



Norwood City Council
Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall
4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212
December 23, 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

The additions made to the agenda were adding in the Committee of the Whole December 2, 2025 reports, two ordinances to Section M – Introductory Reading of Ordinances/Resolutions, M6 is an ordinance to change appropriations for Year 2025 and declaring an emergency and M7 is an ordinance making temporary appropriations for the expenditures for the City of Norwood, Ohio for the calendar year December 31, 2026 and declaring an emergency.

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

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- November 11, 2025
- November 25, 2025
- December 9, 2025

On a motion made by Ms. Hoover, seconded by Ms. Franzen, it was moved to accept the minutes of the previous meetings (November 11, November 25, December 9), 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) Kenny Domingos

RE: Community

Kenny Domingos, 4305 Ashland Avenue, addressed council in regards to his journey towards leadership and the Come Together Event 2.0 on January 3, 2026.

2) Nehemiah Collins

RE: Community

Nehemiah Collins, 1821 Clarion Avenue, addressed council in regards to a message to the youth and the Come Together 2.0 event on January 3, 2026.

3) Sonny James

RE: Come Together 2.0

Sonny James, 4305 Ashland Avenue, addressed council in regards to preparing for the new year and the upcoming event he is hosting called Come Together 2.0 occurring on January 3, 2026.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

1) Committee of the Whole – December 9, 2025

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

2) Committee of the Whole – December 2, 2025

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

K) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE USE OF VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSKS

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 Ms. Bowling, it was moved to pass the ordinance. Ms. Franzen, Ms. Hoover, Ms. Royse, Ms. Bowling, Mr. Girton, and Mr. Breadon voted, “yes,” all other members voted, “no.” The motion passed.

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

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

On a motion made by Ms. Hoover, seconded by Ms. Royse, it was moved to pass the resolution. Ms. Franzen, Ms. Hoover, Ms. Royse, Ms. Bowling, Mr. Moore, and Mr. Girton voted, "yes," all other members voted, "no." The motion passed

L) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no second readings of ordinances or resolutions.

M) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- 1) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE SOUTHWEST OHIO REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY (SORTA) FOR THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED ALONG LAFAYETTE AVENUE' AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF NECESSARY FUNDS; 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.

Ms. Hoover asked Mr. Powers, Safety-Service Director to provide additional information regarding this parcel. Mr. Powers shared, SORTA purchased the land in the 1980s and asked Norwood to buy this parcel. It is currently a grassy area, formerly the railroad land.

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

- 3) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH AXON ENTERPRISE, INC. FOR THE FINANCING AND PURCHASE OF FORTY-FIVE (45) AXON TASER 10, INCLUDING EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings. Ms. Franzen, Ms. Hoover, Ms. Bowling, Mr. Moore, Mr. Girton, and Mr. Breadon voted, "yes," all other members voted, "no." The motion passed.

On a motion made by Mr. Breadon, seconded by Ms. Hoover, it was moved to pass the ordinance.

Ms. Franzen, Ms. Hoover, Ms. Bowling, Mr. Moore, Mr. Girton, and Mr. Breadon voted, "yes," all other members voted, "no." The motion passed.

- 4) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS, AND TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE LOWEST AND BEST BIDDER FOR RECONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS TO SOUTH JEFFERSON AVENUE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Breadon, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three reading. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

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

- 5) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR A CONTRACT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN 8" WATER MAIN FROM MONTGOMERY ROAD ALONG THE AREA OF CROWN AVENUE EXTENSION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

- 6) ORDINANCE TO CHANGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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

- 7) ORDINANCE MAKING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO FOR THE CALENDAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026 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 passed.

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

N) ADMINISTRATION REPORTS

James Bonsall, City Treasurer, provided a Treasurer's Report. Mr. Bonsall gave gratitude to Council for passing appropriations. Mr. Bonsall shared the Treasurer's office would be making adjustments and working through net profit tax to determine what it could look like for the upcoming year. Mr. Bonsall stated he will continue to provide transparency from the Treasurer's Office. Lastly Mr. Bonsall shared his gratitude for Mr. Breadon and Ms. Royse commitment to Norwood and to City Council.

Mr. Miracle, City Auditor, provided an Auditor's Report. Mr. Miracle gave gratitude to Council for passing two ordinances. Mr. Miracle shared updates regarding ways in which Norwood could propel out of the fiscal emergency, the workflow improvements that include SSI which will help with going digital, VIP analytics – which displays the budget and all City Administrators will be able to view the budget, and lastly Monday.com, the project management tool. Mr. Miracle shared the retention schedule for the ORC is on pace. Lastly, the Deputy Auditor will be working on the certificate of estimated resources for an approval by December 30, 2025.

Keith Moore, Law Director shared his gratitude to the outgoing Council Members for their years of service to Norwood.

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Moore shared an update in regards to the two-by-two committee, in partnership with the Norwood City School Board. Ms. Hoover shared an update in regards to the State Representative Ashley Bryant Bailey's listening session in Norwood on December 17, 2025.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Bowling shared updates in regards to the Rumpke Trash Services being interrupted for some residents on December 25th and January 1, 2026. Members of council expressed their gratitude for Mr. Breadon and Ms. Royse. Mr. Breadon shared his appreciation and gratitude for his time on City Council. Ms. Royse reflected on her time on City Council and is excited for what is to come.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) Victor Schneider, Mayor – November Mayor's Court Fines

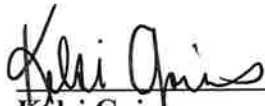
On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Bowling, it was moved to receive and file the communication as if read. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.


R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

There were no absent members.

S) ADJOURNMENT

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