



**Norwood City Council**  
**Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall**  
**4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212**  
**November 25, 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 were many items to amend for the agenda, five committee reports were added, Committee of the Whole 11/11, Law and Ordinance 10/20 and 11/10, Finance: Budget, Audit, and Claims – 10/28, and Infrastructure – 11/19. For Section M, an ordinance and resolution were added, and lastly Norwood Board of Health was added to section G, special presentations.

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

**F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

- October 28, 2025

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

- 1) Pamela Mullen, Health commissioner, Norwood Board of Health

Pamela Mullen is the health commissioner for the Norwood Board of Health and was excited to share the amazing news regarding getting national accreditation from the National Accreditor’s focusing on quality improvement and innovation. For the next five years until resubmitting for accreditation, the Board of Health will submit an annual report.

- 2) Mike Skelly, Community Development Director and Noah Powers, Safety Service Director – Infrastructure Upgrades

Mike Skelly and Noah Powers presented a two-part update on the redevelopment of the former Allison Elementary School Site and the anticipated public infrastructure improvements for the surrounding neighborhood. Mr. Skelly provided an oversight of the Allison Elementary School property and the former Harmon Memorial Church, shared information regarding the neighborhood profile, infrastructure challenges including waterlines and roadway infrastructure over 120 years predating the city, cost estimates and funding, redevelopment vision, project financials, proposed incentives. Mr. Skelly provided a financial model regarding the CRA and TIF structure, overall project value and public cost offset, a project timeline and zoning considerations with the developer submitting formal plans within the next 3-6 months, and continued conversation for the rationale for an 80 percent CRA, and projected TIF revenue.

**I) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL**

- 1) **Hailey Thurston**

**RE: Community**

Hailey Thurston, 3911 S. Jefferson Ave, addressed council to share the two signs she put up for the area in which we she lives, “Blind pedestrian in the area.” Ms. Thurston spoke with Mr. Moore regarding the signs and adding lighting to the area. Mr. Moore provided a brief overview of the conversation. Ms. Thurston is hoping the city can add more visibility to the area.

- 2) **Nehemiah Collins**

**RE: Community**

Nehemiah Collins, 1821 Clarion Ave, addressed council on his past presence at a Council Meeting. Mr. Collins shared about his past life and how youth programs helped him grow.

- 3) **Kenny Domingo**

**RE: Community**

Kenny Domingo, 4305 Ashland Avenue, addressed council, sharing of Kenny’s Vision, a small business focusing on graphic design brand on branding, while also being a graduate of Xavier University. Mr. Domingo shared his call to action to curb youth violence.

- 4) **Sonny James**

**RE: Community**

Sonny James lives at 4305 Ashland Avenue, addressed council to provide his continued gratitude for the community of Norwood. On December 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Come Together 2.0 event for the city.

**5) James Bonsall**

**RE: Cryptocurrency**

James Bonsall, 3834 Spencer Avenue, addressed council during the reading of the ordinance regarding cryptocurrency. Mr. Bonsall is in support of this ordinance to prevent scams, and kiosks being used for fraudulent activity, often times resulting in residents not getting their money back. Mr. Bonsall shared the emotional harm, and provided an example of local Norwood Resident who was scammed out of thousands of dollars. Mr. Bonsall provided the impact these kiosks bring, that are not just financial, but emotional harm, providing market considerations, regional and state impact, and urged council to act promptly stating the measure would protect residents from future scams.

**J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

**1) Committee of the Whole – 11/11/2025**

On a motion made by Ms. Bowling, seconded by Mr. Moore, it was moved to receive the committee report. All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.

**2) Law and Ordinance Committee – 10/20/2025**

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Bowling, it was moved to receive the committee report. All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.

**3) Law and Ordinance Committee – 11/10/2025**

On a motion made by Ms. Bowling, seconded by Ms. Hoover, it was moved to receive the committee report. All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.

**4) Finance Budget, Audit, and Claims Committee – 10/28/2025**

On a motion made by Ms. Bowling, seconded by Mr. Moore, it was moved to receive the committee report. All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.

**5) Infrastructure: Streets, Parks, Recreation, and Public Places Committee – 11/19/2025**

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Hoover, it was moved to receive the committee 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**

**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. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to have the second reading of the resolution. All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.

**M) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS**

**1) A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO ADOPT BACKYARD PAVING LIMITS**

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.

Ms. Royse provided information regarding how this resolution was brought to council by community members voicing concerns regarding flooding concerns in some community members backyards, specifically in Ward One. There are backyards that are entirely paved, with runoff causing possible flooding for neighbors. Ms. Franzen provided additional context with providing this recommendation to the planning committee to reduce the number of paved surfaces in Norwood and in the backyard.

**2) AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSKS**

On a motion made by Ms. Royse, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to have the first reading of the ordinance. All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.

Ms. Franzen provided additional information stating St. Paul, Minnesota voted to ban kiosks five days prior to the council meeting.

**N) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS**

Mayor Schneider provided updates on Montgomery Road with paving being completed. The crew was still making utility adjustments and working on permanent markings. Park restrooms were winterizing the bathrooms. The leaf collection crew is out, typically running behind your trash pick up day. Paper bags for leaf collection are provided through the Board of Health or can be picked up at Lowe’s and Home Depot. Mayor Schneider provided more updates in regards to the Board of Health and their accreditation, having a Board of Health improved the community, helps seniors, sanitarian that keeps restaurants safe, as well as unwanted critters within buildings or around, as well as outreach. Mayor Schneider reminded residents that the City of Norwood has a Facebook and a website with a lot of information. Mayor Schneider promoted Norwood High School’s musical, Freaky Friday that occurred on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>.

James Bonsall, City Treasurer, provided an update on the use of adult cannabis purchases. Norwood has two dispensaries that are licensed to do adult cannabis in the city. Mr. Bonsall provided the excise tax framework with being 10 percent on adult-use cannabis retail sales. Municipalities with licensed dispensaries are eligible to receive 36 percent of that 10 percent excise tax through the Host Community Fund. Mr. Bonsall stated he will continue monitoring the bill and state-level activity and a future council meeting will include updated information once final fiscal impacts are known.

Ken Miracle, City Auditor, provided an update on the new project management tool with a rollout in December. Mr. Miracle will be meeting with SSI VIP to start the process of the Auditor's office going paperless.

Keith Moore, Law Director provided an update in regards to group homes as an issue discussed in a committee report, regarding the sober house on Williams. The home on Williams was cited for having more than four unrelated people living in the home. The citation was upheld, but the sober house owners are able to file an appeal in court.

**O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Moore continued the conversation regarding creating a collaborative committee with two Norwood City Council Members and two Norwood City School Board members. The goal is to continue to collaborate more and ensure transparency. Mr. Moore also added in having Xavier students return to the Committee of the Whole meeting in December.

Ms. Hoover shared an update regarding the Doral Field Grant. Ms. Hoover received an email from the office of Greg Landsman office with continuing to be at a standstill and hoping to have a decision in 2026. Ms. Hoover also shared the details from events in November and her gratitude of seeing Norwood come together.

Ms. Franzen provided an update regarding the Pumpkin event raising \$500 for the Ashland Church. Ms. Franzen also attended an event Iron Sharpens Iron, where she helped with the operations of creating 1800 Thanksgiving food boxes. On December 6<sup>th</sup>, there is a Norwood Craftmas Town at the Norwood Community Center, with vendor fees going towards the Norwood Giving Tree. On November 29<sup>th</sup>, it was pancakes with Santa at the Norwood Rec Center.

**P) NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Hoover shared updates regarding the Board of Health and their impact on making Norwood more sustainable. Residents are encouraged to drop off their old holiday lights to the e-bin behind the Board of Health. Ms. Hoover shared, a lot of businesses are not recycling, so they are working on breaking down the barriers as to why not. Ms. Hoover shared updates on the sober living homes and more information to come, as well as meeting with organizations that are connected to helping people experience homeless and provide additional support.

**Q) COMMUNICATIONS**

**1) Ken Miracle, Auditor – EOM Reports Letter**

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

**2) Ohio Division of Liquor Control – RE: Mitchell's Salon and Day Spa – Hyde Park**

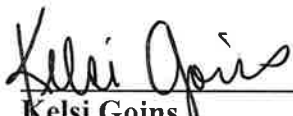
On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to receive and file the communication as if read with no objections. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

**R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS**

There were no absent members.

**S) ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Mr. Moore, it was moved to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

  
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Kelsi Goins  
Clerk of Council

  
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Joseph S. Geers  
President of Council