



Norwood City Council

Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall

4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212

March 24, 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, Mr. Provins, Ms. Bowling, Mr. Moore, Mr. Girton, and Ms. Sullivan.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

There was a change made to the agenda in Section N – Introductory reading of ordinances/resolution, the third ordinance, with the updated appropriation exhibit.

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

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- February 24, 2026
- March 10, 2026
- March 13, 2026 – Special Council Meeting

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Franzen, it was moved to accept all three sets of meeting minutes as if read. All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.

G) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

There were no requests to address council.

H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

I) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1) Mike Skelly, Community Development Director

Mr. Skelly presented community development information based on four components, economic development, administrative, organizational development, and policy development. Mr. Skelly focuses heavily on zoning infrastructure for land development. Mr. Skelly works in partnership with other departments including public works and the building commission. Mr. Skelly shared key accomplishments which assisted builders and developers for incoming projects including the multi-color land, Factory 52 – phase two, Sherman Oaks, Uptown Properties, and the Ventura Group. Mr. Skelly also attends BZA hearings, Council Meetings, and assist with opportunities, such as the Worth Avenue business district and reimagining that space. Mr. Skelly also works in partnership with the Norwood Chamber of Commerce to expand membership and programs. Mr. Skelly also shared his future goals and objectives for expanding the City of Norwood’s tax base, including navigating the development process, getting involved and assist with land-use decisions. Lastly, Mr. Skelly shared updates regarding upcoming development

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

There are no reports of standing committees of council.

K) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Schneider provided many updates for residents included, a cleanup on Saturday, March 28, 2026. The American Legion has been preparing for their Memorial Day Celebration with a banner across Montgomery Road. Mayor Schneider shared the Safety-Service, Noah was able to attend a meeting for Cincinnati Area Managers, with different city administrators and shared pertinent information regarding affordable housing.

Ken Miracle, City Auditor shared pertinent information and provided updates including the Deputy Auditor attended conference for Auditors in the state. Mr. Miracle also shared the Financial Planning Committee met to approve the Financial Recovery Plan on Thursday, and the lease purchase for the Fire Truck closing with the bank on March 26, 2026, allowing for massive savings for the City. Mr. Miracle shared an update regarding the shared resource center meeting on April 1, 2026 to assist with the report on accounting methods. Some members of council have volunteered to assist with reviewing.

Tim Garry, The Assistant Law Director, had nothing to report on at this time.

L) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

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

M) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

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

N) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- 1) AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND AUTHORIZING A STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING POLICY TO ENSURE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND GENERAL WELFARE, AS WELL AS EFFECTIVE TRANSPORTATION NAVIGATION WITHIN THE CITY

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

- 2) ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4-2026, AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH HOME TRUST BANK FOR THE LEASE PURCHASE OF A 2017 PIERCE (HT100A) LADDER FIRE TRUCK, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

- 3) ORDINANCE MAKING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD, OHIO, FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2026, 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 Mr. Moore, it was moved to pass the ordinance. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

- 4) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN ELECTRIC AGGREGATION AGREEMENT WITH AN ELECTRIC SUPPLIER RECOMMENDED BY ENERGY ALLIANCES, INC., THE COMMUNITY'S ENERGY AGGREGATION CONSULTANT, AND TO ENTER INTO SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENTS WITH REGARD TO THIS PROGRAM TO STABILIZE AND TO REDUCE COSTS AS NEEDED, 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. Sullivan, it was moved to pass the ordinance. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Provins brought forward unfinished business from the Law, Ordinance, Environment, and Public Safety Committee, to review the council rules regarding council meetings moving to 7 PM, and shared this information and asked City Administration for time consideration. Mr. Provins also shared information regarding the drafting of the Charter Commission for potential vote November. and Commission; Ms. Bowling, shared that in partnership with Norwood Together, and Xavier University, on April 2 5:30-6:30 at the Community Center, there will be a meeting to discuss traffic changes for residents who are directly impacted by Xavier Basketball Games. Ms. Sullivan reminded Ward 4 of the Newsletter on Substack published for March.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Franzen shared an update about the upcoming Community Event for composting on April 1 at the Community Center in the Cafeteria sponsored by the Hamilton County Resource. On April 2, at Lower Millcrest Park, there will be a compost hub grand opening and learning how to compost. Norwood Library has free tree saplings. Mr. Geers reminded Council Members of the TREX for Shake Shack received and stated Council did not have any objections.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) Mayor Victor Schneider

Re: Arbor Day Proclamation

On a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Ms. Bowling, it was moved to receive and file that communication. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

- 2) Ken Miracle, Auditor

Re: Letter to Council

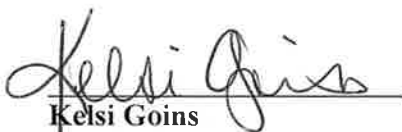
On a motion made by Ms. Bowling, seconded by Ms. Franzen, it was moved to receive and file the communication as if read. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

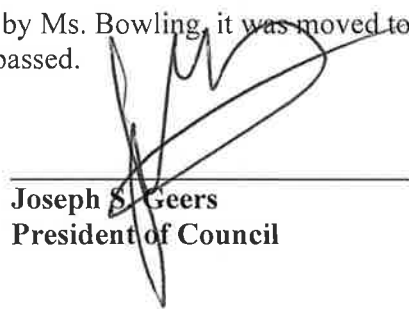
R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

On a motion made by Ms. Bowling, seconded by Ms. Franzen, it was moved to excuse the absent member (Ms. Hoover). All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

S) ADJOURNMENT

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