



Norwood City Council

Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall

4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212

November 26, 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, Mr. Girton, and Mr. Breadon. Mrs. Winterbauer was absent.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Mrs. Bowling, seconded by Mrs. Franzen, it was moved to amend the agenda as follows: the addition of a second reading of an ordinance under Item L, as well as the addition of introductory readings of two ordinances under item M.

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

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no minutes of the previous meeting.

G) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1) Charlene Myers, Focus Cincinnati Re: Norwood Warming Center

Ms. Myers updated Council on FOCUS Cincinnati's initiative to bring a warming center to Norwood for the winter months at Christ Temple Full Gospel Baptist Church. The warming center would be for when the temperature drops below twenty degrees Fahrenheit and would operate from 6am-6pm. It would also offer three meals per day. Mrs. Hoover asked if a cooling center would also be available in the warmer months. Ms. Myers replied that there is not one currently but it is a goal to eventually have one.

H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NORWOOD CITY COUNCIL: Notice is hereby given that the Norwood City Council, Hamilton County, Ohio, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 7:30pm, at Norwood City Hall, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 4645 Montgomery Road, Norwood, Ohio 45212, on the following items:

Preliminary and Final planned unit development (PUD) plan of the existing 4590 Beech Street Factory 52 PUD Development Phase II for properties known as 2760 Morgan Way Hamilton County Auditor book 651, page 19 parcel 02026 consisting of 2.267 acres and book 651, page 0019, parcel 0210 consisting of 5.644 acres.

Persons interested in being heard will be allowed to speak during the public hearing. The text for the above listed items is available for the public inspection in the office of the City of Norwood Building Department, Norwood City Hall, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 am-4:30 pm.

The public hearing was opened. No one spoke in favor or against the matter. The public hearing was closed.

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the office of the City of Norwood Building Department, Norwood City Hall, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 am-4:30 pm.

The public hearing was opened.

Tyson Hermes with Hermes Construction spoke in favor of the matter. He stated that Hermes Construction has answered all questions from members of Council and City staff and had not received word of opposition. He asked that Council have all three readings at the meeting.

Sonny James spoke in favor of the matter. Mr. James applauded Hermes Construction for choosing Norwood for their new development.

No one spoke against the matter.

The public hearing was closed.

D) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

- 1) Wayne Allen Stanton III Re: Norwood Police Violation of Ohio Revised Code**
Mr. Stanton lives at 1632 SR 134. Mr. Stanton stated that Norwood Police had violated police accountability laws listed in the Ohio Revised Code and that a conflict of interest had taken place due to the Chief investigating complaints against officers in his own department.
- 2) Sonny James Re: Community**
Bishop James lives at 4305 Ashland Avenue. Bishop James stated concern for resident safety, particularly among local youth. He stated that youth crime and gun violence is at an all time high.
- 3) Lynn Ellis Re: Factory 52 Community Authority**
Ms. Ellis lives at 4630 Baker Street. Ms. Ellis questioned the financial viability of PLK given the proposed fee for infrastructure and maintenance purposes. She stated that the fee would be better termed as a sales tax. Ms. Ellis referenced the development of Rookwood and stated that such developments had not prevented fiscal emergency in the City of Norwood. She also referenced parking issues for residents at and near Factory 52.
- 4) Carmen McKeehan Re: Factory 52 Community Authority**
Ms. McKeehan lives at 2523 Ida Avenue. Ms. McKeehan stated that she was initially excited PLK brought new development to Factory 52 but became disappointed due to traffic and parking concerns. She requested that Council not have the second and third readings today so that more time could be allotted to speak with community members. She stated that the resolution would create a tax that would benefit PLK rather than the City of Norwood.
- 5) Terri Meagher Re: Factory 52 Community Authority**
Ms. Meagher lives at 4335 Beech Street. Ms. Meagher stated that having all three readings of the ordinance regarding the New Community Authority would not allow for adequate discussion and research following the public hearing or for discussion between residents and elected officials.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

Infrastructure: Streets, Parks, Recreation & Public Places Committee-11/7/2024

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

Finance, Budget, Audit & Claims Committee-11/12/2024

On a motion made by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to move the matter to the next meeting due to Mrs. Winterbauer being absent. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

Housing, Health, Environment & Public Safety Committee-11/20/2024

On a motion made by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to move the matter to the next meeting due to technology difficulties. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

DEI Advisory Board-11/21/2024

On a motion made by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to move the matter to the next meeting due to technology difficulties. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

K) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no third readings.

L) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) 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 second reading. Mrs. Franzen stated she could see how a community authority would be valuable for some developments but stated she felt using it for events and maintenance did not feel like the best use of funds. Mrs. Hoover stated that PLK could raise revenue via other methods but then the City would not have any input on the use of that revenue. Mrs. Bowling stated that Council must have readings of the ordinance in order to lawfully have discussion about the ordinance, and these discussions do not necessarily indicate approval. Mr. Girton asked how the City would respond if Rookwood were to implement a similar community authority. Mrs. Hoover asked Patrick Woodside, attorney representing the City of Norwood, to respond. Mr. Woodside stated that community authorities are typically created by a single owner in order to levy a charge within their own property. Mr. Woodside stated that in some cases developers do not want community authorities and that he ultimately could not speak to what Rookwood would want, if anything. Five of six members present voted "Yes." Mr. Girton voted "No." The motion passed.

2) ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PROVISIONS AND FEES SCHEDULE UNDER CHAPTER 1305.05 OF THE NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Mrs. Franzen, it was moved to have the second reading. Mrs. Franzen clarified that this ordinance was regarding the Building Department fees. President Geers confirmed. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

M) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL 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 Ms. Royse, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to have the first reading. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

2) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Ms. Royse, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to have the first reading. Ms. Royse asked what company the City is using to destroy the firearms and stated she wanted to ensure all parts of the guns would be destroyed and not recycled for further use. Safety-Service Director Noah Powers stated he did not know the name of the company but that the guns would be shredded and not be made available for further use. Mrs. Franzen clarified that the firearms and drugs confiscated by Norwood Police. Mr. Breadon questioned why the City would destroy items of monetary value rather than selling them. Ms. Royse stated that it would not be ethical for the City to recirculate firearms for monetary gain. Mrs. Hoover stated that the Police Chief had said this resolution will make police work safer. Mayor Schneider stated that enough guns are in production and more are not needed on the street. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

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

On a motion made by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings. Mrs. Franzen stated that she felt for this type of matter concerning moving small amounts of appropriations, having all three readings would be appropriate. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

On a motion made by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mrs. Bowling, it was moved to pass the ordinance. 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 THE FY 2025 URBAN PAVING PROJECT FOR A PORTION OF US 22 MONTGOMERY ROAD IN THE CITY OF NORWOOD WITH EMERGENCY PROVISION

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. Franzen, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Mrs. Hoover asked for an update on the Montgomery Road plan. Safety-Service Director Noah Powers replied that this ordinance will allow for repairs to Montgomery Road as well as a pedestrian improvement project, which will be presented at the next meeting. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

N) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mayor Schneider stated that Council does thorough research and makes an effort to reach out to residents. He expressed support for the New Community Authority with PLK and the community events it will enable to take place. The Mayor also stated that Sherman Avenue is in planning stages of development and applauded the efforts to establish a warming center in Norwood.

James Bonsall, Norwood Treasurer, recommended that Council look into a way to speed up the current PUD process.

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

Keith Moore, Norwood Law Director, echoed the Mayor's statements about Council being well prepared and thorough. He stated that PLK had requested to cover all relevant ordinances together at the December meeting.

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mrs. Bowling stated that the Legally Wed event at the Hamilton County and Cincinnati Public Library was very successful.

Mrs. Hoover stated that leaf pick up is usually day after trash day. Mrs. Bowling added that residents on narrow streets can bring leaf bags can be taken to the curb at the top of the street.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Bowling stated that new language had been drafted for the food truck ordinance and will be presented at the next Small Business Committee meeting on December 16, 2024 at 6:30pm.

Mrs. Hoover stated that trees had been planted at Victory Park for Veterans Day, there will be a blood drive on January 11, 2025, and Emily's Garden has fresh herbs available. Mrs. Hoover also stated that the Norwood Historical Society will be hosting an event at the Northwood Cidery on December 5, 2024.

Mrs. Franzen stated that she and Mrs. Winterbauer had planted new trees at Lindner Park.

President Geers stated that the second December Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 23, 2024 and that next Tuesday there will be a Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mr. Breadon raised concern about holding five public hearings so close to Christmas at the December 23, 2024 meeting. President Geers explained that the hearings must be held at the second December meeting in order to comply with legal timelines.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Letter from Ralph Wolfe, Chief Building Official

Re: Building Dept. Fees

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

2) Letter from the Norwood Tree Board

Re: Landscape Plans for Factory 52 Phase II

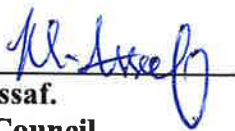
On a motion made by Mrs. Franzen, seconded by Mrs. Hoover, it was moved to receive and file the letter as if read. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

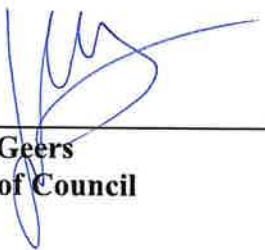
On a motion made by Mrs. Bowling, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to excuse Mrs. Winterbauer. All members present voted "Yes." The motion passed.

S) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Mrs. Franzen, 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