



Norwood City Council

Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall

4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212

May 14, 2024 | 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 by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: remove the DEI Advisory Board Report from the May 1, 2024 meeting. All members present voted "Yes". The motion passed.

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

1) April 23, 2024 – Regular Meeting

On a motion by Mr. Girton, seconded by Mrs. Franzen, it was moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. All members present voted "Yes". The motion passed.

2) April 29, 2024—Special Meeting

On a motion by Mr. Girton, seconded by Mrs. Franzen, it was moved to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. All members present voted "Yes". The motion passed.

G) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1) Public Works Annual Report—Clint Zimmerman

Public Works Superintendent Clint Zimmerman presented the annual report covering the Parks, Streets, Paint/Sign, Garage, and Water Departments. These departments provide essential services to the City of Norwood such as snow and ice control, leaf pick up, landscaping and mowing, graffiti removal, traffic controls maintenance, water quality protection, and fire hydrant repair. Mr. Zimmerman also described the equipment at use. Some of the equipment pieces listed were large dump trucks (with a fourth one soon to come), two leaf pickers, and heated asphalt trailer. Some accomplishments from the year included 95% completion of the water meter replacement program, repairs to storm sewer assets, and holding events such as the Norwood Day Parade. Mr. Zimmerman also outlined goals for the coming year, among which included additional safety training and infrastructure improvements.

H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

I) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

1) Charlene Myers Re: Food Pantry and Grant for Norwood

Ms. Myers lives at 4285 Ashland Avenue and addressed Council on the Christ the Savior community meal and giving tree program. She also spoke about a funding opportunity called the Do Good grant from Joe Burrow's foundation to help the food pantry and community meal program boost operations during the winter months.

2) Kelsi Goins Re: Hamilton County Committee on Women & Girls Pay Equity Pledge

Ms. Goins lives at 1931 Maple Avenue and thanked Council for signing the pay equity pledge put forward by the Hamilton County Commission on Women & Girls. She spoke to the disparities in pay between women and men, as well as between white women and women of color. She

encouraged local Norwood women and girls to apply to the committee in the upcoming application cycle.

3) Bishop Sonny James Re: Community

Bishop James offered his thoughts and prayers to those with family members serving in the military overseas. He also spoke in support of the pay equity initiative put forward by the Committee on Women & Girls. Bishop James concluded by applauding positive forces for change in Norwood.

4) Katheryn Tom-Jones Re: Summer Reading

Ms. Jones invited local community members to the Norwood branch of the Cincinnati & Hamilton County public library summer reading program kickoff on June 1, 2024 at 2pm. She also stated that daily activities will be held on weekday afternoons to encourage summer reading throughout June and July.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

1) Susan Hoover Re: DEI Advisory Board—May 1, 2024

(removed during Amendment of the Agenda)

2) Joseph Geers Re: Committee of the Whole—May 7, 2024

3) Sam Bowling Re: Small Business & Economic Development Committee—May 9, 2024

On a motion made by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to accept the report and minutes. All members present voting yes, the motion passed.

K) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no third readings.

L) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no second readings.

M) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the ordinance. All members present voted "Yes." The motion carried.

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 carried.

2) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO SIGN THE STATE ENERGY PROJECT GRANT AGREEMENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Mrs. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the ordinance. All members present voted "Yes." The motion carried.

Mrs. Hoover invited Mr. Hackworth to explain the ordinance. Mr. Hackworth stated that the State of Ohio had given the City of Norwood a grant to reimburse for lighting costs, which included upgrading to LEDs.

Mr. Giron stated that the amount for the reimbursement is \$247,000.

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

3) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH HAMILTON COUNTY FOR A GRANT TO COMPLETE THE ELM AVENUE FLOOD ELIMINATION PROJECT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Mrs. Bowling, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the ordinance.

Mrs. Bowling invited Mr. Powers to give a brief explanation. Mr. Powers stated that the ordinance would enable ARPA funds to be transferred from Hamilton County to the City of Norwood for the Elm Avenue Flood Elimination Project.

Mrs. Hoover how this would impact streets beyond Elm Avenue. Mr. Powers said the storm sewer system would help create improvements in the surrounding area.

Mrs. Franzen asked if the City had reached out to residents who will be affected. Mr. Powers said a meeting had been held and another would take place over the weekend.

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

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

4) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH UNITED DAIRY FARMERS, INC. REGARDING 1923 WILLIAMS AVENUE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the ordinance.

Mrs. Bowling invited Ms. Fitzgerald, a consultant to the City of Norwood, to explain the ordinance. Ms. Fitzgerald stated that this would allow updates and repairs to be made to the UDF building on Williams Avenue. All members present voted "Yes." The motion carried.

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

5) A RESOLUITON CREATING "US PLAYING CARD TIF FUND," AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mrs. Winterbauer, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the resolution. All members present voted "Yes." The motion carried.

On a motion made by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mrs. Franzen, it was moved to pass the resolution. All members present voted "Yes." The motion carried.

N) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mayor Schneider commended Mr. Hackworth, Norwood Project Coordinator, for securing a grant for upgraded lighting in the City of Norwood. He also commended Mr. Powers for securing ARPA funds for the Elm Avenue Flood Elimination Project. The Mayor spoke to the high quality of work being done by the Clerk of Courts Office, as well as the Public Works Department. He encouraged citizens to utilize the See Click Fix tool for the City to continue to address needs in Norwood.

James Bonsall, Norwood Treasurer, stated that checks are being deposited and if anyone is having problems to feel free to call the Treasurer's office. Mr. Bonsall also stated that reconciliation reports are complete and accessible to Council.

Ken Miracle, Norwood Auditor, stated that a budget email will be sent to Council within the week and will be reviewed at the next Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Auditor stated that in the next few weeks he will have updates about policies and procedures currently being reviewed.

Keith Moore, Norwood Law Director, stated that he had sent an email to the attorney for Birdie's regarding the TREX transfer and is waiting for a response.

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Hoover stated that a national korfball tournament will be held at Norwood High School on September 7th. She also shared a QR code to volunteer opportunities in Norwood. Mrs. Hoover shared an update on applications for funding sent to Congressman Greg Landsman's office; the request for the Dorl Field Revitalization Project was recommended by Congressman Landsman for funding from the federal government. Approval for the funds has not been granted yet. Mrs. Hoover shared that a compost bin sale will be held on June 1st. She also shared that the annual Music on Mills summer concert series will begin on May 18th.

Mrs. Bowling stated that the first Norwood Pride market will be held on Mills Avenue on June 1st following the flag raising at City Hall.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Franzen stated that Baby Bear will take place on May 21st from 5-7pm where free diapers, clothing, toys, and childcare resources will be provided. Proof of Norwood residency is required.

President Geers stated that there is a new stop sign heading north on Beech around the Factory 52 area.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Ohio Division of Liquor Control Re: TREX—Birdies Coffee Co. LLC

Mr. Moore stated that the zoning would be left up to the Building Department but that Council could receive and file and leave the matter pending if preferred. He also stated that this would encourage economic development.

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to receive and file the letter.

Mr. Girton asked if this would bypass the Building Department's role. Mr. Moore explained that it would not, and that a motion to receive and file is not an approval of the liquor license in this case.

Mrs. Hoover asked what the next step would be. Mr. Moore stated that most likely Birdies would reach out to the Building Department.

Mrs. Franzen stated that she did not feel strongly either way as to whether to receive and file or approve. Ms. Royse asked if Mr. Breadon would amend his motion to receive and file and make a finding that the communication encourages economic development.

On an amended motion by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to receive and file the letter and make a finding that it encourages economic development.

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

2) Mayor Victor Schneider Re: Mayor's Court Fines: April 2024

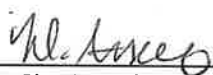
On a motion by Mrs. Bowling, seconded by Mrs. Winterbauer, it was moved to receive and file the letter. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

There were no absent members.

S) ADJOURNMENT

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



Natalie Assaf.
Clerk of Council



Joseph S. Geers
President of Council