



Norwood City Council

Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall

4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212

September 10, 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 on the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks 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. Winterbauer, Mrs. Bowling, Mr. Girton, and Mr. Breadon.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: remove the August 27, 2024 minutes.

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

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- August 13, 2024

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

- August 27, 2024

Removed during amendment of the agenda.

G) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1) Projects Coordinator—Darren Hackworth

Mr. Hackworth presented on the projects completed in Norwood in 2023. He explained that his role is to plan, budget, execute, complete and maintain projects in the City. In 2023 projects included but were not limited to Council Chambers renovation, HVAC of all offices on the first floor of City Hall and Council Chambers, roof and box gutter repairs, Auditor's Office renovation, Building Department upgrades, portico repairs, resurfacing local pool concrete, new handicap ramp in the Community Center, completion of the women's locker room at the Police Department, flooring throughout the first floor of the Police Department, and a new fence installed at Lower Millcrest Park. Mr. Hackworth explained that a project can take anywhere from 6-8 months to complete. Project in progress for 2024 include but are not limited to creating a women's locker room for the Fire Department, updating and installing elevators in the Recreation and Community Centers, and adding playground equipment to Millcrest Park.

H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

I) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

1) Pastor Peter Mingle Re: New Church in Norwood

Pastor Mingle is the Pastor at one of the newest churches in Norwood located at 2141 Williams Ave. The church offers a scholarship program and anti-drug programs. He stated that he is a Vietnam veteran. Pastor Mingle expressed his desire to introduce himself now that he will be involved in the local community. Mr. Breadon welcomed Pastor Mingle to Norwood.

2) Bishop Sonny James Re: Community

Bishop James lives at 4305 Ashland Avenue. Bishop James thanked attendees of a recent film viewing. He encouraged Council and Norwood residents to continue showing up to similar events, including the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth commemorative march in October.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

There were no reports of standing committees of Council.

K) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) 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 Mrs. Bowling, seconded by seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to have the third reading. 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.

L) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) 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 Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to have the second reading.

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

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

2) ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 527.03 OF THE NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCE, ENTITLED "WASTE DISPOSAL", AS AMENDED

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

3) ORDINANCE SUPERSEDING ORDINANCE 47-2024, WHICH AMENDED ORDINANCE 18-2009 IMPLEMENTING 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 Mrs. Winterbauer, 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 Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mrs. Winterbauer, it was moved to pass the ordinance. All members present voted "Yes". The motion passed.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mayor Schneider updated thanked Pastor Mingle for attending the Council meeting. The Mayor also commented on the plans for expansion at Factory 52 as well as the multi-family housing units that will be built at the former Fun Factory site. There are also plans to make updates to the Wasson Way to better connect to Xavier University. The Brigid Kelly SR 562 continues to make good progress with maintenance work being done. Carthage Avenue is also being repaved. RRFB crossings on Montgomery Road are undergoing improvements as well. He commented on the ability for Norwood to complete deferred maintenance that was not possible during financially difficult times in the last decade. President Geers asked about the temporary traffic pattern at Beech and Robertson. Safety-Service Director Powers confirmed it would be a temporary traffic light for two to four weeks while a neighboring building is taken down. Mayor Schneider added that a safety cone on a repaved patch of road will also be removed.

James Bonsall, Norwood Treasurer, was on paternity leave during this meeting.

Ken Miracle, Norwood Auditor, was not present during this meeting.

Keith Moore, Norwood Law Director, thanked the Mayor for acknowledging the barriers to completing maintenance projects in the City in previous years due to budget constraints. He also stated that notices had been sent to property owners on Montgomery Road regarding special assessments that will be done in order to move utilities underground and that the property owners have two weeks to file an objection or claim for obvious damages.

N) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Hoover stated she had reached out to the Norwood Library and confirmed that they offer gun locks for gun owners over the age of 18.

O) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Breadon stated that he will be out of town for the next Council meeting.

Ms. Royse thanked everyone who attended the Montgomery Road clean up.

Mrs. Franzen stated she would schedule a Parks and Infrastructure meeting in the near future to discuss if action regarding public smoking in parks would be appropriate. Mrs. Franzen also stated that the International Art Show will be held at Victory Park on September 21, 2024 from 2pm-7pm.

Mrs. Hoover stated that the Norwood Police Department will be holding the National Night Out family event on September 17, 2025 from 5pm-7:30pm at the Paycor parking lot. She also stated that Angilo's Pizza will be celebrating their 50th anniversary.

Mrs. Franzen reminded that the Gem of the Highlands 5k registration is open. Mrs. Bowling stated that proceeds will go towards Norwood Parks.

President Geers stated that he received an email regarding Millcrest Park soccer fields. Safety-Service Director Powers said to send the email to him for review.

P) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Ohio Division of Liquor Control Re: JTREX-4EG Rookwood, LLC

Mrs. Hoover asked if the location within Rookwood is known. President Geers noted that it would be Suite 107. Mrs. Bowling stated that it is in the Rookwood Exchange building where Agave & Rye is located. Mr. Breadon asked if there are any reasons why the license had not been granted. Law Director Moore explained that the legal question at hand is whether the TREX transfer of the existing liquor license into Norwood would encourage economic development, which based on the location it most likely would not be an issue but that building and occupancy permits will need to be obtained as well. On a motion made by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to receive and file the letter without objection. All members present voted "Yes". The motion passed.

Q) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

There were no absent members.

R) ADJOURNMENT

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



Natalie Assaf.
Clerk of Council



Joseph S. Geers
President of Council