



Norwood City Council

Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall

4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212

November 12, 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. Hoover, Ms. Royse, Mrs. Bowling, Mrs. Winterbauer, Mr. Girton, and Mr. Breadon. Mrs. Franzen was absent.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: add a letter under Communications regarding holding a public hearing for an Ordinance amending planning and zoning code.

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

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no minutes of the previous meeting.

G) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PETITION FOR THE CREATION OF THE FACTORY 52 COMMUNITY AUTHORITY: Notice is hereby given that the Norwood City Council, Hamilton County, Ohio will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 7:30pm, at Norwood City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 4645 Montgomery Road, Norwood, Ohio 45212. Persons interested in being heard regarding the proposed Petition for the Creation of the Factory 52 Community Authority will be afforded the opportunity to be heard during the public meeting. The text of the proposed Petition is available for the public inspection in the office of the Clerk of Council, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 1:00pm-5:00pm.

The public hearing was declared open.

Mr. Andrew Spoor, attorney for PLK, spoke in favor of the matter and offered to answer any questions.

Marilyn Hanrahan spoke against the matter. Ms. Hanrahan stated that she was on Council when PLK initially approached Council about plans for development of the Factory 52 property. Ms. Hanrahan stated that she is confident that PLK accounted for maintenance costs during the planning phase of the development, and that there should therefore be no need for an additional charge to consumers. Ms. Hanrahan stated that the charge would function as a hidden tax and that visual notices regarding the fee should be made available to consumers. She asked who would be administering and collecting the fees.

Mr. Rodney Rogers spoke against the matter. He expressed concern about the language in the petition, specifically the use of the word "should" rather than "shall". Mr. Rogers stated that "shall" is more standard and binding. He also stated concern that the wording would allow the makeup of the Community Authority to be changed in years to come. He also asked for clarification about the role of the Port Authority versus the Community Authority.

Mr. Sonny James spoke against the matter. Mr. James stated he was concerned about disenfranchised individuals who may not have been given adequate opportunity to learn about potential changes to local business as a result of the Community Authority.

The public hearing was declared closed.

I) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

1) Charlene Myers Re: FOCUS Cincinnati

Ms. Myers lives at 4285 Ashland Avenue. Ms. Myers stated that in 2025 FOCUS Cincinnati will be serving two community meals per month and expanding operations. One such operation is a potential warming center for the winter months. The organization will also be organizing a giving tree with Norwood schools. There will also be a Christmas ham and pie distribution for Norwood residents.

2) Sonny James Re: Community

Bishop James lives at 4305 Ashland Avenue. Bishop James emphasized the importance of reaching out to disenfranchised community members. He also stated that the march commemorating the life of Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth was well attended.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

There were no reports of standing committees of Council.

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

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

2) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY-SERVICE TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION "OPWC" STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

3) ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS AND FEE SCHEDULES UNDER CHAPTER 1305.05 OF THE NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings. Council discussed the number of years since the last time fees were raised (which took place in 2007) and the need to keep up with inflation. Mr. Girton noted that he would like more information though he was not against the matter. After discussion, Mrs. Winterbauer amended her motion to have the first reading. Mrs. Hoover amended her second to have the first reading. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

4) RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2024 AS "NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH" IN THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO

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.

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

5) RESOLUTION ORGANIZING THE FACTORY 52 COMMUNITY AUTHORITY, ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE AUTHORITY, APPOINTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE AUTHORITY, ESTABLISHING THE METHOD FOR SELECTING THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE AUTHORITY, ESTABLISHING THE METHOD FOR DISSOLUTION OF THE AUTHORITY, AND FIXING THE SURETY BOND AMOUNT FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On a motion made by Mrs. Hoover, seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to have the first reading. Five of six members present voted "Yes." Mr. Girton voted "No". The motion passed.

N) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mayor Schneider stated that amenity fees in various communities enable community events to be held that local governments may not be able to fund independently. He stated that consumers at Factory 52 often are not from Norwood and with a fee would help fund more community events in Norwood that can be enjoyed by local residents. He also stated that raising fees in step with inflation will allow the City to pay for necessary infrastructure projects such as road paving. The Mayor also stated that the Norwood High School Theater Department will be hosting the play *Emma* this weekend.

James Bonsall, Norwood Treasurer, stated that earnings taxes are up 7% this year compared to last year. He stated that almost all tax returns have been completed. He noted that refunds this year have been higher than average in part due to mistakes made by local businesses on audits.

Ken Miracle, Norwood Auditor, stated that the Ohio checkbook has been added for the last three years to the Auditor's website. The office is also continuing to work on the Report on Accounting Methods.

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

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Hoover acknowledged the strong operations at the Board of Elections in Norwood during the Election. Mrs. Hoover asked if any funding currently dedicated to Parks and Recreation could be used to help alleviate flooding issues along Elm Avenue. Mayor Schneider said that the Tree Board could be consulted. Mrs. Hoover asked if any plans were in place to direct pedestrians to Floral Avenue. Safety-Service Director Noah Powers responded that Montgomery Road would have share road signs to warn drivers to share road space with cyclists.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Winterbauer reminded President Geers to reschedule the second Council Meeting in December to avoid meeting on Christmas Eve. President Geers proposed moving the meeting to Monday, December 23, 2024. Council agreed with the proposed date.

Mrs. Hoover scheduled a Housing Committee meeting for November 20, 2024 at 7pm.

Mrs. Hoover stated that a blood drive will be held on January 11, 2025.

Mrs. Bowling stated that she is hosting an LGBTQ marriage protection event on November 24, 2024 at the Cincinnati & Hamilton County Main library.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Letter from Ken Miracle, Auditor Re: Ohio Energy Special Improvement District, Inc. Basic Audit for the Years Ended December 31, 2023-2022

On a motion made by Ms. Royce, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to receive and file the letter as if read. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

2) Letter from Ken Miracle, Auditor Re: EOM Reports

On a motion made by Ms. Royce, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to receive and file the letter as if read. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

3) Letter from Ken Miracle, Auditor Re: City Audit FYE 12/31/23

On a motion made by Ms. Royce, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to receive and file the letter as if read. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

- 4) Letter from Noah Powers, Safety-Service Director Re: Notice to Council: Increase in Water Rate**

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.

- 5) Letter from Mayor Schneider Re: Mayor's Court Fines: October 2024**

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

- 6) Letter from Norwood Planning Commission Re: Place PUD North of Robertson**

On a motion made by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to receive and file the letter and set a public hearing for December 23, 2024. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

- 7) Letter from Norwood Planning Commission Re: Expand the Existing PUD**

On a motion made by Mrs. Bowling, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to receive and file the letter as if read and set a public hearing for December 23, 2024. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

- 8) Letter from Norwood Planning Commission Re: Preliminary PUD Phase II**

On a motion made by Mrs. Bowling, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to receive and file the letter as if read and set a public hearing for December 23, 2024. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

- 9) Letter from Norwood Planning Commission Re: Final PUD Phase II**

On a motion made by Mrs. Bowling, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to receive and file the letter as if read and set a public hearing for December 23, 2024. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

- 10) Letter from Norwood Planning Commission Re: Place PUD at South 4500 Beech St.**

On a motion made by Mrs. Bowling, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to receive and file the letter as if read and set a public hearing for December 23, 2024. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

- 11) Letter from Carri Town Re: Public Hearing Request**

On a motion made by Mrs. Winterbauer, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to receive and file the letter and schedule a public hearing for December 23, 2024. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

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

S) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mr. Breadon, 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