



Norwood City Council

Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall

4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212

October 22, 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, and Mr. Girton. Mr. Breadon was absent.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Mrs. Franzen, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: add a letter from Safety-Service Director Noah Powers requesting for an Executive Session under Communications and a Finance Committee Report from October 22, 2024 under Reports of Standing Committees.

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

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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

- August 27, 2024
- September 10, 2024
- September 24, 2024
- October 8, 2024

G) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1) LaChe Roach—Senior Program Officer with LISC Greater Cincinnati Re: Home Repair Programs

Ms. Roach presented on the Local Initiative Support Corporation (LISC) homeownership preservation strategy to provide underserved communities with resources to maintain homes. Ms. Roach stated that 54% of cost-burdened homeowners make less than \$35,000 per year, with repair costs often amounting to 30% of homeowners' annual income. LISC Greater Cincinnati has made its Revive and Thrive Home Repair Loan Program available to Norwood homeowners. Eligible repairs covered by the program include health and safety related repairs (such as those caused by mold, asbestos, lead), existing code violations, and more. The homeowner must have lived at the property for at least six months to qualify.

2) Representatives of PLK Re: Discuss the NCA

PLK Representative Andrew Spoor explained that the New Community Authority (NCA) would be a board consisting of approximately seven members appointed by the City and developer. The board would then levy charges for the purpose of providing infrastructure and maintenance funds for Factory 52. These funds would be collected from transaction charges no greater than 2% on retail sales and 1% on hotel stays if a hotel were to be added. NCA revenue accounts would be public accounts to allow for full transparency. Mrs. Hoover asked if there were plans to educate consumers about the NCA and related charges. Mr. Spoor responded that the first step would be to educate retailers at Factory 52, who have been made aware. Consumers would be made aware via a line item on their receipts detailing the charge. Consumers and members of the public would also be able to attend NCA meetings as those meetings would be public. Mrs. Hoover asked if the charge would impact retailers' ability to pay rent. Mr. Spoor replied that the cost would be imposed on consumers rather than retailers, and that if the cost were to become overly burdensome to consumers the charge could be reduced. Mr. Girton asked if revenue collected by the NCA be used for Factory 52 facilities only available to residents, such as a resident only pool. Mr. Spoor replied that he did not believe so. Mrs. Hoover asked if it was possible to cover the

targeted maintenance and infrastructure costs with current revenue. Mr. Spoor replied that revenue collected from these charges would allow Factory 52 to sustain an additional level of activity that could not be provided at the same scale it is currently being offered at.

H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

I) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

1) Sonny James Re: Community

Mr. James lives at 4303 Ashland Avenue. He encouraged those who are able to attend the second annual commemorative march celebrating the life and legacy of Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth.

2) Wayne Allen Stanton III Re: Norwood Police

Mr. Stanton lives at 1632 State Route 134, Sardinia, Ohio. Mr. Stanton stated that he was seeking accountability regarding a complaint he submitted to the Norwood Police Department after interacting with Norwood Police in a traffic stop.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

1) Finance, Audit, Budget & Claims Committee—10/22/2024

Added during amendment of the agenda.

On a motion made by Ms. Royse, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, 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 SECTION 527.03 OF THE NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCE, ENTITLED “WASTE DISPOSAL”, AS AMENDED

On a motion made by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mrs. Winterbauer, it was moved to have the third reading. All members present voted “Yes.” The motion passed.

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

On a motion made by Ms. Royse, seconded by Mrs. Winterbauer, it was moved to pass the ordinance. 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. 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.

2) ORDINANCE TERMINATING THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH WNB GROUP LLC (RAY HAMILTON), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

3) ORDINANCE DETERMINING TO PROCEED WITH RELOCATING OVERHEAD ELECTRICAL UTILITY SERVICE CABLES, WIRES, AND APPURTENANT EQUIPMENT UNDERGROUND ALONG MONTGOMERY ROAD BETWEEN ELM AND LAWRENCE, AND DECALRING 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. Hoover, seconded by Mrs. Franzen, it was moved to pass the ordinance. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

4) RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE NEW VISION MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH ON THEIR TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF MINISTRY

On a motion made by Mrs. Hoover, seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed. Mrs. Hoover noted that the Associate Pastor and Church Administrator from the New Vision Missionary Baptist Church were both in attendance.

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

N) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mayor Schneider was unable to attend the meeting.

James Bonsall, Norwood Treasurer, did not have a report at this time.

Ken Miracle, Norwood Auditor, stated that additions to the Auditor's website had been made, including links to audits dating back to the year 2000 and a new link to report fraud. More additions will be forthcoming.

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

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Hoover stated that the Marsh Park historical marker is being finalized and will likely be complete in Spring 2025.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Franzen stated that the Gem of the Highlands 5k will be held on November 2, 2024 at 9am with a party to follow.

Mrs. Hoover stated that Norwood Police Department will be holding a take back day for unused medications on October 26, 2024 from 10am-2pm. Empty pill bottles can be taken to the Board of Health. Mrs. Hoover also stated that several early voting initiatives will be taking place, including Stroll to the Polls with the Divine Nine and March to the Polls at the old Quality Inn site.

Mrs. Bowling stated that the Board of Elections was busy but the line moved quickly and encouraged residents to go vote. She also stated that the free costume shop gave Halloween costumes to over 150 children last weekend. Organizers are now collecting more for next year.

President Geers stated that the next Committee of the Whole meeting is cancelled due to coinciding with Election Day.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Letter from Mayor Schneider Re: Mayor's Court Fines: September 2024

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

2) Letter from Safety Service Director Noah Powers Re: Request for Executive Session

Added during amendment of the agenda.

On a motion made by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to receive and file the letter and enter Executive Session for the purpose of considering the appointment,

employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

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

S) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Ms. Royse, 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