



Norwood City Council

Council Chambers | Norwood City Hall

4645 Montgomery Road | Norwood, Ohio 45212

May 12, 2026 | 7:00pm

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, Mr. Moore, Mr. Girton, and Ms. Sullivan.

E) AMENDMENT OF AGENDA

There were changes made to the agenda, in section J, reports of standing committees of council, with a removal of the Finance, Budget, Audit, and Claims committee report and the Law, Ordinance, Environment, and Public Safety Committee. There is an addition to the agenda added an Engagement, Communication, and Outreach committee report from the April 7, 2026 meeting.

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

- April 14, 2026

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

G) REQUEST TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

1) Sonny James

RE: History in the Making

Sonny James, 4305 Ashland Avenue, shared with council exciting news for his family regarding his child becoming a College Credit Plus student in the 8th grade at a local community college. Mr. James shared excitement, shared remarks sent, and a congratulatory message to his child.

2) Kenny Domingos

RE: Community

Kenny Domingos, 4305 Ashland Avenue, shared with council his beginning in Norwood, being at Xavier University and his gratitude towards a Norwood Family. Mr. Domingos also shared a congratulatory message to the 8th grader who will be taking College Credit Plus classes at a local community college.

3) Emily Stewart

RE: History in the Making

Emily Stewart, 801 Chamberlain Avenue, shared excitement and expressed a congratulatory message to the 8th grader who will be taking College Credit Plus classes at a local community college.

4) Queen Esther Mack

RE: History in the Making

Queen Esther Mack, 4305 Ashland Avenue, shared excitement and expressed her excitement towards the 8th grader who will be taking College Credit Plus classes at a local community college.

5) Cory Bowman

RE: History in the Making

Cory Bowman, (did not provide address), provided his gratitude to City Council, shared excitement, expressed a congratulatory message to the 8th grader who will be taking College Credit Plus classes at a local community college, and provided background on how he knew this student.

6) Kirsten James

RE: History in the Making

Kirsten James, 4305 Ashland Avenue, shared excitement for her daughter and provided additional context of the meaning of her daughter being able to be a College Credit Plus student.

7) Sunni James

RE: History in the Making

Sunni James, minor, shared gratitude towards her parents for supporting her to be able to take College Credit Plus classes.

H) PUBLIC HEARINGS

There were no public hearings.

I) SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

There were no special presentations.

J) REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

1) Streets, Housing & Health Committee – 4/21/26

On a motion made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, it was moved to accept and file the committee report. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

2) Engagement, Communication, & Outreach Committee – 4/7/26

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

3) Engagement, Communication, & Outreach Committee – 5/5/26

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

4) Committee of the Whole – 5/5/26

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) ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

James Bonsall, the City Treasurer, shared a report with updated earnings tax information, stating the city is up 5 percent. Mr. Bonsall also shared that he delivered a check to the Norwood City Schools District office for \$340,000. These funds were related to the settlement of claims. Mr. Bonsall also shared, he will be delivering another check to Norwood City Schools District Office in the coming weeks for the TIF revenue. Ken Miracle, the City Auditor, shared his report. Mr. Miracle recapped, Industrial Appraisal being at City Hall a few weeks ago counting assets, Industrial Appraisal should have a report back to the City Auditor by the first week of June. Mr. Miracle, also shared the appropriation ordinance in front of Council for upcoming TIF payments. Mr. Miracle and team plan to meet with the Hamilton County Auditor to review the tax budget and the certificate of estimated resources. Lastly, Mr. Miracle shared that he will be asking a public hearing on June 9, 2026 to review the tax budget.

Keith Moore, the City Law Director, shared a communication he received from the attorney representing the Norwood City Schools, School Board, the communication stated, the lawsuit is over. Mr. Moore also shared information regarding the communications sent from the Planning Commission in the previous council meeting.

L) THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no third readings of ordinances or resolutions.

M) SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

There were no second readings of ordinances or resolutions.

N) INTRODUCTORY READING OF ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- 1) AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A NATURAL GAS AGGRESSION AGREEMENT WITH DUKE ENERGY OHIO, FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 24 MONTHS, AS RECOMMENDED BY ENERGY ALLIANCES, INC., PROVIDED THAT THE ACCEPTED AGGREGATION RATE IS BELOW THE CURRENT CONTRACTED RATE AT THE TIME OF EXECUTION 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 of this ordinance. 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 ordinance. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Sullivan, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of this ordinance. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

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

- 3) RESOLUTION DECLARING IT NECESSARY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN MILL LIMITATION AND TO NOTIFY THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF HAMILTON COUNTY TO CAUSE THE NOTICE OF ELECTION TO BE GIVEN AS REQUIRED BY LAW ON THE QUESTION OF LEVYING OF AN EIGHT (8) MILL RENEWAL PROPERTY LAW FOR THE CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD, 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 of this resolution. 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 resolutions. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

- 4) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY-SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE CITY OF NORWOOD OHIO, TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OKI PILOT PAVING PROGRAM FUND AND TO EXECUTE AGREEMENTS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO OBTAIN OKI FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

On a motion made by Ms. Hoover, seconded by Ms. Franzen, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of this resolution. 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 resolution. All members present voted, "yes." The motion passed.

- 5) A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO AMEND VARIOUS PORTIONS OF PART 11 OF THE NORWOOD CODIFIED ORDINANCES, ENTITLED

**“PLANNING AND ZONING CODE” TO ADDRESS RECOVERY HOUSING RESIDENCES,
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

On a motion made by Mr. Provins, seconded by Ms. Franzen, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the resolution. 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) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SAFETY SERVICE DIRECTOR TO PREPARE AND
SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE METRO TRANSIT
INFRASTRUCTURE FUND PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED**

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Ms. Hoover, it was moved to suspend the rules and have all three readings of the resolution. 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.

O) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**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**

Ms. Hoover shared updates regarding the Community Compost Drop Off for April, there is an uptick in participation to 37, with 221 pounds of food scraps diverted; to participate, residents can pick up the free 5gallon compost bucket and sign up for this service at the Norwood Board of Health. Lastly, Ms. Hoover reiterated the use of See Click Fix for Residents. Ms. Sullivan shared reminded residents of the Newsletter for Ward 4 through Substack. Mr. Moore added, needed an additional council member is needed for the meetings with the School Board, Mr. Provins provided reasoning as to why he could no longer participate in these meetings. Ms. Franzen will be the additional council member attending these meetings with Mr. Moore.

P) NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Hoover shared about additional ways to support Norwood Schools, which included using the Norwood Gas Pump at the Shell station at the intersection of Williams and Smith Road. Ms. Hoover also shared exciting news about the Norwood Library doing a tiny art show and providing residents with art kits to have on display. Ms. Sullivan shared that her and Ms. Hoover will be co-hosting an event alongside Norwood Police Department for a conversation regarding Ward 4 on May 20, at 6PM at Norwood View School. Council President Geers shared an update regarding the Memorial Day Services hosted by the American Legion in Norwood at 2PM on Monday, May 25th at Victory Park. Ms. Franzen shared they currently are awaiting proposals for the Doral Field revitalization. Lastly, Mr. Moore addressed council and congratulated Sunni James and Norwood City Schools on her admittance to the College Credit Plus program at a local community college.

Q) COMMUNICATIONS

1) Mayor Victor Schneider – Mayor’s Court Fines – April 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.

**2) Planning Commission – Letter requesting Public Hearing re: Amending Section 1111.99 and 1155.15
Norwood Codified Ordinances**

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to receive and file the communication as if read with a public hearing for June 23, 2026. All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.

3) Building Department – Letter requesting Public Hearing re: Short – Term Rental Lodging

On a motion made by Ms. Franzen, seconded by Mr. Girton, it was moved to receive and file the communication as if read with a public hearing for June 23, 2026. All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.

4) Ken Miracle, Auditor – Request for Public Hearing re: Tax Budget

On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Hoover, it was moved to receive and file the communication as if read and schedule a public hearing. All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.

5) Ohio Division of Liquor Control – Re: Shake Shack Ohio LLC

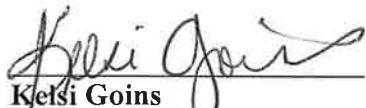
On a motion made by Mr. Girton, seconded by Ms. Hoover, it was moved to receive and file the communication as if read with no objections. All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.

R) EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS

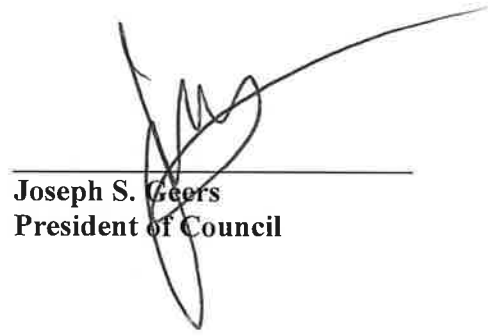
On a motion made by Ms. Hoover, seconded by Mr. Moore, it was moved to excuse the absent council member (Ms. Bowling). All members present voted, “yes.” The motion passed.

S) ADJOURNMENT

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