been rectified, this amount will be savings for Norwood. The FRP was submitted to the State Auditor with an anticipated update on March 2, 2026.

Keith Miracle, the Law Director shared the reasoning as to why Council will be voting on Section N3 and N4.

L) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no third readings of ordinances and/or resolutions.

M) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no second readings of ordinances and/or resolutions.

N) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) ORDINANCE RATIFYING THE BIDS RECEIVED AND AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS TO SOUTH JEFFERSON AVENUE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Hoover, 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 Ms. Bowling, seconded by Ms. Hoover, it was moved to pass the ordinance.

All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.

2) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HOME TRUST BANK FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2017 PIERCE (HT100A) LADDER FIRE TRUCK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Hoover, 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 Ms. Bowling, seconded by Ms. Franzen, it was moved to pass the ordinance.

All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.

3) RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING, AND REPAIR OF STREETS, ROADS, AND BRIDGES IN THE CITY OF NORWOOD, AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Bowling, 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 Ms. Bowling, seconded by Ms. Hoover, it was moved to pass the resolution.

All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.

4) RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO LEVY A RENEWAL TAX FOR CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Hoover reminded residents of the Norwood Sustainability Summit in partnership with the Norwood Board of Health on March 4th and March 14th, at the Norwood Board of Health but it might move to the community center. Ms. Hoover also shared for there is a list of volunteering opportunities where volunteers are able to sign up.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Sullivan shared there would be a newsletter for Ward 4 to help improve communication and accessibility. Ms. Hoover shared Norwood Board of Health will be doing a blood drive on March 24, 2026. Ms. Hoover also shared there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for Marsh Park on April 18, 2026.

Lastly, Mr. Moore reflected on his last year of council with the hope of continued collaboration, leadership transparency and fostering community.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) Mayor Victor Schneider

Re: January Mayor’s Court Fines

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, it was moved to receive and file the letter as if read. All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.
- 2) Norwood Planning Committee

Re: Street Naming and Numbering

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Hoover, it was moved to receive and file the letter as if read and refer to the housing committee. All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.

On a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Ms. Bowling, it was moved to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending or imminent litigation. 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 Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Franzen, it was moved to adjourn. All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.

Kelsi Goins
Clerk of Council

Joseph S. Geers
President of Council