

# **City of Norwood Financial Planning and Supervision Commission**

## **Minutes for the Meeting held on March 26, 2026**

This meeting was held at Norwood City Hall.

### **Call to Order**

The meeting of the City of Norwood Financial Planning and Supervision Commission (“Commission”) was called to order by the Chair at 9:30 a.m.

### **Members Present**

Attendees answering roll-call: Chairperson Nathan Kolenda, designee of the Director of the Ohio Office of Budget and Management; Victor Schneider, Norwood Mayor; Joe Geers, President of Norwood City Council; Mr. John Gomez, Designee of the State Treasurer; Ms. Deb Garvey, Designee of County Auditor’s Office; Mr. Brad Schwartz and Mr. Tom Shepherd, community member representatives; Mr. Chris McCoy, Ohio State Auditor’s office (filling in for Ms. Anna Mary Thomas, financial supervisor).

### **Approval and Acceptance of Meeting minutes**

#### **Minutes of the March 6, 2026 meeting**

Motion was made to accept the minutes by Mr. Gomez and seconded by Ms. Garvey - all others approved by voice vote. Mr. Schwartz noted that he found typos in the minutes that should be corrected in the future.

### **Discussion and vote on the 2026 Financial Recovery Plan**

The mayor made comments that the plan was approved by Norwood City Council and provided an executive summary and expressed his thanks to all involved, which he stated was many, to produce this plan.

President of Council noted that procedurally this has been the most transparent years for council, Auditor’s office, and administration in collaboration on this project. Also noted that the Finance committee and others were very pleased with the process.

The Auditor of State’s Representative, Chris McCoy also thanked everyone for the extra effort to improve the process and spreadsheets used. Mr. McCoy gave an overview of how his office reviews and verifies that the plan will work and looks for any areas that are incorrect. They do a deep dive which takes time and provide feedback to the city for correction or modification to make it more accurate. The first review included 20 pages. The city received three reviews and the third was returned after city council had passed the plan. Items in the third review were immaterial to the plan being presented for adoption today. But the point was made that once the plan is passed today, if there are corrections a complete plan will need to be presented and adopted to make those corrections/changes.

Mr. McCoy went through a few areas that will be changed as we move forward - such as the purchase of a new/used ladder truck as well as some of the street department funding. The funding covered over what is planned so it should not be a challenge considering the plan has more funding compared to the estimated needs.

Discussion ensued with the Budget Director being questioned on a few funds and how they came out to the amounts in the plan.

Motion was made to approve the 2026 Financial Recovery Plan by Mr. Shepherd and seconded by Ms. Garvey - all others approved by voice vote.

**Discussion and Approval of debt incurred for the lease/purchase of a used 2017 Pierce 100' HDL tiller and Body assembly (HT100) ladder fire truck from the City of Anchorage, Alaska.**

The Fire Chief shared information about the process of finding and verifying that this used fire truck is the correct choice for the city at this time. The current ladder truck, which was also purchased used, needs to be replaced and this purchase works well with the FD capital expense schedule for replacement of large cost equipment. This is proper planning and staggers these huge equipment expenses.

The timing of this purchase will provide savings to the city of potentially \$2.1 million in future years. The Chief thanked the City Auditor for his department's help with this process.

Discussion ensued on the logistics of getting a fire truck from Alaska to the City of Norwood.

Motion was made to approve the debt incurred for the lease/purchase of the ladder truck by Mr. Schwartz and seconded by Mr. Geers - all others approved by voice vote.

**Report of the Financial Supervisor**

No report at this time.

**Report of Mayor**

The mayor stated that his comments were made in earlier parts of the meeting and he had nothing more to add.

**Report of President of Council**

Mr. Geers shared that Council is establishing standard meeting dates and times for committees and that they are in the middle of considering putting the emergency operating levy from the 1980's back up for a community vote, a street levy is also being considered.

**Next meeting**

Chairperson Kolenda spoke of setting up regular meetings throughout the year that others can plan around. Tentatively set the next meeting for June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 9:30 am at Norwood City Hall

**Adjournment**

Mr. Geers moved that the meeting be adjourned; Mr. Shepherd seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted in the affirmative and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Schneider  
Mayor, City of Norwood