



Norwood City Council

Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall

4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212

November 11, 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. All members were present.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

There was a removal from the agenda, regarding the finance committee report.

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Bowling, it was moved to amend the agenda. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Mr. Moore, it was moved to accept and file the minutes as if read. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

G) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

I) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

1) Haley Thurston

RE: Accessibility

Haley Thurston, 3911 South Jefferson, addressed council for continued challenges within the city. Ms. Thurston raised concerns about the road conditions.

2) Sonny James

RE: Community

Sonny James lives at 4305 Ashland Avenue, addressed council in congratulating council members on their re-election. Bishop James provided an update about his event that occurred in October. Bishop James is doing this event again and is looking to make the community safer.

J) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE CITY OF NORWOOD FIRE HYDRANT SPECIFICATION

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Hoover, it was moved to have the third reading of the ordinance. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

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

2) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OF OHIO, SUPPORTING THE OHIO COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (AMERICA 250-OH)

On a motion made by Ms. Bowling, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to have the third reading of the resolution. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

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

K) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no second readings of ordinances or resolutions.

L) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT A CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM FOR THE CITY OF NORWOOD IN COMPLIANCE WITH OHIO'S CYBERSECURITY LAW, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Ms. Royse, seconded by Ms. Hoover, it was moved to have the first reading of the resolution. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

M) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

James Bonsall, City Treasurer, provided a Treasurer's Report. Currently, Norwood is up 7% for earnings taxes, which an overall projection of 6% increase by the end of the year.

Ken Miracle, City Auditor, provided the Auditor's Report. The proposed budget was emailed to council members for review and discussion. Mr. Miracle will be emailing out the end of month reports for October on November 12th.

Keith Moore, Law Director did not have an administrative report to share at this time. Ms. Hoover did ask Mr. Moore to provide an update for the current status with the school board. Mr. Moore sent an agreement with settlement language over on November 11th.

N) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Hoover shared an update regarding the city being awarded a \$100,000 grant for tree and tree infrastructure. A portion of the funds will go towards a tree inventory of all city-owned trees, and the remaining will go towards tree planting. Ms. Hoover reiterated that this was a collaborative project amongst city officials and the community.

Ms. Franzen shared her gratitude regarding the Gem of the Highlands 5K that occurred on November 1. There were over 628 attendees and 100 volunteers. The funding from this 5K goes directly to parks and recreation.

Mr. Moore discussed and shared different ways to collaborate with the school board to ensure there was transparency, problem solving, and collaboration. Mr. Moore is wanting to identify the council members who will be participating in the monthly meetings with the school board.

O) NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Hoover shared community events that were occurring. On November 15th, the "Wreckin' Pumpkins" for a good cause occurred, where community members were able to catapult their own pumpkins for a small cost or buy pumpkins to catapult. The proceeds for this event were going towards a food drive. The event was located at Waterworks Park from 12PM TO 3PM. The second event that occurred on November 15th was with the Norwood Police Department "Fill Up A Cruiser" at the Norwood Kroger from 9AM to 12PM. The donations went to Ashland Baptist Church and the Woven Oak Food Pantry. Mr. Moore provided an update in regards to the event Bishop James hosted. Mr. Moore offered the opportunity to be a Mentor to anyone in the community who has a similar story to one shared at the event. Mr. Moore and Ms. Franzen hosted an open house at Burwood Park to hear from community members with questions or sharing ideas for Burwood Park.

President Geers requested topic of rules of council and committee assignments for 2026-2027 for Committee of the Whole. This discussion will occur at the December meeting to ensure things are ready by January 1.

P) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Mayor Victor Schneider – October Mayor's Court Fines

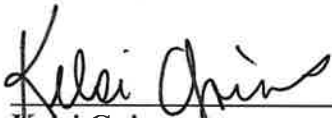
On a motion made by Ms. Bowling, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to receive and file the communication as if read. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

Q) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

There were no absent members.

R) ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Ms. Royse, seconded by Mr. Girton, 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