



Norwood City Council

Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall

4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212

January 14, 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, Mrs. Hoover, Ms. Royse, Mrs. Bowling, Mrs. Winterbauer, Mr. Girton, and Mr. Breadon.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Mrs. Bowling, seconded by Mrs. Winterbauer, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: remove the December 10, 2024 meeting minutes, remove all five reports under item J, remove the ordinance under item M2, and add ordinance under M4.

All members present voted "Yes". The motion passed.

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

On a motion made by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to approve all minutes as if read. All members present voted "Yes". The motion passed.

- October 22, 2024
- November 12, 2024
- November 26, 2024
- December 10, 2024
Removed during amendment of the agenda
- December 23, 2024 – Special Meeting

G) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- 1) **Noah Powers, Safety Service Director** Re: Swearing in of newest member of Fire Department
Mr. Powers conducted the swearing in of Norwood's newest firefighter.

H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

I) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- 1) **Sonny James** Re: Community
Bishop James lives at 4303 Ashland Avenue. He said that those affected by the California wildfires are in his prayers. He spoke to the importance of continuing to make progress as a community and spoke about his experience at the swearing in of Hamilton County Prosecutor Connie Pillich.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

- 1) **Finance, Audit, Budget & Claims Committee—11/12/2024**
Removed during amendment of the agenda.
- 2) **DEI Advisory Board—12/4/2024**
Removed during amendment of the agenda.
- 3) **Small Business & Economic Development Committee—12/16/2024**
Removed during amendment of the agenda.

4) Finance, Audit, Budget & Claims Committee—12/23/2024

Removed during amendment of the agenda.

5) DEI Advisory Board —1/8/2025

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

1) AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000 OF SPECIAL OBLIGATION DEVELOPMENT REVENUE OF REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2025 (ROOKWOOD EXCHANGE PROJECT), OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING THE OUTSTANDING SPECIAL OBLIGATION DEVELOPMENT REVENUE AND REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2015 (ROOKWOOD EXCHANGE PROJECT); AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A TRUST AGREEMENT TO SECURE SUCH BONDS; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE RELATED TRANSACTION DOCUMENTS; AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING RELATED MATTERS

On a motion made by Mrs. Bowling, seconded by Mrs. Franzen, it was moved to have the second reading. Mr. Breadon asked if everyone would be open to having all three readings. Mrs. Bowling amended her motion to suspend the rules and have the second and third readings, and Mrs. Franzen amended her second. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

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

2) ORDINANCE AMENDING PART 11—PLANNING AND ZONING CODE, RELATING TO SMOKING, CHEWING, ELECTRONIC SMOKING, VAPING RETAIL PRODUCT ESTABLISHMENTS TO PROMOTE CLARITY AND CONSISTENCY IN POLICY INTERPRETATION, AND BY DIRECTING THESE TYPES OF RETAIL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS TO APPROPRIATE LOCATIONS, AND OTHER RELATED CHANGES

On a motion made by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mrs. Franzen, it was moved to suspend the rules and have the second and third readings readings. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

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

M) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO, AND THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HAMILTON COUNTY, OHIO TO PROVIDE FOR THE TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL OF DOMESTIC AND INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATERS, 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. Mr. Breadon asked for a brief explanation of what the ordinance is about. Safety Service Director Powers explained this is a continuation of a contract that has been in place since the 1970s. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

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

2) ORDINANCE TO CHANGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Removed during amendment of the agenda.

3) RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY OF NORWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING CODE REGARDING REGULATION OF FOOD TRUCKS

On a motion made by Mrs. Bowling, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings. Mrs. Bowling explained that the original ordinance had been amended by the Small Business Committee and this resolution will send the ordinance back to the Planning Commission

with the suggested edits. Mrs. Hoover stated that comments from local food truck vendors and Food Truck Association had been considered during the editing process. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

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

4) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH LOCAL UNION NO. 445 OF THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS, CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A, THAT A PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2025 TO DECEMBER 31, 2027 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Mrs. Hoover, seconded by Mrs. Winterbauer, it was moved to enter Executive Session for the purpose of preparing for conducting a review of negotiations for bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. All members present voted “Yes.” Council entered Executive Session.

Council returned from Executive Session. On a motion made by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Mr. Breadon noted that all parties will do what is best for Norwood and its financial state. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

N) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mayor Schneider stated that the State of the City Address will take place on January 15, 2025. He also stated that the Elm Avenue project is moving forward with success. He noted that the City responded efficiently to snow removal needs during the winter storm,

James Bonsall, Norwood Treasurer, stated that at the next meeting he will have earnings tax estimates for 2025 along with a report. Planning for tax season is also underway and the filing deadline will be extended to April 18, 2025.

Ken Miracle, Norwood Auditor, stated that the Deputy Auditor is working on the certificate of estimated resources to provide to the County.

Keith Moore, Norwood Law Director, requested that the communications item (the Law Department’s annual report) be received and filed as if read. He also thanked employees who have helped with the running of the Law Department, along with all City employees as the Law Department interacts with nearly everyone.

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Hoover stated that the Norwood City Council Community Survey is live on the City’s website and Facebook page. The second annual Norwood Celebrates MLK Blood Drive was a success on January 11, 2025. The fourth annual Norwood Celebrates MLK week will begin January 20, 2025 with volunteer opportunities throughout the week. FOCUS Cincinnati has opened a warming shelter at Chrst Temple Church at 2141 Williams Avenue.

President Geers stated that the Committee of the Whole will be working on strategy to disseminate the Community Survey to places such as the Chamber of Commerce, schools, businesses, etc. The aim is to determine what kind of services or activities are bringing people to the City of Norwood.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Winterbauer scheduled a Finance Committee meeting for the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6pm in Council Chambers. Mrs. Franzen scheduled an Infrastructure Committee meeting for next Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 6pm to speak with PLK and discuss pedestrian concerns. Mrs. Hoover stated that a Free the Trees event will take place on MLK Day but may be rescheduled if weather does not permit. Mrs. Hoover also stated that the Tree Board is going through Tree City USA process to become a local Tree City. Trees can help reduce adverse events such as flooding and asthma. Mrs. Hoover also stated that the Girl Scouts are selling cookies.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Keith Moore, Law Director Re: Law Director’s Annual Report 2024

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

R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

There were no absent members.

S) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Girton, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to adjourn. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.



Natalie Assaf.
Clerk of Council



Joseph S. Geers
President of Council