



Norwood City Council

Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall

4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212

August 13, 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. Girtton, 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 introductory reading of the fifth ordinance under Item M (a duplicate of the third ordinance under Item M), and to add a fifth communication regarding Tax Board of Appeals Council Appointments. All members present voted "Yes". The motion passed.

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 1) May 14, 2024
- 2) May 28, 2024
- 3) June 25, 2024
- 4) July 9, 2024

On a motion made by Ms. Royse, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to accept and file all four sets of minutes. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

G) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1) Promotional Ceremonial Swearing in for Chad Webster to Patrol Sergeant

Officer Chad Webster of the Norwood Police Department was sworn in as Patrol Sergeant by Safety Service Director Noah Powers.

H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

- 1) *NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NORWOOD CITY COUNCIL: The following item will appear on the agenda as a public hearing: a preliminary plan, per § 1155.13 of the Norwood Codified Ordinances, for a Major Planned Unit Development (PUD). The PUD application is to build a 108-unit apartment development for the property known as 1631 Sherman Avenue, Norwood, Ohio 45212 Hamilton County Book 651, Page 0049, Parcel 0073-00. This property is located within a Neighborhood Business zoning District with a Planned Unit Development overlay (NBD/PUD). After listening to testimony, the Norwood Planning Commission voted unanimously to endorse and forward the preliminary PUD submission to Norwood City Council for a public hearing and further consideration. As per Chapter 1117. 10 and 1117.11 of the City's Zoning Ordinance, public hearing will be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, August 13, 2024 in the Norwood City Hall Auditorium, 4645 Montgomery Road, 2nd floor. This item is available for review in the Building Department's office of Norwood City Hall, Monday through Friday 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.*

Mr. Geers declared the public hearing open.

Anyone interested in speaking in favor of the matter was asked to step forward; Tyson Hermes from Hermes Construction spoke in favor of the matter. Hermes Construction is working with Gaslight Property regarding the matter for the public hearing. Mr. Hermes explained that the goal of the development is to provide affordable housing for the local workforce and aging population according to the requirements of the City of Norwood while also using sustainable energy solutions and utilizing outdoor spaces. The end result would be a 108 unit residential building. Mr. Hermes stated that the average median income (AMI) for Hamilton County is \$73,375, and that the development would offer apartments at and below 80% AMI for single person households and 70% for two person households. Mrs. Hoover clarified that the median income in Norwood is \$58,095.

Bishop Sonny James also spoke in favor of the matter and cited the need for affordable housing.

Anyone interested in speaking against the matter was asked to step forward; no one stepped forward.

Mr. Geers declared the public hearing closed.

I) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- 1) **Brian Monahan Re: Continued Progress on Addressing Code Violations at 2574 Irving Pl**

Mr. Monahan lives at 2582 Irving Place. He thanked Council for the progress made regarding alleged code violations at his neighbor's property. Mr. Monahan showed pictures presented digitally to Council of the issues on the neighbor's property.

2) Donna Laake Re: Norwood Day

Ms. Laake lives at 5407 Moundcrest Drive. She spoke to Council about Norwood Business Women, a non-profit organization she is a part of, regarding successful activities on Norwood Day. Ms. Laake thanked several individuals at the City of Norwood for helping by assisting with items such as securing and setting up a tent for the organization, providing security during the event, and running a cornhole tournament.

3) Sonny James Re: Community and Youth Initiative

Mr. James commended the Norwood Police Department and Police Chief for the good work that they do in Norwood. He also invited Council to a viewing on September 4th of a film about Norwood. Mr. James also spoke about progress engaging local youths, preventing gun violence, and providing them opportunities to connect with other locals. He encouraged donations to support creating a crisis hotline.

4) Nehemiah Collins Re: Youth Initiative

Mr. Collins spoke briefly about his experience with the Youth Initiative.

5) Amber Riddle Re: Youth Initiative

Ms. Riddle lives at 1821 Clarion Avenue. Ms. Riddle highlighted the need for therapy, love, and understanding for minors in crisis. She also recommended outlets such as sports and a sense of community to alleviate isolation and provide a sense of community.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

1) Infrastructure: Streets, Parks, Recreation & Public Places Committee - 7/2/2024

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

2) Law, Ordinance, Human Resources & Compliance Committee—8/5/2024

On a motion made by Mrs. Hoover, seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to accept and file the committee report. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

3) Committee of the Whole Meeting – 8/6/2024

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

K) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL DESIGNATING A STATEMENT OF MISSION, VISION, VALUES AND GOALS FOR THE CITY OF NORWOOD

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Royce, it was moved have the third reading. 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 resolution. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

L) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no second readings.

M) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) ORDINANCE TO CHANGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2024, 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. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

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

2) ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PRELIMINARY PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 1631 SHERMAN AVENUE, HAMILTON COUNTY PARCEL NUMBER 651-0049-0073-00, A 108-UNIT APARTMENT DEVELOPMENT KNOWN AS THE SHERMAN AVENUE APARTMENTS

On a motion made by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to have the first reading. Mrs. Franzen stated she was unsure if it would be better to have all three readings for the sake of not stalling progress on the development or if it would be best to just have the first reading. President Geers asked Mr. Skully his advice, who said that having all three readings would be beneficial to all parties if Council felt that was best.

On an amended motion by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mrs. 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 Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to pass the ordinance. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

- 3) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWOOD AND THE BOARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RELATIVE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF MONTGOMERY ROAD

On a motion made by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to have the first reading. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

- 4) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) FOR STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT NAMED RECONSTRUCTION OF SOUTH JEFFERSON AVENUE, WITH EMERGENCY PROVISION

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

- 5) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORWOOD AND THE BOARD OF HAMILTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RELATIVE TO THE IMPROVEMENT OF MONTGOMERY ROAD

(Removed during amendment of the agenda)

- 6) ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 34-2024, BY SUPPLANTING THE CURRENT SALARY RANGE FOR THE POSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST TO MATCH THE SALARY RANGE OF THE LEGAL SECRETARY POSITION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

- 7) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE OF A PORTION OF THE DONALD E. PRUES COMMUNITY CENTER TO THE AZALEA MONTESSORI SCHOOL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

- 8) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECONNECTING ELECTRICAL UTILITY SERVICE TO BUILDINGS ALONG MONTGOMERY ROAD, 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. Mrs. Franzen explained that this ordinance is in support of the pedestrian improvement project on Montgomery Road. 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.

- 9) ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 18-2009, WHICH IMPLEMENTED SECTIONS 3735.65 THROUGH 3735.70 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA IN THE CITY OF NORWOOD, TO REVISE CERTAIN PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND REFLECT CHANGES IN STATE LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

N) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mayor Schneider updated Council on the Brigid Kelly Lateral on SR 562 and stated that work is ongoing. The goal is for street lighting to be operational soon. He also updated Council on the work being done on SR 561 and stated that there is an estimated start date for paving during the month of August. Montgomery Road and South Jefferson also have road improvements either actively being done or being planned. He also commented on the avid use of public parks in Norwood over the summer.

James Bonsall, Norwood Treasurer, stated that adult use cannabis is now permissible in Ohio and there are two dual use (medical and adult use) dispensaries in Norwood which will have a 10% tax, 3.6% of which goes toward the City of Norwood. He also stated that the Tax Office is working diligently to continue keeping up with processing and that the communication from residents is appreciated.

Ken Miracle, Norwood Auditor, was not present.

Keith Moore, Norwood Law Director, stated that the Law Department has been busy and that offices have now finished renovations.

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Hoover reminded Council of the Drive the Green Book collaboration between local Norwood and Cincinnati historical organizations along with the library, as well as the travelling Smithsonian exhibit currently at the Freedom Center.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Franzen requested to put the matter of paved parking spaces being added to local properties and implications for potential flooding. Mrs. Franzen also reminded Council of upcoming weekend events, including Porch Fest, Off Pike Market, and a comedy show at Victory Park and Northwood Cidery.

Mrs. Bowling stated that a Small Business and Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on Friday, August 23rd at 10am to discuss food trucks. She also stated that a local couple in Norwood are looking for assistance hosting a family friendly Halloween costume pop up shop this fall.

Mrs. Hoover stated that she and Mrs. Winterbauer will be hosting a Ward 2 Community Conversation on Wednesday, August 21st at 7pm at the Norwood Community Center with Norwood and Xavier officials. It is open to everyone—homeowners, renters, students, and whoever else may wish to attend. Mrs. Hoover also stated that Hamilton County is selling various types of trees for \$26. More information can be found at hcswdc.org.

Ms. Royse stated that a Law and Ordinance Committee meeting is scheduled.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Mayor Victor Schneider Re: Mayor's Court Fines: June 2024

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

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

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

3) Mayor Victor Schneider Re: Appointment of Cheryl Ferry to Board of Zoning Appeals

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

4) Letter Regarding Potential Property Rights Violation

On a motion made by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to receive and file the letter as if read. Mrs. Bowling noted that all members of Council had previous opportunity to read the letter in full. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

5) James Bonsall Re: Tax Board of Appeals Council Appointments

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


Natalie Assaf, Alexis Royse
Clerk of Council pro-Term


Joseph S. Geers
President of Council