



Norwood City Council

Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall

4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212

July 8, 2025 | 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: Ms. Franzen, Ms. Hoover, Ms. Royse, Ms. Bowling, Mr. Moore, Mr. Girton and Mr. Breadon.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

There were changes made to the agenda with the removal of the June 24th Council meeting minutes. The removal of ordinance M2, which has been revised and will be reflected in Ordinance M4.

On a motion made by Ms. Royse, and seconded by Ms. Hoover, it moved to amend the agenda. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

There were no minutes from the previous meeting.

G) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

Tax budget prepared by the Auditor of Hamilton County, Ohio for the next fiscal year ending in December 31, 2026. Mr. Geers opened the public hearing.

Sonny James addressed council and commended city leadership and finance staff for their dedication. Mr. James praised Mr. Mircale and his team for their transparency, competence, and leadership. Mr. James continued to express gratitude and support for the city's continued prosperity.

Mr. Geers closed the public hearing.

I) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

1) Susan Daniels **Re: Promoting school exhibit**

Ms. Daniels lives at 2063 Maple Avenue. Ms. Daniels address council in regards to the upcoming school exhibit on July 16 at 6:30pm at the Norwood Community Center in partnership with the Norwood Alumni Association. The exhibit will showcase memorabilia, archive materials, yearbooks, and a vintage football film. There are nine more public events planned for the year at various community locations. Ms. Daniles provided promotional materials to city council.

2) Bishop Sonny James **Re: Community**

Mr. James lives at 4305 Ashland Avenue. Mr. James addressed council in regards to the recent events and community concerns with surrounding cities. Mr. James expressed sorrow for the Texas tragedies. Mr. James has praised Norwood for its growth and unity despite challenges. Mr. James reaffirmed his commitment to the safety and progress of Norwood.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

1) Committee of the Whole – July 1, 2025

On a motion made by Ms. Royse, seconded by Mr. Girton to accept and file this report. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

K) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no third readings of ordinances or resolutions.

L) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no second readings of ordinances or resolutions.

M) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO, AUTHORIZING NON-UNION EMPLOYEE PAY RATES.

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Franzen, it was moved to suspend the rules have all three readings due to the emergency need. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed. Mr. Girton noted the emergency clause present in the ordinance packet on page 6. Mr. Girton also stated the HR director stated this needed to pass to be able to hire for the city.

Ms. Hoover inquired about the administrative specialist position. Ms. Zombek, the city's Human Resources Director provided clarity that existing staff remain the same and the current ordinance reflects the updated structure, not eliminations.

On a motion made by Ms. Hoover, seconded by Ms. Royse it was moved to pass the ordinance. Ms. Franzen, Ms. Hoover, Ms. Royse, Ms. Bowling, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Girton voted, "Yes," Mr. Breadon voted, "No." The motion passed.

2) RESOLUTION ADOPTING 2026 TAX BUDGET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion carried.

Ms. Franzen referenced a recent committee meeting and commended the efforts of Mr. Miracle, Ms. Yeager, and the Auditor and Treasury Office staff.

Mr. Moore also commended the Auditor's office, and emphasized the transparency throughout the process.

Ms. Hoover echoed similar sentiments and applauded the collaboration and transparency show by the Auditor's office.

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

3) ORDINANCE AMENDING DESIGNATED LOCATIONS WITHIN THE CITY OF NORWOOD FOR THE POSTING OF ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, STATEMENTS, ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS, NOTICES, AND REPORTS REQUIRED BY LAW.

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Bowling. It was moved to have the first reading. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.

Ms. Hoover asked for clarification to whether locations were removed. Mr. Moore, the Law Director, confirmed the ordinance modernizes posting practices by reducing outdated locations and consolidating to more accessible locations. Mr. Moore added the changes align with how residents currently receive information and reduce inefficiencies.

Mr. Breadon asked Mr. Moore, the Law Director to confirm no new postings were added, only outdated ones were removed. Mr. Moore confirmed.

Mr. Moore clarified this ordinance was a revised version of the former M2 with wording and typographical edits.

N) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

Mayor Schneider was absent, but his report was delivered by the Safety-Service Director, Noah Powers. Mr. Power's provided an update regarding the Elm Avenue Flood Elimination Project with a groundbreaking ceremony on July 11, at 10AM at 1912 Maple Avenue, a vacant lot. The attendees included engineers, contractors, project partners, and city/county officials. Mr. Breadon expressed full support for the Elm project.

Ken Miracle, the City Auditor, thanked council for the passing of the 2026 tax budget and acknowledged the Auditor's office. Mr. Miracle reiterated his commitment to ongoing collaboration with the finance committee. Mr. Miracle discussed plans for implementing a project management tool to help with increased transparency and accessibility for council. There is an upcoming audit on July 10, and the Auditor of the State will conduct a site audit. Multiple departments maybe involved throughout the day. The P-Card Manual is currently being reviewed by departments will a goal to present to Council in August.

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

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Hoover and Mr. Geers provided an update on the Community Survey. The survey remains open and available on the city website and in local parks. Mr. Geers organized QR code table toppers. Residents were able to complete the survey at the Off-Pike Market, gaining more responses. The church contact list has been updated, and flyers will go out before July 13. The survey goal is 2,000 responses.

Ms. Hoover provided a reminder for the cooling centers and their locations, Norwood Public Library, the Recreation centers in Evanston and Pleasant Ridge on Montgomery Road. Focus Cincinnati will be opening their cooling centers late in the summer.

Ms. Hoover provided an update regarding Recycling and Composting. Norwood is a partner with Hamilton County Resource, which will help to promote recycling. Ms. Hoover urged residents to complete the Hamilton County Resource survey to help guide strategy, and help identify the focus outreach and which services are of interest. Ms. Hoover shared information regarding community composting within like communities and their success.

Ms. Franzen provided an update for the Infrastructure Committee Meeting Schedule and the purpose of the meeting is for the updates on street and park projects.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Hoover alerted residents about the State of Ohio's unclaimed funds. Ms. Hoover encouraged everyone to check for money owed to them or family/friends before it is redirected. Ms. Hoover thanked officers for attending the Off-Pike Market. The next Off-Pike Market will be on Saturday, August 2nd, 2025.

Ms. Bowling provided an update regarding the Norwood Barracudas hosting the Swim Championship Meet on July 14-15. The estimated attendance is 5,000-10,000 visitors, and there are volunteers needed.

Mr. Moore shared his appreciation for the Fourth of July Firework show.

Ms. Hoover provided an update on Gun Safety and Youth Violence within Norwood. Ms. Hoover stated per Norwood Police, there has not been an increase in youth violence in Norwood. Ms. Hoover highlighted an organization, Found Village, as a successful wraparound youth support program. Gun locks are available for free from the Norwood Police Department.

Mr. Geers provided an update for the 132nd Norwood Day Parade scheduled for July 18, 2025 from 7PM – 8:30PM. The new parade route begins on Floral Avenue near New City Presbyterian Church, turns left onto Smith Road, and continues to Wall Street and ends there. Mr. Geers is encouraging the public to plan accordingly.

Mr. Girtton asked if council will be meeting in two weeks. Mr. Geers stated, the fourth Tuesday of July, per the rules adopted by Council in January, is designated as the Council's Vacation break. This rule was adopted prior to the parade date change. If urgent business arises, a special meeting will be called.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications.

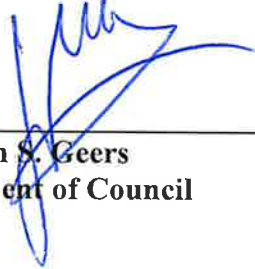
R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

There were no absent members.

S) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Mr. Moore. It was moved to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted, "Yes." The motion passed.



Kelsi Goins
Clerk of Council

Joseph S. Geers
President of Council