



Norwood City Council

Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall

4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212

October 8, 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. Hoover, seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: add introductory reading of a resolution regarding Factory 52 under Item M, add an appropriations ordinance under Item M, remove the Finance, Budget, Audit & Claims Committee report, and remove the Small Business & Economic Development Committee report.

Mr. Girton raised a concern about having the introductory reading of the ordinance regarding Factory 52 given the short notice of the ordinance. Mrs. Hoover clarified that this would only allow for a hearing to be set in 30 or 45 days and would not introduce legislation. Mrs. Franzen recommended keeping the item on the agenda so that a discussion could be had. Mr. Breadon stated that he was uncertain about the best option.

Five of seven members voted "Yes". Mr. Girton and Mr. Breadon voted "No". The motion passed.

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

G) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

I) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

1) Yvonne Collins Re: Thanking Council and Introducing Self

Ms. Collins thanked Council for the work they do. Ms. Collins described moving to Norwood in 1994 with her two sons, where she rented a duplex. She bought the duplex in 1999 and paid it off in 2020. She stated that she has a lawsuit against the City but did not elaborate on details.

2) Sonny James Re: Community

Bishop James lives at 4305 Ashland Avenue. Bishop James described being at the first day of early vote and also attending a leadership conference in Columbus. He also said that the second annual celebration honoring Civil Rights activist Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth will be held later in the month.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

1) Law, Ordinance, Human Resources & Compliance Committee—9/10/2024

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.

2) Finance, Audit, Budget & Claims Committee—9/24/2024

Removed during amendment of the agenda.

3) Small Business & Economic Development Committee—9/30/2024

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Removed during amendment of the agenda.

4) DEI Board Meeting – 10/02/2024

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) 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 Ms. Royse, seconded by Mrs. Franzen, it was moved to place the ordinance back in the Law, Ordinance, Human Resources & Compliance Committee. Mrs. Franzen stated that she had spoken with the City about concerns regarding some of the language in the ordinance. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

L) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) 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 second reading. Mr. Breadon asked if this included garbage cans and if previous issues regarding size had been addressed. Mrs. Franzen confirmed they had been. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

2) ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 715 OF THE NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES ENTITLED “BILLIARD AND POOL ROOMS”

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to have the second reading. Mr. Breadon asked for clarification on the changes being made. Ms. Royse explained that the ordinance is being repealed since it is not being used or enforced. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

M) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ENTERPRISE FLEET MANAGEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF TWO FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFF VEHICLES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Ms. Royse, seconded by Mrs. Winterbauer, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings. Mr. Girton asked if one of the vehicles was damaged in an incident involving a citizen. Chief McCabe responded that it had not been and that the ordinance would allow the Fire Department to have all updated vehicles. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

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

2) RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

On a motion made by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mrs. Winterbauer, it was moved to have the first reading.

Auditor Miracle noted that the City would need to send the resolution back to the County as soon as possible. Mr. Breadon amended his motion to suspend the rules and have all three readings. Mrs. Winterbauer amended her second. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

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

3) RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT THE PETITION FOR THE CREATION OF THE FACTORY 52 COMMUNITY AUTHORITY COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF ORC SECTION 349.03 AND FIXING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING ON THE PETITION

On a motion made by Mrs. Hoover, seconded by Mrs. Franzen, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings and schedule a public hearing for November 26, 2024. Mrs. Franzen stated that the packet had recently been sent to Council and the resolution would allow for a public hearing to be set. Patrick Woodside, counsel to the City, explained that the petition would allow for the hearing to be set no later than November 21, 2024, which would be 45 days from the submission of the petition. Law Director Moore said that the resolution lists November 12, 2024 as the public hearing date. Mr.

Woodside explained that the purpose of the Factory 52 Community Authority would be to collect various charges at Factory 52 to be used for the benefit and further development of Factory 52. Mr. Girton stated concerns about additional charges for Norwood residents. Mrs. Bowling that similar measures had been taken at The Banks in downtown Cincinnati to further develop that area. Law Director Moore stated that the petition does meet the legal requirements to qualify for a public hearing. Mrs. Hoover amended her motion to suspend the rules and have all three readings and schedule a public hearing for November 12, 2024. Mrs. Franzen amended her second. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

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

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

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

N) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mayor Schneider updated Council that Smith Rd. and Carthage Ave. have been repaved. He also stated that the Brigid Kelly SR 562 (the Norwood Lateral) is now complete. He also stated that one of the best pool seasons on record has come to a close and the indoor pool is now operating. Park equipment is being maintained and replaced. Sherman Oaks site is being worked on at the former Fun Factory site.

James Bonsall, Norwood Treasurer, stated that the City hired an investment advisor and made short term rate investments with US agency notes, corporate bonds, treasury notes, etc. with an average duration of 3.5 years and an average yield of 3.76%. He also stated that bank reconciliation reports are forthcoming.

Ken Miracle, Norwood Auditor, did not have a report at this time.

Keith Moore, Norwood Law Director, did not have a report at this time.

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Hoover stated that yard bags are available at the Board of Health.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Girton stated that early voting started October 8, 2024.

Mrs. Bowling stated that Gem of the Highlands 5k registration is available and will support Norwood Parks. She also stated that a donation drive to aid North Carolina residents affected by the recent hurricane will be held at the Northwood Cidery and Recreation Center. Mrs. Hoover encouraged anyone who is able to make a donation.

Mr. Breadon asked for prayers for Florida residents affected by the hurricane as well.

Ms. Royse set a Law & Ordinance Committee meeting for October 21, 2024 at 6pm in Council Chambers.

Mrs. Hoover stated that the 2020 record for most votes cast on the first day of early voting had been broken on October 8, 2024. She also stated that a "Grill & Chill" event will be held at Cappy's for Norwood police and local students. Mrs. Hoover stated that a Fall Forum will be held with the Myaamia Tribe and Preservation Society on Friday, October 11, 2024.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Letter from Norwood Planning Commission Re: PUD Plan 1631 Sherman Ave.

On a motion made by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to receive and file the letter and schedule a public hearing for November 26, 2024. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

2) Letter from Norwood Planning Commission Re: PUD Plan 4590 Beech St.

On a motion made by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to receive and file the letter and schedule a public hearing for November 26, 2024. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

There were no absent members.

S) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Bowling, 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