



Norwood City Council
Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall
4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212
February 10, 2026 | 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, Mr. Provins, Ms. Bowling, Mr. Moore, Mr. Girton, and Ms. Sullivan.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

There were amendments made to the agenda with the removal of the Law, Ordinance, Environment, and Public Safety committee report under reports of standing committees of council. There were three added ordinances for section N: appropriations ordinance (N4), an ordinance regarding selling city property by internet auction (N5), and an ordinance regarding the final PUD (N6).

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Bowling, it was moved to remove the Law, Ordinance, Environment, and Public Safety committee report, and to add the appropriations ordinance (N4) and the ordinance regarding selling city property (N5) to the agenda. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

Ms. Bowling asked Law Director Moore to explain the impact of having or not having the reading of the final PUD (N6) during the meeting.

Mr. Moore (Law Director) provided a detailed explanation of the City's current zoning code structure for Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) requiring a preliminary plan to go to the Planning Commission and then to Council, with the final plan going through the same process. Mr. Moore stated the preliminary plan is a legislative action, and the final plan is administrative as it determines whether the plan complies with the previously approved preliminary plan. Mr. Moore clarified that Council is not permitted to perform administrative acts, therefore the code provision requiring the final plan to come before Council is not valid. In conclusion, Mr. Moore stated the final plan has been approved by default, regardless of Council Action and the public hearing is being held to comply with the current code requirements, but the plans are already deemed approved.

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- January 27, 2026

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

G) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

1) Tony Boyle

RE: PLK PUD

Tony Boyle, 2739 Robertson Avenue, addressed Council regarding dissatisfaction with Council on matters related to the PLK Development and associated PUD approvals.

2) Andrew Powell Jr.

RE: Discrimination at the Gatherall

Andrew Powell Jr., 5118 Globe Avenue addressed Council regarding his former employment at the Gatherall raising concerns for mistreatment, discrimination, and workplace environment.

3) Walter Rice

RE: PLK Transparency

Walter Rice, did not provide his address, addressed Council regarding the vendor opportunities at the Factor 52 Development shifting and becoming concerns that regarding fairness, transparency, and equal treatment.

4) Brian Jones

RE: PLK Development

Brian Jones, 2702 Ida Avenue, addressed Council regarding the approved PUD behind his house having safety and environmental concerns.

5) Diane Farrell

RE: PLK

Diane Farrell, 2749 Robertson Avenue, addressed Council regarding the PLK development matter sharing disappointment and sadness regarding the handling of this matter and requesting Council to show better oversight of the project.

6) Seth DuCasse

RE: FOCUS Cincinnati

Seth DuCasse, 4285 Ashland Avenue, addressed Council regarding FOCUS Cincinnati's leadership change as he is the New Director and expressed willingness to collaborate with the City regarding food insecurity and related community needs.

7) Kirsten James

RE: Black History| Community

Kirsten James, 4305 Ashland Avenue, addressed Council in regards to Black History Month and sharing Black History is apart of American history and belongs to all people, ending with encouraging unity, mutual respect, and recognition of shared humanity.

8) Bridget Davis

RE: Justice for All

Bridget Davis, 1630 Pleasant St. #3, addressed Council regarding her experience while employed at The Gatherall and believes employees are not supported adequately.

9) Kenny Domingoes

RE: Community

Kenny Domingoes, 4305 Ashland Avenue, addressed Council regarding leadership and accountability.

10) Darius Tweedy

RE: Issues Pertaining to the Gatherall

Darius Tweedy, 3637 Wabash Avenue, addressed Council regarding Civil Rights complaints with The Ohio Civil Rights Commission and the U.S. Department of Justice, and made requests to Council ensure transparency, discourage retaliation, protect livelihoods while legal processes proceed.

11) Ramon Tweedy

RE: Gatherall

Ramon Tweedy, 2750 Park Avenue, addressed Council regarding his previous ask to Council in September regarding the treatment he has received at the Gatherall.

12) Sunni Rene James

RE: Community Issues

Sunni James, minor, addressed Council as both a resident and student, acknowledging the progress the City has made, as well as expressing concern for safety.

13) Sonny James

RE: Community

Sonny James, 4305 Ashland Avenue, addressed Council regarding concerns about fairness, representation, and community treatment.

H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

On November 20, 2025, the Norwood Planning Commission held a special open meeting. Regarding item #2 of the November 20, 2025, Norwood Planning Commission agenda: Mick Oaks, Associate Developer with PLK Communities is submitting a final planned unit development (PUD) plan for the property South of Robertson Avenue known as 4500 Beech Street, Norwood, Ohio 45212; 2.839 acreage Hamilton County Auditors book 651, page 0030, parcel 0206 located within NBD/PUD Neighborhood Business District/Planned Unit Development overlay, including the proposed PUD expansion 2741 Robertson Avenue, Norwood, Ohio 45212, Hamilton Auditor book 651, page 0030, parcel 0194-00. With a unanimous affirmative vote, the motion to recommend to the Norwood City Council to approve the final PUD plan, titled Factory 52 Robertson South plan stamped received by the Norwood Building Department 10/14/2025 for the project at 4500 Robertson South, including the PUD expansion of 2741 Robertson Avenue, Norwood, Ohio 45212, contingent upon the following conditions being met;

1. The dumpster corral location is to be improved upon, moved to a more acceptable location
2. That the fence shielding and landscaping around the perimeter where homes are being communicated to and approved by the Norwood Building Commissioner
3. That a traffic study, focused on Beech Street and Kenilworth Avenue, and recommendations for improvements if warranted shall be implemented and provided to the City of Norwood Building Department for review by the City Engineer.

Mr. Geers declared the public hearing open.

Anyone interested in speaking in favor of the matter was asked to step forward; no one stepped forward.

Anyone interested in speaking against the matter was asked to step forward;

- 1) Tony Boyle, 2739 Robertson Avenue spoke out against the matter and addressed Council regarding the PUD closing by default.
- 2) Sonny James, 4305 Ashland Avenue spoke out against the matter and addressed Council regarding the PUD.
- 3) Brian Jones, 272 Ida Avenue spoke out against the matter and addressed Council regarding the PUD.

Mr. Geers declared the public hearing closed.

I) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

- 1) Finance, Budget, Audit & Claims Committee – February 3, 2026

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

K) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Schneider provided updates on several administrative matters. Mayor Schneider referenced a proposed application for Clean Ohio Trails Fund assistance to pursue acquisition of former rail corridor property traversing a portion of the city, potentially connecting to adjacent trail infrastructure, he indicated that securing such funding would be beneficial for the community. Mayor Schneider additionally referenced receiving federal funding support facilitated through the office of Greg Landsman, noting the amount of the original request, and the amount actually received, \$500,000 was approved, in partnership with Council members and the PLK Development group. Mayor Schneider encouraged residents to view the “State of the City” presentation available on the City’s Facebook page and the Norwood Community Television’s

YouTube channel. In addition to this presentation, the First District Court of Appeals and the County Auditor were made available as standalone recordings for public viewing.

James Bonsall, the City Treasurer provided an update regarding financial matters. Mr. Bonsall shared that January collections were approximately 2.3% lower than January of the prior year. Mr. Bonsall shared the following breakdown, employer withholding is up 3.5%, net profits are up 63%, individual income tax is down 74%, believing that the decline could be timing-related and indicated he would continue to provide monthly updates.

Ken Miracle, the City Auditor provided an update reporting that the city successfully closed the month of January and that end-of-month reports would be distributed to Council. Mr. Miracle provided an update on the Financial Recovery Plan (FRP), stating that multiple iterations have been submitted and that weekly meetings continue with relevant parties. Mr. Miracle noted ongoing back and forth correspondence with the Auditor of State's office, including follow-up questions requiring additional clarification. Mr. Miracle indicated that a more developed version of the FRP may be available for review following the Friday (2/13) meeting and anticipated further discussion at the next Finance Committee meeting. Mr. Miracle also stated that appropriations would be presented later in the meeting to authorize payment of invoices prior to formal completion of the FRP.

Keith Miracle, the Law Director answered a question from Council Member Moore pertaining to matters involving disputes between individual vendors and a larger operator within a development. Law Director Moore responded that the City's authority in such matters is limited and the city does generally does not have investigative authority to compel private parties to provide information. Law Director Moore concluded that enforcement of civil rights claims is not ordinarily handled by municipal government.

L) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 1305.20 OF THE NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES, ENTITLED "PLUMBER'S LICENSE AND REGISTRATION," AND MAKING RELATED AMENDMENTS TO OTHER SECTIONS OF THE NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES

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

M) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no second readings of ordinances and/or resolutions.

N) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

1) RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO LEVY A RENEWAL TAX FOR CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, 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. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to pass the resolution. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

2) RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR GENERAL CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, RESURFACING, AND REPAIR OF STREETS, ROADS, AND BRIDGES IN THE CITY OF NORWOOD, AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

3) A RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION AND SUPPORT FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A CLEAN OHIO TRAILS FUND GRANT APPLICATION TO HELP SUPPLEMENT THE PURCHASE OF 16.33 ARCHES FROM NORFOLK & WESTERN RAILWAY FOR THE PURPOSE OF LINEAR GREENWAY TRAIL AND PRESERVATION OF OPEN, AMENITY SPACE CORRIDOR FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC, RECREATION, TOURISM, AND TRANSPORTATION

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. Bowling, seconded by Mr. Moore, it was moved to pass the resolution. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

4) ORDINANCE TO CHANGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

5) RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO SELL UNNEEDED, OBSOLETE, OR UNFIT CITY PERSONAL PROPERTY BY INTERNET AUCTION DURING CALENDAR YEAR 2026, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to amend the resolution as stated adding under section two or Hamilton County online public auction. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Hoover, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all of the readings of the resolutions as amended. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

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

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were questions regarding resolutions passed, and the next steps for delivery. The Clerk of Council's Office sends certified resolutions to the County Auditor.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Hoover shared historical data and information regarding the amount of time it took to receive the parks grant from the office of Greg Landsman. Ms. Hoover provided an update regarding Norwood's 13 percent increase in recycling from 2023 to 2025. Ms. Hoover also shared there will be a Sustainability Summit in partnership with the Norwood Board of Health, occurring on March 4th and March 14th, this will include information on the new community composting program that will be coming to Norwood in the spring in partnership with Queen City Compost. Mr. Girton shared that the Finance committee would be meeting on February 19th at 6:30PM. Mr. Moore asked committee members to set a date for the Community Engagement Committee, the committee would be meeting on February 17 at 5:30PM. Ms. Hoover asked Housing committee members to determine a time, the committee will be meeting on February 24 at 6:30PM. Lastly, the Committee of the Whole scheduled their meeting for March 3rd.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

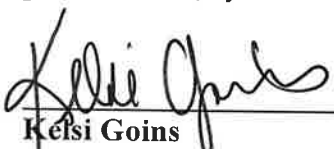
- 1) Ohio Division of Liquor Control Re: Buca Restaurants Inc
On a motion made by Ms. Bowling, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to receive and file the communication as if read with no objections. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.
- 2) Norwood Planning Commission Re: Memorandum
On a motion made by Ms. Hoover, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, it was moved to receive and file the communication as if read. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.
- 3) Mayor Victor Schneider Re: Letter to Council
On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Bowling, it was moved to receive and file the letter as if read and confirm the salary noted within the communication. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.
- 4) Tim, Garry, Assistant Law Director Re: Letter to Council
On a motion made by Ms. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Moore, it was moved to receive and file the communication as if read and place into the communication committee. 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. Moore, seconded by Ms. Franzen, it was moved to adjourn. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.



Kelsi Goins
Clerk of Council



Joseph S. Geers
President of Council