



Norwood City Council

Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall

4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212

April 14, 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 changes made to the agenda. Two committee reports of standing committees of council were removed, the Streets, Housing, and Health Committee and the Engagement, Communication, and Outreach committee. The following items were added to the agenda, a parks committee report, the second reading for the street naming ordinance, the first reading for the resolution for the Norwood Civic Youth Committee and amending the CRA ordinance.

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

F) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- March 24, 2026 – Special Council Meeting

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, it was moved to accept the previous meeting minutes as if read. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

G) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

1) Sonny James

RE: Community

Sonny James, 4305 Ashland Avenue, addressed council and shared information regarding partnerships he is working on behalf of the youth, shared excitement with City Council and Congress coming together for opportunities for Norwood.

2) Susan Daniels

RE: America 250 & Marsh Park

Susan Daniels, 2063 Maple Avenue, addressed council regarding America 250 celebrations and Marsh Park. For America 250, Ms. Daniels is the President of the Norwood Historical Society and asked for any events for the America 250 be shared with her to upload to the state and county calendar. Ms. Daniels also shared information regarding April 18, 2026 and the Marsh Park dedication.

3) Rodney Rogers

RE: Cannabis Funds & Charter

Rodney Rogers, 4121 Forest Avenue, addressed council in regard to the Cannabis funds the city is currently receiving from the state and the potential of changing to a Charter City. Mr. Rogers provided additional information regarding the Charter City optional.

H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

I) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

- 1) Law, Ordinance, Environment, & Public Safety – 2/3/2026
- 2) Streets, Housing, & Health Committee – 3/17/2026 (removed)
- 3) Law, Ordinance, Environment, & Public Safety – 3/18/2026
- 4) Law, Ordinance, Environment, & Public Safety – 4/1/2026
- 5) Committee of the Whole – 4/7/2026
- 6) Engagement, Connection, & Outreach Committee – 4/7/2026 (removed)
- 7) Parks, Recreation, & Public Places – 3/12/2026

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Franzen, it was moved to file and accept all committee reports, except (J4) as if read. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

On a motion made by Mr. Provins, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to amend the rules of council by replacing the time for the regular meetings of Norwood City Council to 7PM. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

K) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mayor Schneider provided many updates for residents including discussion of a Charter Team vs. Statutory cities. Mayor Schneider shared information regarding the current paving projects happening in Norwood, including Lexington Avenue which was being paved by the owners of Trailhouse and the South Jefferson

Paving project. Mayor Schneider reminded residents to go the speed limit as outdoor activities increase and with pedestrians and bikers. Mayor Schneider also shared an update regarding the trees on Montgomery Road. Lastly, Mayor Schneider reminded residents to pick up their trash when leaving the city owned parks. James Bonsall, City Treasurer, shared an update in regards to the earnings tax collection that was shared with the Finance Committee. Mr. Bonsall stated, the city is down 5.7 in earnings tax collections, which was not of great concern considering the timing being rather early. Mr. Bonsall also shared the work that his team is doing, and express his gratitude to them. Lastly, Mr. Bonsall reminded residents that April 15 was the last day to file taxes and for the City of Norwood, they could be filled electronically or dropped off to City Hall.

Ken Miracle, City Auditor shared pertinent information and provided updates regarding the Shared Resource Center and their help with policies and procedures for the report on accounting methods. The accounting methods must be addressed before the city can move out of fiscal recovery. Mr. Miracle shared, they will be reporting out at the Finance Committee meetings. Mr. Miracle also shared they will begin working on the tax budget that is due on July 15, 2026.

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

- 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 Ms. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Hoover, it was moved to have the second reading of the ordinance. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

N) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- 1) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN EQUIPMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENT UNDER THE STATE BID PURCHASE PROGRAM WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. FOR POLICE AND FIRE RADIOS 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 of the ordinance. 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.

- 2) ORDINANCE REVISING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATION 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 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. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to pass the ordinance. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

- 3) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE OF STREET TREES ALONG MONTGOMERY ROAD, UTILIZING HAMILTON COUNTY COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

- 4) ORDINANCE AMENDING 62-2024, WHICH SUPERSEDED ORDINANCE 51-2024, WHICH SUPERSEDED ORDINANCE 47-2024, WHICH AMENDED ORDINANCE 18-2009 IMPLEMENTING SECTIONS 3735.65 THROUGH 3735.60 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA IN THE CITY OF NORWOOD, TO REVISE CERTAIN PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS, AND EFFECTUATE THE GLOBAL TAX INCENTIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE NORWOOD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

- 5) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO APPROVE A "THEN AND NOW" CERTIFICATE FROM THE STREETS FUND 1001-0852-57200 TO PAY THE OUTSTANDING INVOICE FOR SERVICES ALREADY RENDERED BY CAPITAL ELECTRIC 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 Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Hoover, it was moved to pass the resolution. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

- 6) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO APPROVE A “THEN AND NOW” CERTIFICATE FROM THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND 1001-0880-57200 TO PAY FOR SERVICES ALREADY RENDERED BY BRADLEY PAYNE LLC FOR MUNICIPAL ADVISORY WORK 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 Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Franzen, it was moved to pass the resolution. All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.

- 7) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY AUDITOR TO APPROVE A “THEN AND NOW” CERTIFICATE FROM THE WATER FUND 5050-0853-57200 TO PAY THE OUTSTANDING INVOICE FOR SERVICES ALREADY RENDERED BY IAMGIS GROUP LLC AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, 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 resolution. All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.

- 8) RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NORWOOD CIVIC YOUTH COUNCIL (NCYC)

On a motion made by Mr. Provins, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, it was moved 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 resolution. All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.

- 9) ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO APPLY AND ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT WITHIN THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (ODWA/WSRLA) LOAN FUND, NOT TO EXCEED \$432,000.00, FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF LEAD OR GALVANIZED WATER SERVICE LINES TO PRIVATELY-HELD PROPERTIES (SOUTH JEFFERSON AVENUE FROM WILLIAMS TO DUCK CREEK ROAD), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Ms. Bowling, seconded by, Ms. Hoover, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the ordinance. All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.

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

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Hoover shared exciting information regarding the compost hub at Lower Millcrest Park and encouraged residents to sign up to be apart of this opportunity. Ms. Hoover also reminded residents to sign up to volunteer for April and shared numerous ways to recycle.

- 1) ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE QUESTION “SHALL A COMMISSION BE CHOSEN TO FRAME A CHARTER” TO VOTE OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD AND PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF CHARTER COMMISSION MEMBERS AT THE REGULAR MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

The ordinance cannot be passed before 120 days out from the election. Council cannot enforce a charter, the residents are given the opportunity to vote on this opportunity.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Franzen reminded residents to slow down on residential streets as the weather gets nicer. Ms. Hoover shared about the community clean up occurring on April 25, as well as the Bridget Kelly Day of Service. Mr. Moore asked if the community events could circulate on the PowerPoint before the Council Meeting begins.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

- 1) Mayor Victor Schneider

Re: Mayor’s Court Fines, March 2026

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


Kelsi Goins
Clerk of Council


Emily Franzen
Pro Temp


Joseph S. Geers
President of Council

